

Seek to be a Light in the World

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“The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light” (Rom. 13:12).

The Apostle Paul calls it “night.” “The night,” he says, “is far spent.” I have no doubt that word seems strange to some people. They think it surprising that our present time should be called “night.” They are living in days of learning, science, civilization, commerce, freedom, and knowledge. Nevertheless I say that in the things of God, the world is still in a state of “night.” I believe that God looks down on this globe of ours as it rolls round the sun, and as He looks upon it, He pronounces it “very dark!” I believe that the angels go to and fro, and make report of all they see on our earth, and their constant report is, “very dark!” And I am sure that believers in the Lord Jesus in

every land are of one mind on this subject. They cry and sigh because of the abominations they see around them. To them the world appears “very dark!”

Much of the world is in open rebellion against God and His Christ. Multitudes inhabiting the globe have no Bible, no Gospel, no knowledge, no faith, no hope!

There are many professing Christians on earth who are unsound in the faith. Their religion simply is not scriptural. They have added to it many things which are not to be found in the Bible. They have left out of it many things which the Bible has plainly commanded. There are millions who know nothing of the Bible, and have not the slightest idea of the salvation contained in the Gospel. Surely that is night!

Cast Off the Works of Darkness

Practical duty is put before us in plain words, “Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.” How are you to “cast off the works of darkness”? You ought to lay aside everything in your life and habits, which will not bear the light of Christ’s appearing. You ought to make it a principle of conscience, to do nothing you would not like to be found doing when Jesus comes again to gather His people together. Oh, for a daily readiness to judge ourselves that we be not judged of the Lord, and to condemn ourselves that we be not condemned at the last day!

I ask every reader to bring the light of the day of Christ to bear upon his inner man. Set your years, and months, and weeks, and days, and hours in the full blaze of that day – and whatever thing you find within which is akin to “darkness” – pluck it out and cast it away! Keep up no questionable habit. Make no compromise with doubtful practices. Break down every idol, whether great or small. Cling to nothing which would cost you a blush under the eye of Christ. Away with it at once, lest He come suddenly and put you to shame!

Reader, try all your employment of time by the test of Christ’s Second Coming. Place in this balance your amusements, your books, your companions, your manner of conversation, your daily behavior in all the relations of life. Measure all by this measure, “The night is far spent and the day is at hand. Am I living as a child of the night – or as one who looks for the day?” Do this, and you will cast off the works of darkness.

Put On the Armor of Light

But how are you to put on the armor of light? You ought to aim at every grace and habit which befits a believer in Christ, and a child of God, and a citizen of a heavenly kingdom.

Let there be light in your heart continually: Christ dwelling there by faith – felt, known, and experienced by your soul.

Let there be light in your life continually: Christ reflected there, followed, imitated, and copied. Seek to be a light in the world and nothing less – a bright light, a clear light, a light that men can see afar off. Do this and you will put on the armor of light.

Live as if you thought that Christ might come at any time. Do everything, as if you did it for the last time. Say everything, as if you said it for the last time. Read every chapter in the Bible, as if you did not know whether you would be allowed to read it again. Pray every prayer, as if you felt it might be your last

opportunity. Hear every sermon, as if you were hearing once and forever. This is the way to be found ready.

“The night is far spent, the day is at hand.” I ask you to live as if you believed the words we have been considering, and to show the world you think them true. The nearer you draw to home – the more wakeful you ought to be. The more you realize the second personal coming of the Lord Jesus – the more lively ought your Christianity to be.

Ah, reader, it is but too true, as Legh Richmond said on his deathbed, “We are but half awake! We are but half awake!” The best of us need to have our hearts stirred up by way of remembrance. Let us rub the sleepy eyes of our mind and look the speedy coming of our Master full in the face. Let the time past suffice us to have been drowsy and lazy servants! For the time to come, let us work like those who feel “The Master will soon be here!”

Beloved reader, I warn you plainly there must be a change. Your views, your tastes, your inclinations, your affections – must be renewed and transformed. You must learn to view the world that now is, and that which is to come – in a very different light. Go and sit at the feet of Jesus, and ask Him to teach you this lesson. Ask for the enlightening Spirit to anoint your eyes that you may see. Ask for the veil to be taken away, that you may behold everything in its true colors.

I know well that Satan labors hard to prevent men thinking of a better world than that in which we now live. He strives to turn away their eyes from the coming day. He would gladly persuade them that it is impossible to do their duty in this life – and at the same time to set their affections on things above. He whispers to people that we ministers want them to become gloomy hermits, or fanatical haters of mankind – and that if they listen to us they will become unfit for all the relations of life. Against all suggestions of Satan – I warn every reader to be on his guard. I bid no one neglect the duties of his station, or forsake the post which God has called him to fill. I encourage no one in moroseness and churlishness – as if there was nothing to be thankful for in this world. I praise no one who refuses his affections to those with whom he is united by love, friendship, and relationship.

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

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.

