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Matthew 5:16

# 50 Ways to Love the Poor

*Dr. Mrs. Lilian Stanley*

1. Learn to smile at the poor. Talk to them with respect and love.
2. Ask their names and enquire about their family, house, etc. Visit their abode.
3. Take extra food packets for the poor while journeying.
4. Take some old and new clothes while travelling by car. In all likelihood you'll meet some poor on the way.
5. Lend cheerfully to the helpless.
6. Enquire about government schemes for widows, women, old people, girl children, and about bank loans and get them sanctioned for the poor.
7. Learn about leprosy homes, old people homes, orphanages, homes for the mentally retarded, deaf and dumb, and handicapped, blind school, etc., and help the poor for admission. Visit some of these institutions regularly and offer help.
8. Educate poor students by paying their fees.
9. Take free tuitions for poor students. Teach the illiterate to read and write. You can even start regular classes for the young and old in slums.
10. Adopt children in the age group of 0-12 and nurture them for God. Even those who have children can adopt.
11. Run a destitute home.
12. Pay a visit to Mother Theresa's home for the poor in Calcutta. Visit the nearest centre of the Missionaries of Charity and offer whatever help possible.
13. Visit government hospitals and meet with patients. See if they are properly treated. If not, meet the doctors and discuss with them. Give toys to very sick children in the paediatric ward.
14. Take the poor to the doctor for treatment.
15. Arrange marriages for widows and poor girls.
16. Adopt a very poor family in your neighbourhood and bring them up in life.
17. Fight the causes and cases of the poor, for example when their land is encroached.
18. Conduct a gospel programme for beggars atleast once a year and give them a good meal.
19. Invite the poor for a meal on your birthday or wedding anniversary.
20. Make or buy plenty of sweets and savouries during festivals and give to all the poor who visit you.
21. Conduct a short Sunday Service for the beggars sitting outside the church waiting for alms.
22. Take a poor family out for a holiday.
23. Dedicate some of your garden products for the poor.
24. Ransack lofts, trunks, suitcases, almirahs, shelves and give away things you have not used for more than a year.

25. Go singing Christmas carols in slums and give greeting cards and sweets to the downtrodden people.
26. Buy and keep a stock of little little toys or things which you can give to poor children when you come across them.
27. Stop swapping gifts with the rich and divert the money to the poor.
28. Help build toilets for slum-dwellers.
29. Set apart a tenth of your income and property for the poor.
30. Designate money or property in your will to an institution that cares for the poor.
31. Designate all the coins that come to your hand for the poor.
32. Keep a maximum of 10 good dresses and 10 ordinary ones for you and give away the rest to the needy.
33. Don't bargain with poor vendors.
34. If you receive wedding gifts in multiples don't exchange them in the shop. Give away the extra for the less fortunate. Don't store them up for your children and grandchildren.
35. Cut the habit of reserving your child's clothes for the next child. Let the next child enjoy new clothes.
36. Distribute your old books to the poor.
37. Conduct musical programmes in beggars hangouts.
38. Prepare food packets and distribute them in beggars abode.
39. Build huts for the homeless.
40. Repair the collapsing houses of the poor.
41. Visit the helpless. Clean up their home and cook a meal for them.
42. If giving of alms daily disturbs your work, teach them to come first of every month or every first Sunday. Then you can teach, give alms, pray and send them.
43. Lead a simple lifestyle so you can spend for the poor.
44. Conduct games and sports for slum children. Buy shuttlecock, football, carrom board, chess board, etc., for the poor to play. Fix a swing and may be a few other such things for them.
45. If you are a doctor or nurse, settle down in tribal areas or villages and uplift the people in as many ways as you know using your knowledge and training.
46. Visit the homes of the poor and be a friend to them. Attend their marriages, funerals and other celebrations.
47. Take time to patiently listen to their tales of woe.
48. Don't repair your footwear or old dresses and use them. Repair and give them to the poor for a few months of enjoyment.
49. Stop when you see someone lying on the roadside. Check if he is alive. If dead notify the municipality for burial. If alive help appropriately.
50. Don't feel obliged to eat all that guests bring or neighbours send you. You can share them to your health!

