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CHRIST PRAYED FOR THE UNITY OF BELIEVERS



In His prayer recorded in John 17:20, the Lord prayed for the believers in every age. He had been praying specifically for His disciples, and then He said, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word"

Today the Lord Jesus Christ is at the right hand of the Father, interceding for the believers on earth. Since the Day of Pentecost, those who have received Christ as Saviour have become members of His Body, which is the true Church. God the Father "put all things under His [Christ's] feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church" (Eph. 1:22). The word "church" in this passage does not refer to a local church or to a church building but to believers who are members of His Body.

Although the prayer in John 17 was made before the Church came into existence, Christ was prophetically praying for the believers of the Church Age unto the very end of the age. Observe particularly the burden of the Lord as He prayed for those who would come to know Him in the future age. He prayed, "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me" (v.21).

It is important to remember that Christ's words about the unity of the Church were not a command but a prayer. His words have been frequently misinterpreted and, as a result, they have been frequently misapplied and misunderstood. Today there is an emphasis on organizational unity among church groups that seeks to find its basis in the words of Christ recorded in John 17. Therefore it is exceedingly important that we understand what Christ really intended by the words He addressed to His Heavenly Father.

In John 17 Christ was praying that the believers might have unity, and in Ephesians 4 believers are exhorted to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (v. 3). If we are to be faithful in keeping a unity, it is essential that we know what unity is intended.

Because Christ was going to leave His disciples after His mission on the cross, He prayed for them and for those who would

believe through them: "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We are. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word" (John 17:11,20).

He was praying for the disciples and for those who would carry on His work through the coming age. For this work there needed unity among all believers.

Just two chapters earlier in the Gospel of John, there is also an important emphasis on unity. The Apostle John recorded the words of Christ who said, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (15:1-7).

It is this kind of unity that Christ was praying for in John 17. He expressed two main desires. First, He desired that the disciples-- those living at that time, as well as believers who would be living later- would all be one. The purpose of this unity was "that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me" (v. 21). Let us never forget that Christ's burden for this present age was that we might be one so that the world might believe that He had been sent by God.

Christ's second main desire is recorded in John 17:23: "I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved



GIVE THANKS

*"I will give thanks forever, because you have done it, And I will wait on your name, for it is good, in the presence of Your godly ones".
Psalms 52:9*

I praise and thank God for reminding me with this verse as I look back what God had done in the ministries of **MUT** in the last six months. As we go through the report of the various ministry projects of **MUT** in this news bulletin I thank God for using us in caring for His servants in their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. It is also important to realize the purpose for which God has raised **MUT**. The missionary care in the following ministry projects has been intensified (more than the financial assistance).

- 1. Beloved Family Care (BFC):** The Lord enabled us to go deep into identifying the unmet needs of the Beloved families. A team of volunteers are involved in caring the missionary family as soon as the information received on the passing away of the member missionary such as mobilizing prayers through social media, facilitating volunteers to attend the funeral service, visiting the beloved families at the earliest, counseling the beloved family members both in person and by telephone, Enrichment retreats in **MUT ODC**, Delhi and Odhisa. These aspects of care facilitate a transforming impact in the beloved families in handling the grief in their personal life and family. It's exciting to see the missionaries and their children had come out of the grief and being a blessing to other missionaries who experience the same.
- 2. Mkids Care:** We thank God that the care for Mkids is intensified. A team of our volunteers in Neyveli, Tirunelveli and Oddanchatram along with the Mkid ministry leaders has been constantly contacting the children and identifying their unmet needs. Out of about 560 **MKids** who receive financial assistance from **MUT** more than 200 **MKids** are in regular contact. A counseling team is formed and is ministering to the **Mkids**, Two **Mkids** were participated in pre-marital counseling. This year, in the **MKids** retreat 21 **Mkids** committed their lives to serve God as missionaries.

- 3. Missionary parents care:** Along with some financial assistance, care is given to missionary parents. Some efforts were initiated in identifying the unmet needs of the dependent missionary parents. It is just started in Nagercoil and Chennai. Some of the parents were counseled for their loneliness, some of the hurts of the parents (the parents are not with their missionary child) were addressed.
- 4. CEOs care:** A new initiative to address the challenges of the CEOs of Member missions in their personal and family life is taken up based on the discussion with Bro. Arpit Wagmere, Bangalore. An informal small group of three to four CEOs is formed and to help each other in their walk with God and other personal and family challenges. Its only in the formative stages.
- 5. Retired Missionaries Care:** The Retired missionary welfare department with their limited caregivers is putting their maximum efforts in caring for the Retired missionaries. The way they spend time talking to them, visiting them, facilitating regional get together for the Retired Missionaries are some of the aspects.
- 6. Member care:** As it is clearly defined by **JJR Annan** that Member care is the care given to the missionaries/staff/caregivers within the organization. **MUT** is modelling this aspect of care with all challenges but ultimately to motivate and let the member mission to inculcate this member care. God willing, the next Member care consultation in 2020 will address the possibilities.

As we commemorate God's faithfulness in the ministries of **MUT** in the last 25 years, I believe God has raised us to be a movement of facilitating missionary care and member care in the area of physical, emotional and spiritual to His servants in India. This is the uniqueness of our care we extend to His servants.

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

them, as Thou hast loved Me." Christ desired that believers might be perfected in their unity. Although the process takes place here on earth, the ultimate perfection will be accomplished only when we are present with Him.

The Nature Of The Unity

Notice again the words of Christ recorded in John 17:21: "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee..." A key word in Christ's request is the word "as." Christ wanted believers to be one as--in the same way --He and the Father were one.

The unity which the Father and the Son have is not a physical unity. Although Jesus Christ now has a glorified body in heaven, the Father does not have a body. Therefore, the oneness cannot be a physical oneness. It is evident, then, that the unity to which Christ was referring is not a unity that is visible to the eye.

The unity of the Father and the Son is a spiritual unity. And it is this unity that serves as a pattern for believers' unity.

The spiritual unity of the Father and the Son, of course, has many features. One of these is that they have a unity of thought. Their unity of thought is beyond our comprehension because there is nothing in human nature that is comparable to it. Although the Father and the Son are two distinct Persons, their thinking is identical. The thinking of the Father is always the thinking of the Son, and the thinking of the Son is always the thinking of the Father.

Although this kind of relationship is far above all human experience, it can be illustrated by the way the Lord lays the same burden on more than one person. For instance, when the Lord first called Mrs. Epp and me to begin the Back to the Bible Broadcast, we agreed that there would be no major decisions made without both of us being in agreement. As different matters arose, we discussed them to find out whether we were both thinking the same about the Lord's will. We were convinced that if something was of the Lord, He would not only speak to my heart but also to her heart. Thus there was unity of thought about the Lord's will.

Unity of thought is to be experienced by all believers. It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to bring these thoughts to our minds and to give us assurance of the will of God.

Other features of the spiritual unity between the Father and the Son are those of purpose, will, and ministry of service. As the thinking of One has always been the thinking of the Other, so there has been harmony in all other areas. Their purpose has always been the same. Their wills have never clashed. Their work or work plan has always been the same. Thus the Father and the Son have unity of thought, purpose, will, and ministry of service.

It is this kind of unity that Christ prayed for concerning believers. When a person receives Jesus Christ as his Saviour, he has the Son (1 John 5:12). Because every person who believes has the Son of God, there is a unity among all believers. It is the special ministry of the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus Christ to believers so that this unity might become an ever-deepening thing.

An Accomplished Fact

It is important to realize that this unity is an accomplished fact for believers. It is a unity that comes by spiritual birth. Therefore, believers have this unity in Christ, and their responsibility is to give it free course in their lives.

When I experienced a spiritual birth by receiving Christ as my Saviour, I received His life. If you have received Him as your Saviour, you also have experienced a spiritual birth and have received His life of righteousness. Therefore, we have the same life within us--the same source of life. Nothing less than the new birth, or being born from above, can bring men and women into living union with Christ and the Father, or with each other. Organizational unity can never, in itself, produce this spiritual unity. Spiritual unity is obtained only by receiving Jesus Christ as Saviour. Only by the communication of this divine life can there be a realization of the unity Christ spoke about in John 17.