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

General Coordinator's Desk

Bro. John Daniel



....*Great is thy faithfulness” Lam 3:23*

We thank God for His amazing faithfulness in the ministries of MUT for the last 4 months (Feb – May 2022). He has been guiding, providing and caring for His children through various interventions. We thank God for all the prayer partners and well-wishers of this ministry. Also, I thank the entire MUT leadership team and Representatives, who own this ministry and do their best for the Lord. As you go through the reports, I am sure you will be able to rejoice with us seeing the faithful Lord taking care of this Unique ministry that is close to His heart. As I go through the reports, I am humbled to look back and say **“One faithful servant of God was led faithfully by our Lord to accomplish his purpose in the life of God’s faithful servants.”**

The auditing is almost over and we will be meeting as a Board on 1 st August. Requesting your fervent prayers. As MUT leaders we want to develop the skills in the staff that God has entrusted under our care. In the coming days intentional efforts will be made to provide as much skills as possible to see that the staff are motivated and will be able to perform better. CIM has come along side MUT to look back, reaffirm the foundations and

realign ourselves without diluting MUT ethos and values.

The beloved family retreats one in North and the other in South, was a time of sharing and identifying with the pain and suffering of those who lost their dear ones. As MUT beloved Team we have a long way to go. We need your prayers.

Mr. Ruben has taken up the responsibility to provide Leadership for the IMPACT project as the baton is passed on by Mr. Ben Augustus.

The Lamtaput Rest House construction is going on and the 1 st phase staff quarters has come up to Plinth level.

MUT – Puducherry team is trying to find a suitable land to purchase and build a Rest House there. Recently they conducted Music for Missions program to raise funds for the same and also to give awareness about MUT member care ministry.

MUT Consultation, Region wise with 163 Member Mission leaders in India will be held in 4 regions in Oct - Nov`22. Pray that through all these meetings the missionaries care will be enhanced more and they will continue to serve the Lord effectively in their respective mission fields.

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Inter Mission Plan of Assurance on Calamity Times

IMPACT

This Scheme was introduced in 1997 to help families of Christian workers in times of death of a member missionary. The objective of this scheme is to provide Calamity Relief & sustained support to the family of a deceased Member missionary. The bereaved family is assured of prayer support from fellow Christian workers and Friends of MUT.

From February to May 2022 there were 11 deaths. Each family is assisted with Rs.1,50,000 as financial relief from the missionary contribution. Also additional assistance of Rs.10,000 is paid from missionary contribution.

Spiritual Enhancement:

The beloved missionary families are encouraged spiritually and emotionally by special retreats held by the friends of MUT periodically.

Praise God that as planned by His Grace a retreat for beloved missionary families based in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Chattisgarh



& MP was held at Lonavala from 27th to 29th May 2022. 12 families participated and were blessed. They were renewed in their spiritual walk of life. Please continue to uphold these families in your prayers.

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

Mr. Sushant Digal	aged 38 years from Bible Centered Ministries International – India passed away on 08.02.2022 due to jaundice. He leaves behind his Wife Mrs. Deepa and 2 children daughter 12 years old and son 3 years and a dependent mother.
Pas. Kapil Nath Kashyap	aged 56 years from Indian Evangelical Team passed away on 16.02.2022 due to Ulcer. He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Sundermoni Kashyap and four children.
Mrs. Dalia Karkara	aged 38 years from Indian Evangelical Team passed away on 19.02.2022 due to post delivery health issues. She is survived by her husband Rajesh Karkara and four children.
Mr. N. Caleb	aged 48 years from Calvary Gospel Missionary Movement passed away on 23.02.2022 due to heart attack. He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Esther Caleb and 2 children Giftson Jonathan(17) and Hetzial(15).
Mr. Eesach.	aged 52 years from India Every Home Crusade passed away on 06.04.2022 due to heart attack. He left behind his wife Mrs. Jyothi and four sons.
Mr. Kunjumon TJ	aged 63 years from NIEA passed away on 25.04.2022 due to heart attack. He left behind his wife and one married daughter.
Mrs. Arul Packia Bhai	from FMPB passed away on 30.04.2022 due to cancer. She left behind her husband Rev. K.S. Joshna and son Mr. J. Titus who is studying in MPT 1st year in Chennai (Saveetha college of Physiotherapy).
Mrs. Laisamma Babu	aged 46 years from Friends Missionary Prayer Band passed away on 03.05.2022 due to sickness. She left behind her husband Rev. P. Babu and 3 children. Mr. Joshua - MSW 2nd year, Miss. Jessie - B Sc, Zoology 2nd year, Mr. Janas - B Sc 2nd year.
Mrs. Hemanti Harijan (Amanti Harijan)	aged 39 years from Indian Evangelical Team passed away on 07.05.2022 due to diabetes. She left behind her husband Mr. Nirunga Harijan and 4 children.
Mr. Durga Murmu	from FMPB passed away on 16.05.2022 due to heart attack. He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Selina Soren and 3 Children (Miss. Lalitha Murmu - College completed, 2. Miss. Mercy Murmu - 10th completed, 3. Miss. Priyanka Murmu - 7th completed).
Mr. Peter Anal	aged 48 years from YWAM- NE passed away on 01.05.2022 due to Nose/ear cancer, metastases in lungs. He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Mariya Saysoo, they have no children.