*(You may take copies of this article and distribute.)*

# The Journey of Life!

*R. Esme Robina*

Get your seat belts on guys. This is the journey of life. WELCOME! Your destination is Heaven. Your goal is eternity with your Heavenly Dad and your job is to set your hearts on a pilgrimage. Well, we are not here to stay on this planet, are we? Psalm 84:5 says, “Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.” We’re pilgrims, travelers, just passing by; so we’d better not get too attached to the stuff of this world. Instead we should set our hearts on “our true home” — HEAVEN, not the motels we happen to be living in. So, are you ready to start the journey? Well, hold on a second! There must be a question arising in your mind right now as to “What leads to life?” Well, the Bible says in Proverbs 19:23, “The fear of the Lord leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble.” Now, lets roll on ...

There are five important things to look to as we move in the journey of life. Let’s check on them, so that we may have a happy and successful journey.

## 1) Importance of Life

A great preacher once quoted, “Life is more than ministry.” Is it not? Won’t you go dashing to the stores to get updated to the everyday vogue? In the same way, if you get updated with your Bible, your journey will be smooth. A heart that totally seeks God has true worth in His eyes. So seek God in the days of your youth and you won’t regret it for the rest of your life. Matthew 1:1-17 talks of the genealogy of Jesus. Did you ever notice that there are some sketchy people mentioned there? Verses 3, 5 and 6, say of Tamar a widow who tricked her father-in-law into

sleeping with her, Rahab a foreign prostitute who helped the Israelites; Ruth — a penniless, immigrant widow who cared for her mother-in-law and Uriah’s wife, Bathsheba — King David’s partner in adultery. Have you ever wondered why they are named in Jesus’ genealogy? Maybe in part to show that Jesus came to save sinners, and also because these were ordinary people whose lives made an extraordinary difference. You may never see all the difference your life makes. It’s probably more than you’ll ever know. Christian — the word itself means ‘Christ-in.’ So if you really have Christ in you, you will surely be a light to others in this world of darkness.

## 2) Giver of Life

The extract in Ezekiel 37:1-14, witnesses ‘The Valley of Dry Bones,’ where God turned bones to life. Any kind of death is painful. Have you ever experienced any dream or relationship die? That can cause a deep heartache as when, someone you love dies. The spiritual death— separation from God due to sin is the kind of death that makes God sad. He gave life to some skeletons in a valley to show the life He can bring to the spiritually dead. Only God, the source of all life, can give life to dead dreams, relationships and bodies. Feeling like a dry heap of bones? Turn to God. In John 10:10, Jesus said that thieves, or spiritual counterfeits come to ruin the lives of people here on earth, while Jesus came to give us life, and life to the fullest. You were created to glorify God — to know Him and love Him. And that’s why Jesus came — so you could experience abundant life imaginable. That’s why it is rightly said, “Life is a beautiful donation from God.”

### 3) Purpose of Life

Victor Hugo said, “Life is a flower for which love is the honey.” That ‘love’ was given to us through Jesus, the Son of God. God’s love was so great that He planned for us the best, most wonderful gift imaginable — no matter the cost. So He sent us His Son who lovingly, willingly died for us so that we might live. We can’t get into Heaven just by living a good life. We have to be spiritually reborn through faith in Christ. Romans 14:8 says, “If we live, we live to the Lord; if we die we die to the Lord.” This is really comforting to know, because our lives belong to Him. We may look for life in friends, family, money, clothes, beauty, sex, drinking and drugs. But we can look for a purpose in life that goes beyond today and reaches into the future and only find it in one place: JESUS! He alone can show us the purpose of our lives.