The spiritual unity of believers is emphasized in 1 Corinthians 12:12,13: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

Unity, therefore is a matter of the essential spirit-life as revealed in the unity between the Father and the Son. This unity can never be brought about by organizational mergers but only by receiving Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. Once we understand the kind of unity that Christ was referring to, we will not be nearly as concerned about organizational unity as we are about spiritual unity.

Variety In Unity

It is important to know that the unity Christ was speaking of does not mean sameness. There is a great variety in the unity to which Christ was referring. He compared the unity of believers with the indescribable unity that exists in the Godhead. One of the first articles of our faith is that the Lord our God is one God: one in essence, one in purpose, and one in action. The Son does nothing of Himself, the Father does nothing apart from the Son; and the Holy Spirit proceedeth from the Father and from the Son. Although it is impossible to understand the mystery of the Godhead, we reverently accept it by faith as God has revealed it. Though God is one, there is a variety of functions within the Trinity. For instance, the Father decrees, and the Son executes what the Father decrees. The Father sends, and the Son is the One who is sent. All the members of the Trinity were active in the creation. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." In the original language, the word "God" in this verse is in its plural form, implying all three members of the Trinity.

The entire Godhead is also active in redemption. The Father gave the Son, the Son died for the sin of the world, and the Holy Spirit regenerates all who believe in Christ. In this we see that there is a variety in unity.

The variety that exists among believers who are thus united is clearly set forth in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11: "Men have different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them. There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served. God works through different men in different ways, but it is the same God who achieves His purposes through them all. Each man is given his gift by the Spirit that he may use it for the common good.

"One man's gift by the Spirit is to speak with wisdom, another's to speak with knowledge. The same Spirit gives to another man faith, to another the ability to heal, to another the power to do great deeds. The same Spirit gives to another man the gift of preaching the word of God, to another the ability to discriminate

in spiritual matters, to another speech in different tongues and to yet another the power to interpret the tongues. Behind all these gifts is the operation of the same Spirit, who distributes to each individual man, as He wills" (Phillips).

Although there is a great variety of gifts given to different men, behind all the gifts is the operation of the same Spirit, who distributes the gifts according to His desires. But we must never forget that there is a great variety in the spiritual unity of believers.

Believers are spoken of as living stones: "Ye also, as lively [living] stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5). As living stones, believers are of all different forms with different functions, but they are all united in the one true building.

Building terminology is also applied to believers in Ephesians 2:20-22: "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Also, Ephesians 4:16 says, "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

These verses emphasize that though we believers have great variety, all of us together make up one body, or one building. Unity in the true Church requires that a great variety of things be combined to form one structure to bring glory to Jesus Christ.

When Christ spoke of unity, He did not imply that all His disciples should be exactly the same. They represented a great variety in temperament, character, mind, leadership and performance. However, this great variety was to operate harmoniously as one body, or to be fitly framed together as one building. In 1 Corinthians 12, the Apostle Paul was inspired to write at length about how believers are members of a single body and that only as each carries out his function can the body operate as it should. The true unity of believers is manifested in a variety of ways.

If we are born of God--born from above--we are united into one, because we are part of the Body of Christ, which is the true Church. There are many folds, but one flock; many regiments, but one army; many stones, but one building.

Believers are members of the Body of Christ and, of course, He is the Head of that Body (Eph. 1:22). When we receive Christ as Saviour, we all receive the same life--His life. The important thing for us to see is that the basic doctrine must be centered around Christ's finished work at Calvary. Only in this way can we effectively carry out the spiritual unity which we have in Christ--only receiving Him as Saviour does this.

MUT- SMILE

We praise God for the way God is leading us to facilitate Membercare among the servants of God at the time of bereavement in MUT SMILE. We have a total of 7,148 members from 103 mission organizations and pastors fellowship. We also praise God for the wisdom and counsel given to handle the operations of MUT SMILE. It's a joy to see how the members of the admin committee of MUT SMILE had owned the vision and get involved in this ministry.

Objectives:

1. To provide Calamity Relief to the member/family of a member.
2. To encourage the spirit of mutual concern and oneness among Christian workers from various Christian Organizations/ Pastors fellowship and enable them to bless each other in need.
3. To provide a common platform by mobilizing prayer support and comforting communications for the Beloved families of the Member Christian worker.

Member organizations visit:

- Bro. David Jabakumar has visited 7 fellowships in Tamil Nadu, Bangalore and KGF for making them understand the value of MUT and members clarification.
- Bro. Anbalagan from Delhi visited our member pastors' fellowship in Chandigarh and Delhi. He along with the Delhi team visit the Beloved families in Delhi and encourage them by prayer and by providing financial assistance.
- Bro. Rajaesekar, Coimbatore visited pastor's fellowship in

Erode, Kangayam and Coimbatore share about the ethos of MUT and explained the guidelines of MUT SMILE before they join as members in MUT SMILE.

Child Education Support Payment to the Beloved missionary families:

We have given a Child Education Support payment of Rs. 1,000/- per child to 42 children among 28 beloved missionary families of deceased missionaries. The total expenditure was Rs. 42,000/-. We have given a Child Education Support payment of Rs. 1,000/- per child to 30 children among 21 beloved missionary families of deceased missionaries during first week of June 2017. The total expenditure was Rs. 30,000/-

Christmas gift for the Beloved missionary families: God has enabled us to raise money in the support scheme and supported 28 Beloved families during the Christmas time 2017. Rupees 1000/- per family was given as Christmas gift.

Details of deaths:

Apr 2017 to Mar 2018: 14 deaths from 10 missions.
Apr 2018 to Jun 2018: 4 deaths from 4 missions.
Deaths since inception (2009) till date: 121 deaths.

Funeral expenses: Total Amount of Rs. 1,32,000/- for 22 missionaries were paid towards death relief immediate cash help as funeral expenses. The beloved families in MUT SMILE were called for the Enrichment retreat every year at MUT ODC. Their grief has been addressed and some of them had overcome from the agony of separation from their spouse.

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
For friends abroad
Life membership - Rs. 10,000
Annual membership - Rs. 1,000

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Retired Missionary Welfare

Praise God for the way He led and provided the needs of the retired missionaries, during the last financial year ending Mar'18 and in the last three months. God enabled MUT to meet a part of some of the common unmet needs of the retired missionaries in the physical, financial and emotional areas. It was a great joy to meet and interact with nearly 170 RMs this year, during the retreats & their stay in the Rest Houses. As of 30th June 2018, the number of retired Missionaries is 502 from 54 missions. (94 up to 65 yrs. & 409 > 65 yrs.)

Activities from Jan to June 2018:

RMRFM (NTN – Chennai) – Regional Fellowship Meet for Retired Missionaries settled in Chennai (North Tamil Nadu) was held on February 6th at Tamil Baptist Church, Chennai retired missionaries of 11 missions attended and were blessed.

RMRFM (NTN - Vellore) - Regional Fellowship Meet for Retired Missionaries settled in Vellore, Tiruppattur & Pondy (North Tamil Nadu) was held on March 8th at Zion Pentecostal Church, Vellore retired missionaries of 7 missions attended and were blessed. Our special thanks to all the donors and missions who volunteered and helped in arranging the venue, food and gifts for the RMs.

1. Financial Assistance: MARM Payments – God enabled to assist 207 missionaries above 65 yrs and who had not claimed medical bills with Rs.4.14 lakh @ Rs.2000/- each and for medical claims to the tune of Rs.13.78 lakh (Major medical problems, Non-life-threatening surgeries, Regular medicines). Non-medical needs of 6 persons were

assisted up to Rs. 50,000. **Generic Medicines:** Affordable cost, generic medicines are also being supplied to RMs.