Non Members

Mr. Kondala Devasahayam	from Hindustan Bible Institute College passed away on 15.02.2022 due to Cardiac arrest. He leaves behind his wife Dhanamma and 2 children.
Pas. Sohan Lal Meena	aged 37 years from HBI passed away on 12.04.2022 due road accident. He is leaving behind his wife and three children.

Blessed to Bless

Introduction:

“Blessed to Bless Scheme” (MUT Scheme) is an entry scheme to all Schemes of MUT, In this scheme member mission organizations join together upholding their co-member missionaries in the time of bereavement, sickness, and crisis.

This is not an Insurance Scheme.

Mission organizations are the vital links between MUT and their missionaries in providing care.

Membership details:

Around 15900 members of 163 missions have been enrolled under Blessed to Bless Scheme to become a blessing to other Christian workers who are working in His Kingdom at different places of India.

Contribution details:

The member missionary fraternity sacrificially contributed a total of Rs. 71,90,10 from February 2022 to May 2022 to assist the Beloved families, missionaries with various health challenges, and the missionaries faced with an unexpected crisis. It is a God given opportunity to help another missionary family going through very difficult times. But apart from this, partners of MUT and well-wishers of missionaries extend financial help through support schemes.

Following Missions joined Blessed to Bless Scheme to be a blessing to other Christian workers who are in need.

1. Eternal Grace Trust, Uttar Pradesh
2. Youth With A Mission, Kerala

We request you to kindly continue to uphold us as we facilitate missionary care among member mission organizations. It is very affirmative to see the way member missionaries are collaborating in the missionary care in caring for other missionaries who are in need.

Vellore Rest Houses

Rest House is truly a “home away from home”. When a missionary thinks of taking a break, the first thing that comes to their mind is whether MUT has a rest house in that place. Rest houses are answers to the prayers of many missionaries. It is also a place of comfort for God’s servants who come here for treatment and long stay.

During the period Feb ’22 to May’22, Rest Houses at Otteri and Gandhi Nagar are mostly given to missionaries who came for major illnesses like Cancer, Transplant, and Open heart surgery.

In Otteri Rest house we had 88 missionaries from 24 Organizations stayed. 5 EHA hospital staff and 1 CFH staff took treatment for major health issues in the above mentioned period.

MUT volunteer Dr. Beulah Alex and Rest house caregivers visited the missionaries and prayed for their physical, spiritual and emotional needs.

In “Mano Selvapandian Memorial Home” [Gandhi Nagar RH] & Ebenezer Home we had 44 missionaries from 17 Organizations, 5 SMILE members and 2 EHA Hospital Staff stayed and took treatment.

MKids

Retreat in Telugu

As planned “Youth Encounter 22” was organized through zoom platform for Telugu speaking missionary children from March 17th to 19th from 6 to 8 PM. About 30 children from different missions based in AP and Telengana attended. Some school children also participated. Mr. Varaprasad, Mr. & Mrs. Satya Tej, Mrs. Rebecca and Pas. Prasad shared on salvation and how to cope with the life challenges and living a practical christian life. It was a great blessing. Some missionaries also joined along with the children.

Mentoring & Counseling

In the last 3 months the Mkids care team spent most of the time in contacting personally the missionary children as a follow up from previous retreats and continue to mentor and counsel as many missionary children are facing multiple challenges. It was felt to place these challenges before the throne of grace.

Prayer Request

Kindly uphold the missionary children who are writing their semester examinations and those who are appearing for entrance tests like NEET and other professional courses. Many missionary children are appearing for various competitive examinations to get into government jobs.

Pray for the Schools, the Teachers and wardens to be guided by the wisdom of God in caring for the missionary children in hostels and boarding homes. Pray for the missionary parents for wisdom, love and patience in bringing up the kids. Also pray for proper employment for Mkids.

Kindly uphold all the Mkids Care Givers as they plan for physical retreats in Odisha and at Oddanchatram in the month of October, for Missionary Children. Pray for the resource persons and the financial needs.

Good Samaritan Fund

The GS Fund Scheme help the missionaries in meeting some of the Common unmet needs during crisis situations in their life or in their Parents life which affect the missionary emotionally and financially. To overcome these crisis situations MUT has empowered the General Secretary of the Mission to extend the support to their missionaries at the time of Crisis and claim from MUT – GS Fund.

During the four-months period from 01.02.2022 to 31.05.2022, 68 missionaries have been assisted from GS Fund to the tune of Rs. 6,82,489/- in order to overcome crisis situations as given below.