### 4) Traps of Life

The journey of life is not devoid of temptations. It will prick us day after day and we need the power of the HOLY SPIRIT to resist the devil. It is said, “One who sits between two chairs may easily fall down.” Keeping one leg in the world and one in Christ will make us easily fall to the temptations in life. The very famous verse for youth, that is, 2 Tim 2:22, “Flee from the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart” says it all. Let’s think of a situation — A youth is wearing his new shoes and running, always running, running hard and fast away from something. What is he running from? “The evil desires of youth” — The temptations he faces everyday to pursue popularity rather than purity, to be more

concerned about himself than others, to doubt God’s promises than trust ... And what’s he running hard after? Righteousness, Faith, Love and Peace. May seem weird — but makes for a great life! So put your running shoes on, chum.

### 5) Kit of Life

You of course need first aid for the hurts in life and that is what Life-kit is all about. Without an aid, you can’t finish your journey, so we move to 2 Peter 1:3-4, which talks of a whole package which we’ll need for this journey. It says, “His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him ...” It is very nice when you have things you need everyday in your hand. Well, we’ve been given a “life and godliness kit” from God— everything we need has been given to us through our knowledge of God. By His power and His promises, we have come to know God and found in Him everything we ever needed. Thank God for the gift of this wonderful and all-inclusive “kit”! We don’t ever have to be Bible scholars to know all the truths. The Christian life is well within our reach.

So are we through all these ‘five important things?’ Well, I think now we have got our licence to start the Journey with all success. As in John 17:3, if we are believers, our eternal life has already started. It is only going to get better when we get to heaven but we don’t have to wait until then! If we know Jesus, we’ll say, “Woowww..., this is eternal life.” So let’s race ahead in the journey of life!

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# REHOBOTH - A place of rest!

I was 21 years old when I was required as part of curriculum in UG psychology to do a case study on mentally retarded children in a special school. Here I happened to notice how adolescent mentally retarded children were not wanted back home for even long school holidays. God put a burden in my heart to do my little mite to this section of the needy.

As a young girl who was about to be married, a ministry of this magnitude would not have been a welcome quality in a bride for an aspiring young man, but God had planned a perfect companion for my future and ministry.

Together, after marriage we registered "REHOBOTH" as a Public Charitable Trust on December 1998, as an organization to rescue and shelter mentally challenged destitute women from the streets. Rehoboth was started with two women who were picked up from the streets out of which one was a lady with multiple disabilities (vision, speech and hearing impairment). At present, "REHOBOTH" shelters 170 women all of whom were picked up from the streets.

Rehoboth prioritizes on women because when abandoned, they are not only exposed to infections and starvation but are also vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. In fact the first screening after every admission of an inmate is for pregnancy and HIV.

During our course of work with the mentally challenged women we encountered women who were abandoned with their children after a physical or mental disability set in. The present scenario with the availability of resources for such situations would recommend the child being sent to an orphanage and the mother to a rehabilitation shelter.

Thus "ARISE" - **A Rehoboth Initiative** for the **Stigmatized** and the **Estranged** was initiated to shelter such mothers and children together providing them both with rehabilitation and quality education respectively. Each family is given a small room for their private space.

Mentally retarded women who are picked up from the streets have very poor self help skills and are not even toilet trained. 30 to 40 year old women behave like 6 month old children requiring constant care and cleaning. Our work with women revealed to us that special children from poor families cannot afford therapy and special education due to the expense involved. If they had received training in basic self-help skills they would not have become a burden to their families and might not have been abandoned.

In the light of the above, an initiative to make early intervention among special children from economically backward families and prevent abandonment in the

long run was initiated in 2004. At present there are 22 members benefitting from the surrounding community who receive free physiotherapy and special education besides counseling for the mothers.

One of the numerous lessons our women have taught us is that 'nature is the best cure for mental health.' We have observed, our women not only enjoy working in the garden and with birds and animals but also show better mental health after their work. Thus self-sustaining projects involving piggery, poultry and agriculture is being done by our mildly challenged women at a village named Somangaram, 25 kms from our main shelter.

All our support is from friends and well-wishers locally.



Our greatest joy through these years has been watching our women get to meet the Lord. And make Him their Saviour in our premises.