2. OD Exercise & Action Plan for 3 years could be prayerfully planned and executed to a certain extent. We need great support and partnership in meeting the physical emotional, mental and spiritual needs of the senior servants of God. Region-wise volunteers

are the need of the hour. God enabled us to release “**The strengthener**” the 3rd issue in June 2018.

3. Future: The next retreat is scheduled for Oct 15 - 18, 2018 @ ODC in Tamil. New retirees and those who have not attended will be invited. The next Regional meet for Karnataka Region is to be planned @ Bangalore in Dec 2018. Please pray and partner.

Mr. Rajaian - (DMPB) Passed away on 23.02.18. Served in various fields as pioneer missionary for 45 years.

Mr. Gnanaraja - (Scripture Union) He passed away on 25th March 2018, at the age of 76. A great man of God, dedicated to reach children and to train many to reach them.

Rev. R V Thakzii - (IEM) went to be with the Lord on 15 April, 2018 at the age of 69. Kullu valley in Himachal.

Mrs. Shantha Chellappa, 71 years, Retired Missionary of FMPB, suffered with Cancer and went to be with the Lord on -18th April 2018.

Mrs Susila Martin, retired Missionary of FMPB, had received her home call on 27th April 2018 evening.

Mr G. Gnanamoney, 68 years, born on 29.09.1949, had his home call on 02.05.2018 He was a pioneering missionary with CGMM @ Gujarat for 34 years.

Bro. V. Rajamony - Retired Missionary FEF, aged 64, entered into eternity on 26-05-2018. he was doing God's work with Fellowship of Evangelical Friends, in Kani Tribal Fields in Keeraparai, Kayalkarai & Vilamalai.

Bro. Ratnappa Gorelal, 78 yrs, Retired from Indian Evangelical Team, went to be with the Lord On 29.05.2018.

Mr. Viswanathan, 66 yrs, retired from Mahanaim Ministries, Rajasthan, went to be with the Lord on 12.07.18.

We praise God for their beautiful lives, well lived for the Lord and have many stars in their crowns. We take this opportunity to thank each and every donor, who sacrificially partnered in serving the senior servants

of God. Kindly continue to pray for their health – age-related ailments, physical and financial needs, to get the right support at the needed time, children who are studying, yet to be married and their ministries.

Missionary Upholders Family

MUF was formed in 1984, mainly to challenge & encourage Christian families to involve in missions by raising financial support & prayer for missionaries. There are over 1400 missionary upholders families (MUF) who meet regularly for prayers and also support more than 500 missionaries of various mission organisations. Volunteers of MUF along with the missionaries of various mission organisation raise money for the medical assistance of member missionaries of MUT. Last year, Dec 2016 they raised Rs 3,5 lakhs from carol rounds and Rs 2.1 lakhs from from donation cards and an average of Rs 50,000/ every month for the medical assistance of missionaries.

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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 254 Organizations as member missions covering about 21,669 missionaries and christian workers. MUT is governed by a Board of Trustees and managed by the General Coordinator assisted mostly by over 60 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 37 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.

Health Care

MHC: 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. The purpose is that every missionary is to be made comfortable to serve the Lord in the best possible way. There is a motivational health quote, "The preservation of health is easier than the cure of the disease".

By the grace of God and as per our emphasis, IMS had come forward to conduct MHC to their missionaries and 42 missionaries have done this in Bethany Health Centre Chennai and 72 missionaries have done this in CSI Jayaraj Annapackiyam Mission Hospital Palayamkottai. Few were found to have high BP, Cholesterol and high sugars and started on treatment. Praise God for the many who are in good health.

Apart from this, 97 missionaries from 19 organizations underwent a Master Health Check-up in 5 hospitals. So a total of 211 missionaries have undergone MHC in the last six months.

Mission Desk: The much-awaited Mission Desk in CMC has started operation from 2nd July to cater to the physical needs of Mission hospital staff, Hospital referrals and Missionaries. Praise God for the couple from FMPB deputed towards this cause.

Medical Assistance: Even though there was a great challenge of generating funds, we were able to provide assistance to

742 Missionaries from 86 Organisations in the past six months (January to June 2018).

Music for Missions: The need for medical assistance to the missionaries at the time of sickness is a great challenge. In the past one year, we found that there is a gradual increase in the number of medical claims. Therefore, the health Scheme faced a financial deficit. In order to combat this crisis, MUT has prayerfully organised 'Music for Missions' in Vellore to raise funds towards the Medical needs of missionaries.

Medical Admin Committee has been held on 13th January 2018 at MUT Rest House Vellore in order to review how can we serve the missionaries still better. Mission leaders and doctors attended the same. Doctors enlightened about the use of generic medicine at an affordable cost.



ODC Campus

- On 31st March evening, friends of MUT discussed the following 14 areas. (1. Quality Vacation for missionaries 2. Medical Assistance 3. Training 4. Retreat 5. Barnabas/Marriage gift to married missionaries 6. Library/Audio/Recreation room/Music instrument 7. Kitchen/Food 8. Housekeeping 9. Pets/Birds and animals, agriculture 10. Care for caregivers 11. Office management 12. Engineering services 13. Reports preparation and circulation 14. Public relations & liaison ministry) of MUT – ODC ministry in groups. About 100 people attended (including MUT staff families).
- Mrs Dorothy Arokiam – GEMS – Who was working in MUT – ODC, as training coordinator is relieved on 31.3.2018 after on completion of her two years deputation Mr. Samuel Thomas, Chennai, a volunteer has taken over the responsibility of Training programs.
- Mr. Dominic has joined MUT –ODC caregivers team on 15th April 2018.
- 9th June 2018. JJR conducted an one-day meeting for all the MUT staff, Volunteers & Representatives at Vellore. Around 90 people attended from Coimbatore, Chennai, Bangalore, ODC, Tirunelveli.
- Basket Ball (Half court). As per the master plan basketball, the half court is being constructed.
- On 31st Jan 18 - our former MUT staff on deputation Mrs. Deborah Iyyappan wedding reception was held. Now she is an IEM missionary working in Orissa.
- Mrs. Juliet Anandakumar – GEMS - our former MUT staff entered into God's glory on 27.4.18 at Chennai. She was taking treatment for cancer at CMC Vellore from Feb 18 onwards.

- Mr. C. Mohan – MUT who was under treatment for cancer at Puthucheri, is now staying in MUT – ODC Rest house with his wife.

Praise points:

1. Praise God for all the resource persons & the two hospitals CFH & CFCH,
2. Bereaved families coming to ODC RH in May & Dec are very much blessed. Thank God for the resource persons and volunteers.

Prayer Points

1. Training Department – Missions to take interest in Training programs for sending the right persons for seminars.
2. Missionaries who come for MHC & Medical treatment will get the best attention and care in the hospitals
3. Missions to take more interest to send missionaries with children who are studying in the hostels for a quality vacation.
4. Mr. Mohan – MUT Madurai, is bedridden for the past two months. Pray for God's healing touch on him.

Blessed To Bless

“Blessed to Bless 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 of less than Rs.20000/- and aged between 18 and 65 years are eligible. In this scheme 145 Mission with 15398 members join together upholding their co-member missionaries in the bereavement, sickness and crisis. Each member contributes Rs.50/- and the Mission contributes an equal amount. This amount (Rs. 100) given by the member missionaries is shared by LYB, IMPACT and GS Schemes for the needy members in the area of Medical, Calamity, Crisis Relief and Retired Missionaries Welfare. The Support Schemes (SS) are further funded by the donations received from Friends of MUT(FOM). As on 30th June, 2018 total Organization enrolled in Blessed to Bless Scheme: - 145 Mission with 15398 members.

Praise God, this scheme is in operation since April 2014 and many missionaries were blessed by this scheme. We praise and thank God for the Blessed to Bless Scheme Admin Committee members for giving their valuable time and suggestion for the welfare of the missionaries.