1. Air Travel to attend Parents funeral-Onward Journey 10 cases Rs. 1,71,900
2. Train travel to attend parents funeral-2 cases - Rs.18,295
3. Parents funeral expenses-35 missionaries Rs. 2,07,000

4. Parents Treatment support -16 cases Rs. 2,37,294
 5. First daughter-First delivery support-5 Cases – Rs. 48,000
- During the last four months from 01.02.22 to 31.05.22, 12 First Generation Christian missionaries have been assisted at the rate of Rs 7,000 each (Total Rs. 84,000) as marriage gift from General Crisis Fund raised from Donations.

Six first generation Missionaries have been supported for their children marriage from MKids funds (Donations) at the rate of Rs. 10,000 each during the last four months.

Corona treatment support has been extended to 23 missionaries during the four month period (01.02.22 to 31.05.22) for Rs. 4,84,005.

Please do pray and partner with us in upholding the missionaries.

Oddanchatram Retreat Center

Oddanchatram Campus was started with the sole purpose of meeting the unmet needs of the full time servants of God –to meet the - general health, mental & spiritual needs, to encourage them and enable them to be mighty witnesses.

Vision in a Nutshell:

- Vacation
- Master Health Check-up & Treatment
- Training as well as development
- Prayer and similar Spiritual Events
- Rest as well as rejuvenation.

Oddanchatram Campus serves in two fronts to fulfil the Vision of MUT – The First is Personal Development Programs (Training) conducted, here. The second is Rest House where “Servants of God” come to stay for Health Check-up, Treatment, Vacation, Rest as well as Rejuvenation.

Personal Development Programs [Training]

God’s servants face spiritual, psychological and physical stressors and in many cases, they are unable to receive the support they need due to several reasons. The stress study results revealed that these pressures lead some of the missionaries to break down, become inefficient in their work or develop problems in relationship. The training programs

are organized at a subsidized cost for improving inter-personal relationships, enrichment of marriages, healing of emotional wounds, meditational programs for spiritual renewal and programs for team building.

Covid outbreak disrupted the Personal Development Programs until February 2022. Since March 2022 we have started to have the Programs. With God’s Grace we could conduct the following programs: - Pre-Retirement Orientation, Pre-Marital Counselling, Spiritual Development Seminar [2], Life Revision Seminar, Biblical Counselling, Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills, Biography Writers Workshop, Lead Like Jesus.

We had 161 participants from various organizations Mahnaim, Brethren, Gilgal, NSM, NIRMAAN, ICGM, DMPB, New Life Ministries, NLCI, FMPB, IEM and few Independent Pastors as recipients of the blessedness of these programs.

Rest House& Medical

Medical - In spite of Pandemic restrictions, totally 77 Persons, stayed in our Rest House, during this period. Total number

Upcoming PD Programs: July to September 2022

Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills	TAM	Jul 18 – 23
Marriage Enrichment Seminar	TAM	Aug 2 - 5
P.T.P Abc's Of Counselling Level 1	ENG	Aug 7 – 13
R.M. Retreat	TAM + ENG	Aug 15 – 19
Spiritual Development Seminar [S.D.S.]	TAM	Aug 24 - 26
Marriage Enrichment Seminar	ENG	Sept 1 – 3
Biblical Counselling	TAM	Sept 6 – 9
Life Revision Seminar	ENG	Sept 13 - 17

of days they stayed was 225 days. Rs. 9210/- was accepted as donations.

A break up tells us 6 came for MHC, 26 on Other medical needs, 6 for Rest & Prayer, 4 for other needs.

They belonged to 16 different organizations [ANAND NIKETAN, BYM, FMPB, GEMS, GILGAL, GM, GMS, ICGM, IEM, ECI, NICL, FPGM, YWAM, FOM, SMILE ORG'S and few Independents].

Campus & Maintenance

We thank and praise God for enabling us to open the center after almost 2 years due to the pandemic. Many missionaries have

already started using this facility for their medical stay since January 2022.

Through donor support and your prayers, we have been able to complete the following

- 22 plastic easy chairs have been donated for the rooms.
- Fencing has been done for the open well
- RO Plant has been repaired

We request you to pray and support MUT Oddanchatram ministries.

Month	No. of Persons	MHC	Medical	Prayer / Rest	Other / Visit	No. of Days	Contribution	Missions
Feb	1		1			2	70	Rtd BYM
Mar	22		8	3		99	3460	Ex -MUT, ICGM, NLCI, Rtd FMPB, GEMS, FOM, INDEP
April	26	2	7	2	3	71	3155	Rtd BYM, GM, IEM, IMS, OMI, YWAM, FPGM, BYM, FMPB, INDEP, FOM
May	28	4	10	1	1	53	2525	ANAND NIKETAN FPGM, GMS, Gilgal, Rtd DMPB, IEM, FOM, GEMS, ICGM, ECI, INDEP
	77	6	26	6	4	225	9210	

Report // Coimbatore

The Coimbatore MUT Team meets every Wednesday to pray for Nations across the world, MUT ministries and other ministries. Two Pastors stayed in the Rest House during this period.