Pray for us, visit us, refer suffering destitute women to us and support us.

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## **DEW - 2012**

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# Is it worth helping a dying man?

We are in charge of the *Manikka Kootam* (gathering of beryl stones) in the Head Quarters, on the first of every month. Around 55 very poor come for alms, breakfast, medical help and to hear the Goodnews. We try to visit one person a month and try to help.



On November first we were going to a leper's house after the meeting. On the way, in the bus-station we saw an old man fallen on the pedestrian walk with legs sticking out on the road. So we cancelled our house visit and stopped there. To our amazement it was Kuppusamy who comes with great difficulty regularly to our meeting. His thigh bone was broken and he was helpless. We felt uneasy to lift him up to the pedestrian walk because his legs were full of leprous sores.

Right then a muslim lady standing nearby bent down seeing our hesitation, held both his legs and helped us lift him up to the pedestrian walk and inserted a hundred rupee note in his pocket. All the while he kept on saying, "Don't worry about me. My Lord will take care of me. My Lord is with me." We were surprised. That was when we understood how much the Word we preached to them had taken roots in their hearts! He comes from Arni (30 km) and that day as he was getting down from the bus, the driver had started the bus and he had fallen down. He had been lying there for atleast two hours amidst the hub-bub of the bus station.

We phoned our friend Dr.Chitra in the Government Hospital and she advised us to call 108. We called and within half an hour the ambulance was there. Now we had the courage to hold his legs and lift him up to the ambulance. We went with him to the Hospital. Normally they don't admit anyone without an attendant but the Casualty Medical Officer admitted him. That was the next miracle.

Now our job was to find an attendant to take care of a bed-ridden patient. Who will volunteer for an old bed-ridden leper? We needed a miracle, prayed and kept trying. The next day another leper volunteered to send his wife. We praised God for solving the third problem. After five days the doctors wanted to discharge him since they did not have the necessary equipment for surgery. His condition started deteriorating. Doctors were urging us to take him home. Dr. Chitra and her husband, Dr.Senthil Kumar assured us and extended his inpatient days. On the 12th day he went to be with the Lord. When we found a New Testament in his bag, we knew he'd be in Abraham's bosom.

Another interesting fact came to light during this episode. Some of the beggars were spending Rs.15/- to come and get the Rs.15/- alms and breakfast we gave. When we asked them about it they said, "No, we don't come for the alms; we come for the meeting." Truly our hearts glowed with pride and we felt rewarded!

Is it worth helping a dying man? We felt a sure YES! We did not allow him to die on the street. He had a comfy bed and food till the end and he died a dignified death. And we felt we had helped a little brother of Jesus!

—Jeya & Julius  
Missionaries, Head Quarters

## The Murugud Church

In 1994 missionaries visited Tharle village (Maharashtra). There, a Christian nurse, Mrs. Tiwade said that her sister in Murugud is married to a Hindu man. Missionaries visited her and started a prayer meeting in her house. 12 ladies and 2 men attended regularly. Mrs. Nirmala and her family got baptized and through her, her house-owner Mrs. Kamal Kumble got saved. She was in a financial crisis and her husband used to get drunk and beat her. She used to cry to the Lord daily with her little children. Now the entire family is saved and all her four children are engineers. They are testifying to many.

Later on missionaries rented a room and conducted the prayer meeting. Today a church stands there as a witness to the labour of missionaries. The newly constructed church, Yeshu Christu Upasana Mandir, at Murugud, Kohlapur District was dedicated on 16.12.2011. The local leader Mr. Pravin Patil cut the ribbon and the local Police Inspector unveiled the tablet. Pastors from various churches graced the occasion. Rev. D.B. Samudre, pastor of Welider Memorial Church, Kohlapur delivered the message. 300 attended the service. Truly the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed! — Samuel Jothiraj

## CORRECTIVE TEACHING

The teaching of God's Word is not only to "inform" but also to "reform!" (2 Tim 3:16,17). On this basis, beginning with November 2008, Brother Stanley is presenting a bilingual weekly Telecast, English to Tamil, in the **Tamilan TV** on Thursdays from 9.30 to 10 pm. The subjects covered so far are *Prayer, Meditation, Giving, Worship, Battle, Ministry, Thinking, Repentance, Faith, Suffering, Planning, Work, Spiritual Gifts, Fellowship, Holiness and Sorrow*. Each subject is presented as a 10-part Series. The current subject telecast from January 19 is—

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# Into the Jungles .... !