New missions joined from December 2017 to June 2018

| <i>Organisation</i> | <i>Place</i> |
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| <i>UESI- Meghalaya</i> | <i>Meghalaya</i> |
| <i>YWAM- Punjab</i> | <i>Amritsar</i> |
| <i>Christ for All Ministries - India</i> | <i>Chennai</i> |

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 four 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)

Indian Bank, Oddanchatram. (A/c. No. SB 844743809, IFSC Code IDIB000O021)

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.

IMPACT

We praise God for the way God is leading us to help His servants at the time of bereavement.

The main Objectives of IMPACT scheme:

1. To provide Calamity Relief & sustained support to the family of a deceased member.
2. To encourage the spirit of mutual concern and oneness among Christian workers from various member-missionary organizations and enable the missionary community to help itself.
3. To provide a common platform to mobilize prayer support and comforting communications within the missionary fraternity for the family of the deceased member Christian worker.

1. Home call of member missionaries

The total number of deaths in the missions till date is 475 from the inception of the scheme and 17 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 non-members in member-missions 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 dependent 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.

Retreat and Programs are also organized for the bereaved missionaries to help them come out of their grief and help growing spiritually in Christ.

2. Child Support Payment to the Beloved missionary families:

We have given a Child Support Payment of Rs. 1,200 per child to 305 children from 181 bereaved families of deceased missionaries during first week of June 2018. The total expenditure was Rs. 3,66,000

3. Bereaved Missionaries family retreat:

During the year 2018 retreat was conducted in two phases at Ottanchatram for bereaved Missionary families

1st Phase from 16th to 18th May 2018, 21 families and 21 children attended the meeting.

2nd Phase from 21st to 23rd May 2018 16 families and 18 children attended the meeting

4. **Beloved Missionaries family retreat:** Retreat was conducted at Lamptatput at Orissa for Oriya speaking families from 14th to 16th April 2018, 24 families attended this meeting.

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

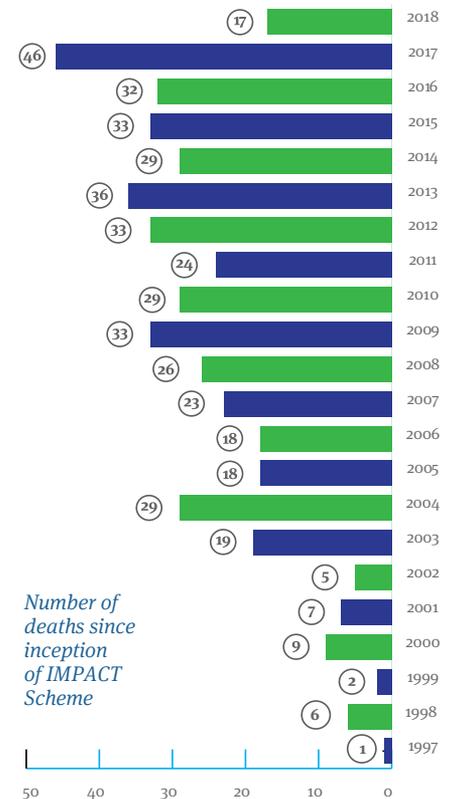
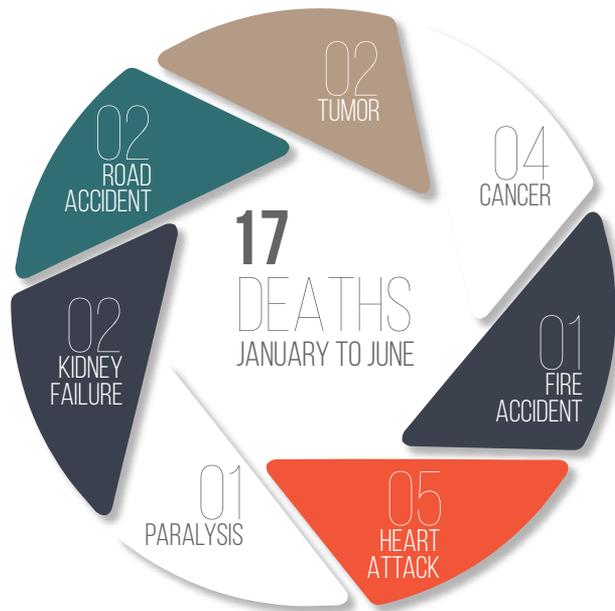
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| Mr. Aliash Dugal | aged 56, Gospel Friends, Chennai died on 02.01.2018. He was serving in Padasahi, K. Nuagaon, Odisha. He leaves behind his son Sarat Kumar Dugal (33) married, daughters Sanjukta Dugal (30) married, Savita Dugal (27) married, Sarpita Dugal (13) unmarried. His wife passed away recently. |
| Mr. Sivaswamy P. | aged 46 years, from ICCC, Chennai, went to be with the Lord on 05.01.2018 after a long battle with kidney failure. He leaves behind his wife Vasugi and 2 children, Sheena and Stephany both studying. |
| Mrs. Rosalind Melchizedeck | aged 56, IMS, (Ambattur, Chennai) W/o Rev. D. Duraisingh Melchizedeck, passed away on 06/01/2018 suffering from Cancer for a long time. She served in IMS for 38 years, which includes 28 years in Malkangiri. She leaves behind her husband and daughter Graczia (Married) |
| Mrs. Kalavathi Jebaraj | aged 56 years, IBT passed away on 01.02.2018, due to heart attack. She leaves behind her husband Mr. M.T. Jebaraj and 2 daughters Glady (Married) and Benina (working). |
| Mrs. Jebarani Asir | aged 52 years, FMPB passed away on 27.03.18, due to lung cancer. She left behind her husband Rev. Asir and twins the elder son, Johnson completed his Polytechnic course and the younger son, Thomson, is a physically challenged child. |
| Mrs. Kantama Khara | aged 35 years, IET passed away on 02.04.18, due to fire accident. She left behind her husband Mr. Guru Khara and three children (2 sons and one daughter). |
| Mr. Jerom Brand | aged 54 years, FEBA passed away on 03.04.2018, due to kidney problem. He left behind his wife Linda Jerom, daughter-Evelyn Brand 22 years old and a aged mother. |
| Mrs. S Jayamani | aged 49 years, White Cross Ministries passed away on 08.04.18, due to severe breathing problem. She left behind her husband and one son. |
| Mr. Cheriachan | aged 58 years, IEM passed away on 23.04.2018, due to heart attack. He left behind his wife Rosamma and two children. |
| Pastor Goutham Nayak | aged 57 years, HBI-INEC passed away on 25.04.2018, due to mouth cancer. He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Mayabati Nayak (47 years), Two sons (Jimi Nayak and Spiditya Nayak) One daughter (Gethanjali Nayak) |
| Mrs. Juliet Ananda Kumar | aged 42 years, GEMS, Bihar passed away on 27.04.2018, due to spine cancer. She left behind her husband Mr. Ananda kumar and daughter Serenita. |
| Mr. Ratnesh Kumar | aged 30 years, IMS, UP passed away on 27.04.2018, due to heart attack. He left behind his wife Joythi. |

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| Mr. Velukumar | aged 48 years, ICCC, Salem passed away on 29.04.2018, due to diabetes. He left behind his wife Mrs. Jeyam and 2 children Jonathan (17 years) and Jovita (14 years). |
| Pastor M.Gabriel | aged 56 years, HBI-INEC passed away on 03.05.2018, due to brain tumor. He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Mary Kumari, Four sons (Raju, John Devadanam, Charchil Daniel, Ravi babu) & One daughter (Sweetly Rani). |
| Mr. Kala Murumu | aged 34 years, NLDS passed away on 28.05.2018, due to paralytic attack. He leaves behind his wife Raimat Murmu and aged mother Mrs. Matali Murmu. |
| Mr. Manik Kumar Lakra | 46 years old, IEHC passed away on 08.06.2018, due to massive heart attack. He left behind his old father, wife and only daughter who is 13 years old. |
| Mr. Chandan Kumar | 22 years old, ECFC passed away on 09.06.2018, due to road accident. He left behind his wife Babli. |

Non Members

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| Mr. Shiv Dular | aged 32 years, GEMS passed away on 17.03.2018, due to road accident. He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Poonam and two children Prince (13) & Piyush Peter (10). |
| Mrs. Sophy Michael | UESI-HQ passed away on 01.04.2018, due to cancer. She is left behind her husband Mr. Michael and 2 children, daughter married and son working. |
| Mrs. Amrutha Paul | aged 55 years, CGMM passed away on 20.04.2018, due to diabetes. She left behind her husband Mr. Sathaiah Paul, her youngest son Kiran (just finished 10th std) and her married daughter Mrs. Dhanyadeborah. |

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!