Vision casting was done at CSI St. Peter's Church, Rathinapuri in the month of April. The presbyter of the church promised to help MUT in the days to come. MUT was also introduced at two Pentecostal churches in and around Coimbatore.

Continue to pray for all MUT families in Coimbatore and for more families to join MUT ministry. Pray for more Pastors fellowships to join SMILE Project.

Pondicherry Rest House

A total number of 11 Missionaries stayed in Pondy Rest House and underwent treatment in JIPMER. Pr. Gireesh (Independent pastor, Kerala) & his wife Sr. Vidhya successfully underwent kidney transplant surgery in JIPMER on 16th March 2022.

A special Chain of prayer was conducted on 14.05.2022 from 5:30 am to 10:00 pm for constructing MUT Rest House at Pondicherry & for Music for Missions (MFM) 2022, around 90 plus MUT volunteers participated from all over India. MFM 2022 program was conducted on 4th June 2022 @ Kamban Kalairangam in order to raise funds for purchasing a land and constructing a missionary Rest House in Pondicherry

Report // Neyveli

On 6th Feb we conducted a Prayer for Missionary Children for their education, challenges and other needs. In this FOMS from Neyveli and Mkids core team members joined and prayed for Missionary Children.

From March 17th to 19th a retreat for Telugu speaking children through Zoom was organized. Around 35 children participated and were blessed.

On April 30th a team of FOMS from Pondy visited Neyveli to introduce about the construction of a Rest house at Pondy. Around 80 people gathered in a church and these people were given awareness about the need of a new Rest House and were encouraged to support that project in prayer and in finance. And to our surprise and to the glory of God even before the meeting ends we received Rs. 50000/- as donation for the same. We were moved with the awesomeness of God. We are raising funds for this project from FOMS of Neyveli.

During these months Some Mkids were motivated, encouraged in their depressions, counselled in their peer pressure problems, guided in their higher studies and getting jobs and more.

We thank and praise God for His leading, guidance and presence. ALL GLORY TO GOD.

Report // Tirunelveli

The General Coordinator Bro John Daniel's visit to Tirunelveli in the month of February 2022 was a blessing and encouragement. Volunteers took him to the IMS Head Office in Palayamkottai, Jesus Redeems Venue in Nalumavadi, Santhosha Vidyalaya in Dohnavur and the CSI Bell Pins hospital in Palayamkottai. His visit was thus a kind of Vision Casting and an attempt in widening the horizon of service in Tirunelveli.

It was the grace of God that the provision of transport could be resumed for Mkids and parents, when Santhosha Vidyalaya

closed for summer vacation. The service was availed by seventy six members.

Praises to God for His mercy and grace that regular weekly prayer meetings are going on and the distribution of prayer letters is continued.

Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me praise His holy name

Health Care

Providing Medical assistance to missionaries was as one of the objectives from the very inception of MUT. From 2001 the Medical assistance scheme was started to meet the vital unmet need of missionaries as they faced with physical challenges in their course of life journey. The same is done through the following interventions.

Master Health Check-Up (MHC): Being aware of the health challenges at an early age helps to maintain the body fit and healthy. The purpose of this check-up is to help missionaries to identify their issues. This helps them to be in the best of health to serve the Lord in the best possible way.

From February to May'22, 119 missionaries from 8 organisations underwent the same in 9 different mission hospitals and only few done it in other hospitals. Of which 75 from Maharashtra Village Ministries and 36 from Mahanaim Ministries have done the MHC.

51 missionaries are affected with chronic diseases like diabetes, hypertension and high cholesterol. Of which 8 missionaries are provided with generic drugs from MUT. Praise God for no any major illness found.

Apart from this five more missions underwent the MHC and reports are yet to be received. Few missions and missionaries are in the process.

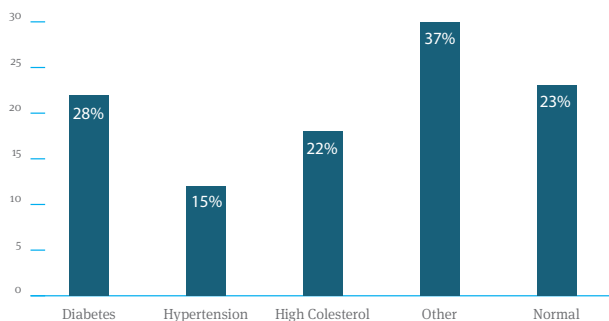
Medical Financial Assistance: From February to May'22, medical financial assistance provided to 524 Missionaries from 92 Organisations.

Affordable Cost Medicine (Generic Drugs): The same was provided to 73 missionaries from 31 Organisations with medicines for Diabetics, hypertension, Cholesterol and calcium & vitamin deficiency.

Chronic Health Care: Chronic diseases like diabetes, hypertension and high cholesterol are a major health concern among missionaries as this leads to significant morbidity and mortality when not managed properly. With this in mind a survey of missionaries suffering from chronic diseases has been undertaken by MUT since 2020 beginning.