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Rest Houses

Objectives and Purpose of the Scheme:

The primary purpose of the Resthouse is to give comfort and rest both physically and emotionally to the missionaries and their families so that they get rejuvenated both in the body and in soul and return to their mission field with renewed vigour just like Elijah who was strengthened by the master caregiver

Otteri Rest House: From 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018, 530 missionaries have stayed for 3366 days in this rest house for various purposes. The occupancy for the Medical purpose is 410 persons (77%), for the education of children 9 persons (2%), personal reasons 92 persons (17%) and Ministry 19 persons (4%). During this period we had cancer, heart and surgery patients in our rest house. During the three months ending 30.06.2018, 124 Missionaries have stayed for 638 days out of which 103 for a medical purpose (83%) for 615 days and the rest for personal and ministry purposes.

Caregivers: Mrs. & Mr. Jayapal are in-charge of the Otteri rest house. Mrs. Jaya Vijayan, Mrs. Shyamala, Mr. Abel and Mr. Jabaraj are maintaining the rest house. Dr. Beulah Alex, Mrs. Amutha and Mrs. Sofia visit the missionaries and pray for them regularly. Dr. Beulah Alex checks the patients and gives medical advice which is a blessing to the missionaries during emergencies.

Daily evening Prayer and Fellowship at the Otteri Chapel at 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm: Mrs. Amudha Venugopal shares the word of God with missionaries in Otteri Rest House on Wednesdays and Fridays. Every third Sunday from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm we have Intercessory prayer along with missionaries, volunteers, staff and friends of MUT.

Development work:

1. A cement platform of 4 feet width, 22 feet length and height 2 feet has been constructed behind our Rest house in order to protect the back side wall of the rest house from the sewage water seepage, from the sewage canal running at the back side. A 3 H.P submersible pump has been purchased to pump out sewage water.
2. The RO plant has been repaired at a cost of Rs10000/-

Missionary Kids

The academic year has begun. Some missionaries are admitting their little children to the boarding school to provide better education, some knocking at the doors of professional colleges to admit their children. We at MUT try our best to meet some of their unmet needs at these times. Some help in securing admissions, providing little financial help and some meet their logistics need. While, the Tirunelveli team provided logistics support in April & June 2018 to the children studying in SV, Dohnavur, We continue to provide some financial assistance for their graduation studies. In the past year we were able to provide assistance to about 100 children @ Rs.15000 each. The new financial year has been a great blessing, as many of the students who were blessed in receiving financial assistance in the earlier years have come forward to bless other children by contributing a small amount every month towards Mkids assistance. The Neyveli team joining hands with Madurai team are gearing up for the

3. A beautiful Garden has been developed in MUT, Otteri.
4. The Cycle shed has been extended by 12 feet to accommodate more vehicles.

Articles donated by Friends of MUT:

1. Vessels and kitchen items have been donated by friends of Mut, Thanjavur.
2. One used Videocon Washing Machine has been donated by Dr. Cornelius Manoharan
3. One used Gas stove from Dr. Chandra Singh.
4. A Love Birds Cage with 30 lovebirds has been donated by Mr. Chinniah, Ranipet and the birds were maintained by Mr. Jebaraj and Mrs. Jaya Jayapal, caregivers.

Gandhinagar Rest House: During the last year ending March 2018, 192 missionaries have stayed in the rest house for 1730 days, out of which around 78% is for medical purpose, and the rest (22%) for personal, mission work and education of their children. During the 3 months ending 30th June 2018, 45 missionaries have stayed for 492 days.

From January 2017 every first Sunday of the month, evening 5.00 pm Intercessory Prayer for missionaries has been going on in Gandhinagar rest house. Women's fellowship members of Christ Church and some MUT volunteers and staff attend the Prayer to pray for the sick missionaries

Mr. Raja Rao, Mrs. Paripooranam and Mrs. Sankari are the Caregivers for Gandhinagar and Ebenezer Rest Houses.

Improvements and Gifts: An artistically designed swing has been fitted in Gandhinagar rest house for Missionaries and their children.

A Glass dining table with six chairs has been donated by Mr. Chinniah, Ranipet

Ebenezer Home: From 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018, 58 missionaries have stayed in Ebenezer Home for 516 days. During the three months ending 30th June 2018, 10 missionaries have stayed for 123 days. Please pray that God may strengthen the MUT staff and Volunteers so that best care may be given to the missionaries.

retreat for the young minds who are at cross roads, to provide spiritual nourishment. This time the Delhi team also is planning to conduct a retreat for Hindi speaking missionary children in Delhi. Kindly remember for all the arrangements, resource persons, and financial needs in your prayer.

Beloved Family Conference at Asha Kiran Hospital- Odisha

By the grace of God after so many months of prayers and efforts we were able to organize the first beloved family retreat for Oriya speaking families at Asha Kiran Hospital campus Lamtaput in Odisha. 24 Beloved families from 8 districts attended and were blessed in the conference. Among whom, 8 were men, 16 women, 12 youths, 14 children and 7 relatives.

Rev. Sathyaranjan Soren (IEM), Mrs. Florence (BYM), Dr. Matthew, Mrs. Somini, Mr. Naresh, Khandapani Mr. Padmalochan Digal (ASK) were the resource team. Mr. John Daniel, Mr. V. D. S. Chandrasekar and Pr. Meshach Paulraj and Fletcher were the MUT team.

All were involved in molding, encouraging, strengthening and empowering the beloved families. Lot of families expressed that they were really comforted after coming to the retreat, the Word of God enlightened them to come out of their bereavement and carry on the mission. Few sisters have expressed that they have received a burden to pass on the same comfort to other such sisters (Bereaved). Every beloved one was so happy that they had a comfortable stay and sumptuous meal.

It was noted that a Family with five children who lost their mother in a kitchen fire accident a year ago has not been emotional healed. Efforts are on to provide them a place of stay during vacation as they do not have a home of their own. All the families during the feedback session expressed that they wanted to have a retreat again next year.

On 11th Master Health Check up was conducted for all the 24 families along with children and 7 relatives. Free medicines were provided after treatment.

On 14th after the talent program there was a fellowship dinner for developing interaction and knowing of BF families by the ASK society. The ASK society would like to extend all possible support in the days to come to carry forward the vision of comforting the BF through their services and possible contacts.

14th evening visit to Anand Niketan school was very helpful as the Principal is ready to consider two BF to serve as Dorm sisters. We need to work out the logistics for the same.

Continue to pray for the follow ups.

Good Samaritan Fund

The GSF Scheme co-ordinates in meeting the following unmet needs of the missionaries ,during crisis situations.

1. Travel assistance to missionaries to attend the funeral of their parents by Flight/Train/Bus.
2. Travel assistance to the missionaries to visit their parents during their serious sickness.
2. Travel assistance for missionary children to attend the funeral of their parents.
3. A small assistance to meet the Major Medical expenses of dependent parents of missionaries.
4. Marriage gift to missionaries
5. Assistance for Children's Marriage.
6. Missionaries' daughter's first delivery expenses.
7. Assistance at the time of Natural calamities, Theft, and Persecution.

During the year ending 31.03.2018, 366 missionaries have

been assisted from GSFund and 23 missionaries from GSFund support scheme. During the three months ending 30.06.2018, 121 missionaries have been assisted from GSFund for the above referred crisis situations.

During death or serious illness in a missionary's family it will be of great help if volunteers from MUT visit them, pray with them and comfort them. We require more volunteers in all the areas of Tamilnadu ,Kerala ,Karnataka and Andhra so that they can attend the funeral of missionaries and comfort them and pray with them at the time of bereavement in their family.

During the past 15 months 29 missionaries have availed air travel support from this scheme to attend the funeral of their parents. They have acknowledged that they were able to comfort the other siblings during bereavement and in turn get comforted. They have been helped emotionally and financially.

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

MUT Scheme

"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 55 years are eligible. In this scheme 145 Mission with 15020 members join together upholding their co member missionaries in their bereavement, sickness and crisis. Each member contributes Rs.50/- and the Mission contributes an equal amount. This amount (Rs.100) given by the member missionaries is shared by LYB, IMPACT and GS

Schemes for the needy members in the area of Medical, Calamity, Crisis Relief and Retired Missionaries Welfare.. The Support Schemes (SS) are further funded by the donations, received from Friends of MUT (FOM). As on 31st December 2017 total Organization enrolled in MUT Scheme: - 145 Mission with 15020 members. God willing we are aiming a total of 250 mission organizations with 20,000 missionaries to join in this MUT Scheme to bless other member missionaries who are in need in the Next 3 years by 2020.

| Organisation | Place |
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| <i>Messenger Mission</i> | <i>Chennai</i> |
| <i>Union of Evangelical Students</i> | <i>Telangana</i> |
| <i>El - Shaddai Missionary Prayer Band</i> | <i>Kanyakumari</i> |
| <i>Union Of Evangelical Students Of India</i> | <i>Delhi</i> |
| <i>Faith Prayer Group Ministries</i> | <i>Tirunelveli</i> |
| <i>Christ for All Ministries - India</i> | <i>Chennai</i> |

Training Calendar

Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Date: Sep 01 | Medium: English

Resource Person: Dr. Susheel & Dr. Valsa

Beloved Family Retreat

Date: Sep 03 to 05

Resource Person: MUT Team

Spiritual Enhancement Retreat

Date: Sep 11 to 13

Resource Person: MUT Team

Advanced Biblical Counselling - Level 1

Date: Sep 10 to 15

Resource Person: PtP Team

Pre Retirement Orientation.(PRO)

Date: Oct 04 to 06

Resource Person: Mrs. Juno Sudhakar

Pre-Marital Counselling

Date: Oct 11 to 13 | Medium: Tamil

Resource Person: Mrs. Hannah & Team

Retreat for Retired Missionaries

Date: Oct 15 to 18

Resource Person: Mrs. Juno Sudhakar

Life Revision Seminar

Date: Oct 22 to 27

Resource Person: Dr. K. V.

Inner Healing

Date: Nov 05 to 07 | Medium: Tam-Eng

Resource Person: MUT Team

Marriage Enrichment

Date: Nov 14 to 16 | Medium: Tamil

Resource Person: Mr. Jacob & Helen

Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills

Date: Nov 19 to 24

Resource Person: Er. Antony Samy & Team

Spiritual Enhancement Retreat

Date: Nov 27 to 29

Resource Person: MUT Team

Advanced Biblical Counselling Level – 1

Date: Dec 03 to 08 | Medium: English

Resource Person: PtP Team

Beloved Family Gathering

Date: Dec 22 to 31

Resource Person: MUT Team

How Well Do We Serve

Lauren Dungy

These wise words from Jesus remind me of the lessons my parents taught me. They were a great example of what it meant to live a life of service and helping others.

Growing up, our home was frequently filled with people. Almost every weekend, my parents would invite children from a nearby girls' home to stay with us. These girls were treated no differently than if they were my sisters, as my parents warmly welcomed and included them in our everyday lives and activities.

Jesus' statement in Matthew 20 came during a discussion He had with His disciples about leadership. They were asking how they could get promoted up the ladder of authority in His organization. In fact, two of the disciples, James and John, asked for the positions of second in command in the Kingdom.

Jesus responded by telling them that in the Kingdom of God, greatness is defined by how well we serve and how much we help others.

This is certainly a contrast to what we hear in most parts of society today. We typically look at our leaders and judge them by how many people they're responsible for, how much influence they have and the decisions they make. Whether it's a CEO leading a business, a teacher leading a classroom or a mother leading a family, we tend to judge them by how confident they look or how much control they exert over the people following them.

If I'm not careful, I can get deceived into feeling I need to be more forceful, more demanding, or get further ahead in life, trying to move up the corporate ladder.

Isn't it wonderful to hear Jesus speak and realize He doesn't want us to do things the way the world does? In this case, He wants just the opposite. Jesus says the real heroes, the ones He values most, are the people who help others.

He says we should measure our worth by the number of people we serve and how we make their lives better. He shares this reminder in Matthew 20:25-26, "But Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant.'"

Looking at things that way gives us a completely different perspective on life.

My parents didn't reach out to those young women for recognition or to earn some type of award. They did it out of a heartfelt desire to serve, and in doing so, modeled those values to me and my siblings.

Because of my parents' example, giving back is now a way of life for me. My husband, Tony, and I choose to be involved with low-income schools. We visit with children, read to them, encourage and inspire them to dream.

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CELEBRATING
25
YEARS OF
HIS GRACE

Join us in celebrating the Grace of God on the 7th of September, 2018 at 6.30 pm. Be a part of the fellowship to mark the day at St. Andrews Church (The Kirk), Chennai as Pastor Thomas Abraham shares the Word. With jubilant songs of praise directed by Bro. Arul Sironmani and Bro. Augustine Paul. Testimonies to affirm His Grace thus far.

Blessed Hope

James H. McConkey

The Word of God calls the hope of the Lord's return a "blessed hope" (Titus 2:13). That is a "happy" hope, as the word literally means. It brings joy to the heart of the believer. It gladdens the soul of him who cherishes it. There is no truer optimist than the man who is looking for His Lord to come.

True, this man as none else realizes that dark and perilous times are coming. God's Word warns him there are breakers ahead for this old world of ours. He knows the Bible's statement about it is not that it is growing better, but that "the whole world lieth in the evil one" (1 John 5:19), and is rapidly nearing the fiercest crisis of all its history.

But none of these things move him. Being forewarned he is forearmed. And being forearmed, he knows no discouragement because of conditions or circumstances, for back of all the somber shadows of coming days, looms up the glorious figure of His coming Lord and King, whose victory is as certain as the eternal Word of God can declare, and the eternal love of God bring to pass.

His hope is therefore indeed a blessed hope. It is sure and steadfast. It steadies his heart amid the most trying and desperate circumstances. It inspires him to service, too, with new zeal and fidelity. It stimulates to fervent zeal and earnestness for lost souls as they who cherish it do well know. And not only these, but thousands of God's messengers in the mission field testify to it as one of the mighty inspirations of their lives to eager, incessant service. If that great truth makes daydreamers and stargazers of men, then it is strange indeed to find Jesus

Christ Himself exhorting His own, as they serve, to be "like unto men that wait for their Lord" (Luke 12:36).

A Purifying Hope

God's children are drawn unconsciously into the swift stream of the world's thought, activity and power. We live, move and toil amid intensely worldly surroundings. Engrossed in these we forget something. We forget that it is the things which are unseen that are eternal.

So God thrusts into the horizon of our daily thought and meditation this blessed hope of our Lord's return. Amazing indeed is its separating power in the life. It is an other-world truth. With a tremendous tug upward, it lays hold upon our thought and spirit. It has a special blessing pronounced upon its study: "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Revelation 1:3).