A questionnaire is sent to all missions to respond with data regarding their missionaries with chronic diseases. Though persistent follow-up done only 41 out of 156 organisations responded to the questionnaire sent. Out of 41missions, 15 organizations have given their details completely which were scrutinized by the volunteer doctor and followed up with Affordable Cost Medicines (Generic drugs) provision.

Organization	No. of Missionary
ABCPF	2
CGMM	1
FEBA	1
ICRM	1
IET	1
MM	36
MVM	75
NLCI	2



Friends of Missionaries

February to May 2022

Chennai	Mr. Asir Jeyasingh
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What is FOM (Friends of MUT)?

Life Membership is Rs. 1,000/-. Contribution towards FOM is kept under a separate Corpus Fund. Interest from this is spent for the expenses towards printing brochures, receipt books and Care & Serve. So requesting you to become a FOM member and encourage others too.

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

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.

Life membership - Rs. 1,000

For friends abroad
Life membership - Rs. 10,000

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.

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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.

Promised Floods on Dry Land

Samuel Chadwick

There is no doubt that the one thing needful for the Church is the blessing of Pentecostal fullness. The flood would sweep away all the rubbish, fill all the dikes, and fertilize all the desert. The work of God cannot be accomplished without the fullness of the Spirit, and everywhere God waits to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.

It is His will that every believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit, overflow in the power of the Spirit, and in all things prevail through the Spirit. What hinders? The blessing is for all, and for all now. The conditions are simple, unalterable, and universal. God waits to fill ordinary people with extraordinary power, and to turn a baffled faith into a rapturous conquest.

How? Ask Peter and James and John! They were deeply attached and openly committed to Jesus Christ before Pentecost. They had left all for Christ's sake, but were still without Pentecost. They believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, were witnesses of His death and of His resurrection, but without Pentecost. They were workers: stewards, preachers, evangelists, workers of miracles, without Pentecost.

Then they heard the Promise of the Spirit, and set themselves to claim, wait, and pray, and according to the Word the Spirit came, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit!

SMILE

“MUT SMILE” is an entry scheme to help the full-time *Christian Worker’s* family in times of death.

Objectives

1. To provide Calamity Relief to the member/family of a member
2. To encourage the spirit of mutual concern and oneness
3. To provide a common platform to mobilize prayer support and comforting communications

MUT Smile benefits available for members include:

- Calamity assistance Rs 1,10,000/- to the bereaved family
- Immediate cash assistance Rs 6,000/- to the spouse of the beloved member who passed away
- Availing Guesthouse facility in Chennai, Vellore, Mumbai, Coimbatore & Pondicherry for medical.
- Medical Check-up at empanelled hospitals
- Training camps at Oddanchatram campus (ODC)
- Prayer support and Counseling / Psychological Care

Other benefits extended for Smile members through support scheme of MUT:

- One time assistance of Rs 10,000 for the treatment of heart attack, cancer and kidney failure
- Christmas gift of Rs 1,000 per annum (for three years) to the beloved family

Updates

Cash assistance of Rs. 10,000 each to three members during their time of ailment of heart attack and two for cancer treatment.

6 SMILE Members died between Feb – May 2022

Organisation Name	Member Name
Global Outreach Door Ministries	Chitra
Good Samaritan Church	Judah David
New Life Ministries	David
Evangelical Church Of India	Pushpa Raj T
Ever Loving Ministries	Biji Vargheese
Christian Welfare & Development Society	Meena Mary

Calamity Assistance of Rs. 25, 000/- was given to following 2 Families

Organisation Name	Member Name
Kothagiri Taluk Pastors & Evangelists Fellowship Trust	Stephen Prabhakar
New Life Ministries	Lazer G.

We are in the threshold of 8000 (7838) members enrolled. We thank God for His amazing hand of protection on all the Pastors family and their congregation and we were so glad to hear that in spite of the pandemic, churches were able to help and support their daily wage workers in the congregation.

During these Omicron days, ONE person who sought assistance was given Rs. 5, 000/- for Covid treatment.

Calamity Assistance of Rs. 1, 10, 000/- was given to following 6 Families

Organisation Name	Member Name
Evangelical Baptist Convention	Chinzapau
Amar Jyothi	Prateep Surijiya
Harvest Mission	Danil J.
Harvest Mission	Babniyabhai Gurjibhai Gami
Word Of Hope Ministries Trust	Johnson A.
Serve India Ministries	Sandeep Masih

Vision Casting

Vision casting helps to bring awareness about MUT and its values to those who have heard about MUT and engage the believers as partners in the future.

We had some programs for the believers in USA. On Jan 15th& 5th Mar '22, session was held to bring awareness to some existing supporters and other new believers from various church backgrounds. More than 60 persons participated covering two time zones in the US. Online link on the participation details was captured to do follow up. Not only were there good visual slides on the ongoing ministry carried by MUT but also how they can involve meaningfully was stressed. On 30th April 2022, a followup with some interested believers with more detailed projects by various coordinators by zoom was done. Formed a whatsapp group too on all interested believers. We are exploring ways and means as a team to keep the ministry of MUT updated and partner more in the coming days in US region.