Any child of God who comes to know and love it is at once conscious of the nature of that blessing. The way it searches us, and its effectiveness in separating us from the power of worldliness in our lives is astonishing to us as we realize how vain our own self-efforts have been to accomplish this longed-for result. This wondrous power to purify and detach the heart from being engrossed in the world is convincing proof that it is God's divinely appointed truth for effecting that purpose in the hearts and lives of His children. In very truth is it that "he that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself even as He is pure" (1 John 3:3).



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CHENNAI 2018

8th Sept 2018

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6.30 pm

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Bangalore Mr.Mark Aunush Moffatt

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Music for Mission

VELLORE

Praise God that the 3 days Music for Missions programs to raise funds for the medical needs of missionaries went on well at SM Hospital, Ranipet, Scudder Auditorium CMC campus & Sangamam Hall in Vellore from 3rd to 5th August respectively, singing by “Elim Worship Band” & “Singspirations” group from Trichy.

Ranipet: The “Elim Worship Band”, Vellore led the listeners in a time of beautiful worship time, deep thoughts and a very profound meaningful choreography by youth of Elim church and testimonies by missionaries. God blessed us with good weather and participation by SM Hospital, Ranipet.

Scudder Auditorium: We all were blessed by the songs of Singspirations, which run under the leadership of Mr.B. Jonath Backia Seelan with 70 voices choir. Dr. Lionel Gnanaraj welcomed the gathering and introduced the group. The Director and the Principal of CMC facilitated the gathering. Rev. Isac Soundararaja proposed the vote of thanks. A crafts stall was set up displaying the hand crafted items done by missionary kids. A food court has been arranged by FOMs.

Sangamam Hall: This program also was a blessing at Sangamam Hall, Vellore for the glory of God. It was well attended by various walks of life from churches, institutions and other Christian.

Though it was challenging to conduct 3 days program at one stretch, the good Lord helped all our team members to do

their best. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the Committee members for their support, guidance and cooperation for the successful completion of these programs.

ARAKONAM

Arakonam MfM held on 11th August 2018 at Parish Hall, Silver Memorial Church Campus. “Legacy of life ministries” and “Quite time melodies”, Chennai were the singing groups. This was conducted by our Arakonam FOMs to raise funds for Bereaved Missionary Families. We thank God for the successful completion of this programs as well.

May His name be glorified and magnified!



1. Music for Mission- Arakonam
2. Music for Mission- Arakonam
3. Singspirations team in Scudder auditorium

4. Sangamam Hall
5. Elim Worship Band @ Ranipet
6. Elim Worship Band @ Ranipet

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2018

| <i>Head</i> | <i>Expense</i> | <i>Head</i> | <i>Income</i> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rest House - Vellore | 4,45,192.00 | Rest House - Vellore | 5,29,538.00 |
| Rest House - Chennai | 1,09,184.87 | Rest House - Chennai | 1,74,360.00 |
| Rest House - Oddanchataram | 17,689.00 | Rest House - Oddanchataram | 1,85,369.00 |
| Rest House - Bangalore | 85,460.00 | Rest House - Ebenezer Home | 68,070.00 |
| Rest House - Gandhi Nagar | 2,67,213.00 | Rest House - Puducherry | 6,000.00 |
| Rest House - Mumbai | 2,41,499.00 | IMPACT Death Relief | 52,88,139.13 |
| Rest House - Ebenezer Home | 20,168.00 | IMPACT Support Scheme | 37,60,172.00 |
| Rest House - Puducherry | 10,220.00 | Fin. Management Assistance | 2,01,535.00 |
| IMPACT Death Relief | 59,37,500.00 | Crisis Relief (Gen) | 61,056.00 |
| IMPACT Support Scheme | 39,91,481.70 | Medical Endowment Fund | 42,87,950.99 |
| Fin. Management Assistance | 2,01,535.00 | Love Your Brother | 1,24,20,194.60 |
| Crisis Relief (Gen) | 13,000.00 | Help To Help / Earmarked | 3,98,094.00 |
| Medical Endowment Fund | 43,55,791.09 | Retired Missionaries Welfare | 18,47,763.01 |
| Rest House - Bangalore | 79,428.98 | Personal Dev. Programme | 6,11,557.90 |
| Rest House - Gandhi Nagar | 3,42,530.00 | Good Samaritan Fund | 26,60,103.57 |
| Rest House - Mumbai | 2,47,550.00 | SMILE | 30,74,117.00 |
| Love Your Brother | 1,23,86,881.00 | Missionary Kids Education | 13,73,971.19 |
| Help To Help / Earmarked | 2,76,297.00 | Good Samaritan - Support Sch | 48,404.00 |
| Retired Missionaries Welfare | 17,38,201.45 | Friends Of Mut | 69,229.00 |
| Personal Dev. Programme | 5,78,958.00 | Mut - Odc - General | 5,25,776.00 |
| Good Samaritan Fund | 29,41,208.00 | Mut - General | 35,18,533.41 |
| SMILE | 32,83,068.15 | Mut - Scheme | 57,032.00 |
| Missionary Kids Education | 3,08,772.45 | Donation Credited In Fund A/C | 45,95,720.07 |
| Good Samaritan - Support Sch | 92,208.60 | Abroad Donation Credited In Fund A/C | 11,74,165.21 |
| Friends Of Mut | 1,06,329.00 | Interest Creditd In Fund A/C | 2,77,567.00 |
| Mut - Odc - General | 7,05,280.75 | | |
| Mut - General | 50,15,166.42 | | |
| Mut - Scheme | 14,875.08 | | |
| Research Study | 8,922.00 | | |
| Expenditure Debited In Fund A/C | 19,48,804.00 | | |
| Depreciation | 29,77,636.64 | | |
| TOTAL | 4,80,78,542.20 | TOTAL | 4,72,14,418.08 |
| <i>Excess of Expenditure over Income</i> 1,94,615.14 | | | |

Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2018

| <i>Value as on 31.03.2017</i> | <i>LIABILITIES</i> | <i>Value as on 31.03.2018</i> | <i>Value as on 31.03.2017</i> | <i>ASSETS</i> | <i>Value as on 31.03.2018</i> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8,11,96,448.75 | General fund | 8,16,00,833.61 | 4,47,49,936.22 | Fixed assets | 4,43,14,761.58 |
| 96,24,879.00 | Loans and liabilities | 71,70,188.05 | 2,69,18,541.62 | Investments | 2,42,32,067.88 |
| | | | | Current assets | |
| | | | 1,48,50,471.50 | Loans, Advances & Deposits | 1,61,04,131.50 |
| | | | 5,02,104.84 | Accounts Receivable | 4,25,458.84 |
| | | | 38,00,273.57 | Cash & Bank Balances | 36,94,601.86 |
| 9,08,21,327.75 | TOTAL | 8,87,71,021.66 | 9,08,21,327.75 | TOTAL | 8,87,71,021.66 |

Retreat, Coordinators meeting, Fasting Prayer & Board meeting

By the grace of God our regular meetings - Retreat, Coordinators meeting, Fasting Prayer & Board meeting, which we conduct once in 6 months held from 27th to 30th July 2018 respectively at Oddanchatram campus. We praise God for His guidance & presence, which were evident throughout these 4 days.

The Retreat was conducted by Mr. Mohan under the topic, Unity & Work. He clearly explained how God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit were united from the beginning and out of their perfect unity, oneness in function, fellowship and love only they created this world and they continue to be in their relationship as Trinity - triune God. He took sessions from Paul's 1st and 2nd epistles to Corinthians, how it was started and ended with peace and love, though there were deutes and conflicts in between. It was an enlightening and encouragement to all the participants and we all recommitted to serve God out of our love and unity with God and our fellow workers.

We all were asked to do acrostic experiences with the word

- U** Uplifting one another
- N** Need - how can we meet each other's needs
- I** Integrity - how can we incorporate integrity in MUT
- T** Trust - how can we increase the level of trust
- Y** Yielding to the Lordship of Jesus Christ

Coordinators meeting was a blessing held on 28th July. All the Coordinators shared their respective project's report for one year and 3 months. We praise God for all the developments in each project, by which hundreds of missionaries and pastors are being blessed.