On March 20th, '22 a missionary care presentation was done in St John's Church, Trichy. A special Lenten retreat was organized where Bro John Daniel and Bro Edwin Solomon participated. Informal house fellowship and meet with missionary kids was also done the previous day.

We are planning more meetings in Dharwad, Hubli, Karnataka, South Tamil Nadu, Pune and other places where we can link up with Churches and Groups

Lamtaput Rest House Project

The rest house project in Lamtaput, Koraput Dt. South Eastern Region, Odishahas been initiated in December 2021. Lamtaput is a small village with a population of 60,000. The Aim of Missionary Upholders Trust is to meet the “Common Unmet needs of Missionaries” since our motto is to meet the “felt needs of the concerned missionaries” not just the needs perceived by others.

Here is a progress update

- **New bore well** had been drilled on 27th April 2022 to the extent of 404 ft. We have good water. The old bore well could not provide water to our needs. We decided to go for another deeper bore well to cater to our needs.
- The **old immersion motor pump** was fixed on 4th May. Thanks for Pr. Abraham and team of Jeypore for their help to fix the immersion motor. The present motor is 1 HP in future we may have to go for 3 HP motor & pump.
- **The shed and the living space were electrified** on 19th May. We were managing with a small solar panel which provides

for limited needs. Electrification of the shed and living area has been completed so that it can be connected with the generator when needed.

- **New Generator** 7.5kv was installed on 24th May. We were using a generator borrowed from Asha Kiran Academy. It broke down often and finally was unusable. We then purchased own generator 7.5kv considering the future use. We praise God for His provision.
- **Rest house and staff quarter** foundation work has been completed up to plinth area including land filling. Due to various huddles and challenges, the construction process was delayed. We believe it is God’s time and plan that we are able to complete Rest house and staff quarter foundation work up to plinth level.

We need your prayers and support for various needs, the most pressing need is a 25 KV transformer, etc...



1. Entrance and culvet
2. Shed for materials
3. Foundation upto plinth

4. New bore well drilling
5. New generator
6. Staff quarters reaching the lintel level

Retired Missionaries Welfare

A Report on retired missionary care:

It is a joy to serve the retired missionaries, who have done yeoman service to the Lord in building His kingdom. We gain immense insights through the interactions on what the Lord has done in our nation through them.

Purpose of Retired Missionary Care:

'A missionary needs to be cared for from his Ministry Call to Home Call'. A retired missionary has lots of unmet needs in the physical, emotional and spiritual areas. The purpose is to care, meet some of the unmet needs and build a strong relationship with them so that they will be revived and continue to live for the Lord till the end.

Interventions:

This care is provided through regular communication through phone calls, WhatsApp messages, Retreats, Regional Fellowship Meets, language wise Zoom Meets, encouragement to write their autobiographies, connecting doctors, arranging medical checkup, providing financial assistance for regular medicines and hospitalisations and providing generic medicines and shelter for those in dire need. God provides the needed finance through His children, who care for retired missionaries.

As on 31st May, 2022 there are around 850 RMs from 75 missions. The number is on the rise and so are their needs. More member care volunteers are needed to serve the retired missionaries.

In the last 4 months from February 2022 to May 2022, God enabled the RMW team of MUT to provide the following care:

- (i) Medical Assistance against applications received with bills: During the FY ending 31st March 2022, around 250 RMs from 35 organisations were assisted up to Rs. 20.13 lakh for major medical problems like Cancer, Heart, uncontrolled Diabetes, for minor hospitalizations, Cataract surgery and Regular Medicines for BP, Diabetes, Heart, etc. God provided an additional earmarked fund of Rs. 4.48 lakh for around 45 payments for specific needs of the RMs.
During this FY, in April & May'22, 66 RMs from 17 missions were assisted up to Rs. 3.92 Lakh
- ii MARM: Medical Annual Assistance @ Rs.2,000/- was passed to 231 RMs above 65 years and had not received medical assistance against bills.
- iii Affordable Cost Medicines: 15 RMs of 9 missions were supplied with generic medicines.
- iv Rest House Stay: 13 RMs of 7 Missions stayed in the MUT rest houses for medical treatment.
- v Home Calls: 8 RMs from 6 Missions completed their earthly race and have gone home to receive their crown of life. Remember to pray for the dear ones, they have left behind. Funeral assistance of Rs.10,000/- is being passed on to the bereaved spouses, from donations.

We praise God for His provisions through you. Please continue to uphold their needs, the ones who lost their spouses, those who are very sick and those who have children who are not yet settled. Thank God for the partnership with CCM in meeting with the additional medical expenses of the retired missionaries. Pray for the need of persons with burden to care for the retired missionaries and partner with us in serving them.

Retired Missionaries who were called Home

Kamala Jimson	72 yrs, Bed ridden after a fall and fracture, leaving behind 2 married sons	FMPB
David Maniraj	71 yrs, Due to old age problem	BCM
Manoramma Duraisingh	78 yrs, Leaving behind daughter-in-law and grand children	FMPB
Davidson.T	69 yrs, Bereaved wife and children	IMS
Selvakumar.J	69 yrs, heart problem, leaving behind wife and children	TM
Prabhakar.K	66 yrs, due to Cardiac arrest, leaving behind wife and married children.	INEC
Mathew Jebaraj	68 yrs, stroke, pray for wife and children	FMPB
Johnson.D	77 yrs, Leaving behind wife and married children	LCM

Retired Missionary Regional Fellowship Meet Vellore:

Retired Missionary Regional Fellowship Meet Vellore – on 30.03.2022 was conducted @ Jesus is the Answer Prayer Tower, Virudampattu on 30.03.2022, Thursday from 9.45 am to 12.45 Pm . It was for the retired missionaries who are settled in Vellore region. 28 retired missionaries from 4 missions participated and were blessed. Mr. Selvasunderaraj, RM of ICCC shared the word of God from the book of Esther.



Missionary Upholders Family

MUF was formed in 1984, mainly to challenge and encourage Christian families to involve in missions by raising financial support and prayer for missionaries. There are over 1,400 missionary upholders families (MUF) who meet regularly for prayers and also support 470 missionaries from various mission organizations. 100 volunteers of MUF along with the missionaries of various mission organizations raise money for the medical assistance of member missionaries of MUT. There

are several local units at Thirumangalam, Dindigul, Madurai, Oddanchatram, Pondy, Neyveli, Trichy, Vellore, Bangalore, Chennai, Tirunelveli, Palayamkottai etc. where the contributions are collected and sent to missions.

Two meetings were conducted to decentralize the MUF collections in Madurai. Pray for effective ways that would be planned and many local volunteers to be raised.

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, energize and to motivate them, to build the kingdom of God effectively.

MUT is an umbrella body covering over 260 Organizations as member missions covering about 23,100 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 36 people (including 4 pensioners) 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.

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.

We welcome all those who wish to join in encouraging the missionaries and the Christian Workers, in their efforts to build the Kingdom of God, to partner with MUT in praying for them and the ministry of MUT. Those who are in ministry, a Church, a mission organisation or a follower of Christ with a passion for missions, may volunteer your services in different ways, as the Lord leads you.

You may send your donations towards the support of this caring ministry, 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 along with an email intimation.

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

Indian Bank, Anna Nagar, Chennai (A/c. No. 6688144561, 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)

MUT FCRA New Bank Account Details:

SBI, New Delhi Main Branch. (A/c. No. 40102284535, IFSC Code SBIN0000691, Swift Code SBININBB104)

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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.

For further information, you may contact:

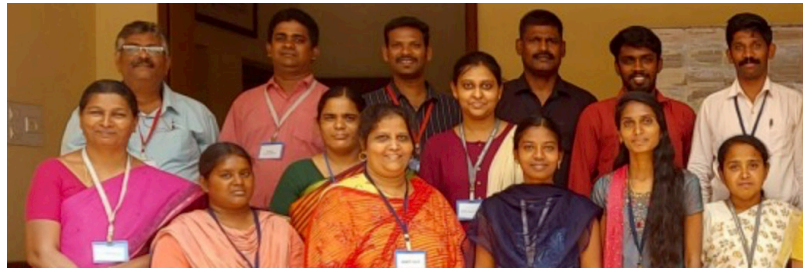
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 3. Pre-Retirement Orientation Program / 2 to 4 Mar 22

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6. SYIS / 25 to 30 April 2022



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Teach me to kneel in spirit before all whom it is my privilege to serve, because they are your children: to look for the family likeness, however homely or unspiritual the appearance of those to whom I am sent; however lowly my sphere of service and their needs may be.

I will be grateful for everything you give me to do... willing to use very simple things as the instruments of love the towel and the basin, the cup and plate and loaf, willing to do the most menial duties for the sake of love.

Come Lord! come with me: see with my eyes: hear with my ears: think with my mind: love with my heart--in all the situations of my life. Work with my hands: my strength. Take, cleanse, possess, inhabit, my will, my under-standing, my love.

Take me where you will, to do what you will, in your way.

For where you are, there would your servant be.

- Evelyn Underbill

O Christ, who being rich, for our sakes was made poor; King of glory, who did will to become the man of sorrows: teach us to serve you in the person of our needy brothers and sisters, weak, suffering and disregarded.

- Eugène Bersier (1831-1889)

When many are coming and going and there is little leisure, give us grace, O heavenly Father, to follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, who knew neither impatience of spirit nor confusion of work, but in the midst of his labours held communion with you, and even upon earth was still in heaven; here he now reigns with you and the Holy Spirit world without end.

- C. Vaughan (1816-1897)

Prayers for Everyday Life