Fasting Prayer: Around 60 people (leaders, representatives, FOMs and staff) attended the Fasting prayer. Concern persons shared their Project / Region's praise & prayer points. It was ended with feet washing and communion.

Board meeting held on 30th July. Except 2 board members, all other members were present and they could take many decisions for the smooth ongoing ministries of MUT.

We praise God for Mr. J. J. Ratnakumar who attended all the meetings with his wife Mrs. Shanthy Ratnakumar and shared his views and suggestions for all the projects. We also thank God for all the Leaders, Representatives, Board Members, FOMs and staff who participated in all these meetings and made it as a blessing.

As MUT Believes - God's Work, done by God's people, in God's way, with God's money will never lack God's Blessings, God has been faithful in leading this ministry over the past 25 years.

All glory, honour & praise to Him alone!



1. Retreat
2. Coordinator's meeting
3. Board meeting

4. Board meeting
5. Prayer Day

The act of praying is the very highest energy of which the human mind is capable; praying, that is, with the total concentration of the faculties. The great mass of worldly men and of learned men are absolutely incapable of prayer. -- Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Bishop Wilson says: In H. Martyn's journal the spirit of prayer, the time he devoted to the duty, and his fervor in it are the first things which strike me."

Payson wore the hard-wood boards into grooves where his knees pressed so often and so long. His biographer says: "His continuing instant in prayer, be his circumstances what they might, is the most noticeable fact in his history, and points out the duty of all who would rival his eminency. To his ardent and persevering prayers must no doubt be ascribed in a great measure his distinguished and almost uninterrupted success."

The Marquis DeRenty, to whom Christ was most precious, ordered his servant to call him from his devotions at the end of half an hour. The servant at the time saw his face through an aperture. It was marked with such holiness that he hated to arouse him. His lips were moving, but he was perfectly silent. He waited until three half hours had passed; then he called to him, when he arose from his knees, saying that the half hour was so short when he was communing with Christ.

Brainerd said: "I love to be alone in my cottage, where I can spend much time in prayer."

William Bramwell is famous in Methodist annals for personal holiness and for his wonderful success in preaching and for the marvelous answers to his prayers. For hours at a time he would pray. He almost lived on his knees. He went over his circuits like a flame of fire. The fire was kindled by the time he spent in prayer. He often spent as much as four hours in a single season of prayer in retirement.

Bishop Andrewes spent the greatest part of five hours every day in prayer and devotion.

Sir Henry Havelock always spent the first two hours of each day alone with God. If the encampment was struck at 6 A.M., he would rise at four.

Earl Cairns rose daily at six o'clock to secure an hour and a half for the study of the Bible and for prayer, before conducting family worship at a quarter to eight.

Dr. Judson's success in prayer is attributable to the fact that he gave much time to prayer. He says on this point: "Arrange thy affairs, if possible, so that thou canst leisurely devote two or three hours every day not merely to devotional exercises but to

the very act of secret prayer and communion with God. Endeavor seven times a day to withdraw from business and company and lift up thy soul to God in private retirement. Begin the day by rising after midnight and devoting some time amid the silence and darkness of the night to this sacred work. Let the hour of opening dawn find thee at the same work. Let the hours of nine, twelve, three, six, and nine at night witness the same. Be resolute in his cause. Make all practicable sacrifices to maintain it. Consider that thy time is short, and that business and company must not be allowed to rob thee of thy God." Impossible, say we, fanatical directions! Dr. Judson impressed an empire for Christ and laid the foundations of God's kingdom with imperishable granite in the heart of Burmah. He was successful, one of the few men who mightily impressed the world for Christ. Many men of greater gifts and genius and learning than he have made no such impression; their religious work is like footsteps in the sands, but he has engraven his work on the adamant. The secret of its profundity and endurance is found in the fact that he gave time to prayer. He kept the iron red-hot with prayer, and God's skill fashioned it with enduring power. No man can do a great and enduring work for God who is not a man of prayer, and no man can be a man of prayer who does not give much time to praying.

Is it true that prayer is simply the compliance with habit, dull and mechanical? A petty performance into which we are trained till tameness, shortness, superficiality are its chief elements?

"Is it true that prayer is, as is assumed, little else than the half-passive play of sentiment which flows languidly on through the minutes or hours of easy reverie?" Canon Liddon continues: "Let those who have really prayed give the answer. They sometimes describe prayer with the patriarch Jacob as a wrestling together with an Unseen Power which may last, not unfrequently in an earnest life, late into the night hours, or even to the break of day. Sometimes they refer to common intercession with St. Paul as a concerted struggle. They have, when praying, their eyes fixed on the Great Intercessor in Gethsemane, upon the drops of blood which fall to the ground in that agony of resignation and sacrifice. Importunity is of the essence of successful prayer. Importunity means not dreaminess but sustained work. It is through prayer especially that the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force. It was a saying of the late Bishop Hamilton that "No man is likely to do much good in prayer who does not begin by looking upon it in the light of a work to be prepared for and persevered in with all the earnestness which we bring to bear upon subjects which are in our opinion at once most interesting and most necessary."

"Men and women are needed whose prayers will give to the world the utmost power of God; who will make His promises to blossom with rich and full results. God is waiting to hear us and challenges us to bring Him to do this thing by our praying. He is asking us, to-day, as He did His ancient Israel, to prove Him now herewith." Behind God's Word is God Himself, and we read: "Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, his Maker: Ask of me of things to come and concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands, command ye me." As though God places Himself in the hands and at the disposal of His people who pray - as indeed He does. The dominant element of all praying is faith, that is conspicuous, cardinal and emphatic. Without such faith it is impossible to please God, and equally impossible to pray."

— E.M. Bounds, *The Weapon of Prayer*



1. Beloved Families Retreat Phase 1 | May
2. Advanced Biblical Counseling | 16th to 22 April
3. Spiritual Enhancement | 11th April
4. Biography Writers | 25th to 17th April

5. introduction to biblical counselling May 18
6. MUT Beloved Families Retreat May 2018 -Phase II
7. Pre- Marital Counseling July 18

8. Bereaved Families- Odisha

VALUES & PRINCIPLES OF MUT

ABSOLUTE FAITH IN GOD'S DIVINE POWER

"I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith"
"According to your faith, will it be done to you"
Matthew 8:10 | Matthew 9:29

01

SECOND-MILE SERVICE & HARD WORK

"If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles"
Matthew 5:41

03

HUMILITY

"I am gentle and humble at heart"
Matthew 11:29

02

GIVING - 'SACRIFICIAL, GRACEFUL & UNCONDITIONAL'

"She, out of her poverty, put in all she had to live on"
Luke 1:24

04

GOD TO BE GLORIFIED IN EVERY ACTION

"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God"
1 Corinthians 10:31

05

CARING FOR GOD'S WORKERS IS EQUAL TO DIRECT MINISTRY

"The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle."
1 Samuel 30:24

07

THE 'HAVES' TO TAKE CARE OF THE 'HAVE-NOTS'

"We must help the weak"
"It was distributed to anyone as he had need"
Acts 20:35 | Acts 4:35

06

REGULAR AND FOCUSED PRAYER

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God"
Philippians 4:6

09

STRONG BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts"
Deuteronomy 6:6

08

ALL ARE EQUAL

Spiritual authority / Positional ones. "Peter and John were unschooled ordinary men" Acts 4:13 "Choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of spirit and wisdom" Acts 6:13

11

NO RULE ABOVE GOD'S GRACE

Unconditional love/compassion/service
"This is love: Not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His son as an atoning sacrifice for our sin" 1 John 4:21

10

UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT

"All of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought." 1 Cor 1:10

12

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" Mat 20:26
"Whoever wants to be first must be your slave"
Matthew 20:26 | Matthew 20:27

13

VOLUNTARY WORK

MUT believes in voluntary work and service

15

NO BOUNDARIES OR DIVISIONS

"There is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all"
Romans 10:12

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