*Mrs. Rani Jonathan, Nilgris*

When retirement looms like a dark cloud on most peoples' horizon, for me it was like the breaking of dawn. At last I felt free to pursue so many items on my agenda. I am a life member of the BYM magazine. And I decided to make a trip to Odisha to experience first hand the work on the mission field. And let me tell you, we were not disappointed when we undertook that journey.

The train journey from Chennai to Vizianagaram, on the Andhra Pradesh border, was pleasant and my daughter Suman and myself felt quite refreshed and eager the next afternoon to undertake the road journey to Jeypore (Odisha) by taxi. The bus takes a leisurely 6-7 hours for the 217 kms ride. The route was scenic, winding through forests on one side and slopes on the other, bumping along patches of deep potholes and rain-eroded sections of road which slowed us down to crawl, not to mention vehicles in front of us which kicked up clouds of dust, reducing visibility to almost zero. It was like an adventure for us and we enjoyed every moment of it.

We stayed with a dedicated missionary couple, Christopher and Christina, and their 2 lovely children, Hanny and Joshan, in Jeypore. Christopher is the State Coordinator for the mission work in Odisha and is an extremely busy man, traveling extensively into all the remote areas where most of the mission work takes place. They have mastered the Odiya language and are passionate about reaching Odisha with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christina meets regularly in her home with over 25 Odiya girls from a local college,

discipling them in the way of Christ. As a group, they visit an Ashram nearby that houses people who are rejected by society. They share Christ and also some food with them – after all, Jesus is the Bread of Life. Healing and miracles accompany their prayers for the people. Of late, they are facing opposition from the wardens, but they are undaunted in their outreach.

Umerkote, a fairly developed town about 108 kms. from Jeypore, has a hostel run by our missionaries for more than 40 tribal girls, most of whom have grown up here, and some of whom have reached college-level. They are a cheerful, close-knit group and eagerly picked up the songs my daughter taught them and listened with rapt attention to the Word.

Ramagiri, about 80kms. from Jeypore, has a little church, a hostel for about 40 boys and staff quarters. Dr. Jaisankar lived and worked here for some years, taking care of the people and doing his utmost to ease their suffering. But now, the need of the hour is for a doctor, or at least a qualified nurse, who can provide basic care to these simple folk, almost forgotten by the world.

We visited a BYM day care center in nearby Cherka where over 300 tribal children are fed and taught basic skills before being sent off to the nearby school. We were so blessed by the kids here and pleasantly surprised to see this pocket of constructive activity in an otherwise sleepy little cluster of villages. In other areas, the scorching sun in summer, the prolonged and torrential rains during the monsoon and the biting cold in winter

are often reasons to close down local schools, sometimes for 2-3 months at a time as these areas become inaccessible due to the poor infrastructure and the almost non-existent roads. However, the situation is sure to improve once these basics are met. What we take for granted is often a luxury in these parts.

There are roads and tracks branching off into the forest areas, each one leading to a village untouched by modern ways. However, God be praised, most of them have been impacted by the gospel through the untiring efforts of our missionaries and many families have emerged from paganism to trust in the living God. There is Naxal activity in these areas, but even they are slowly becoming friendly with our brothers.

The local people are very simple, depending on farming for their livelihood. Their staple crops are rice and maize (corn), planted on acres of rich agricultural land, stretching as far as the eye can see, right up to the horizon, in colorful wide open spaces, uninterrupted by buildings and other signs of modern life. There is great potential for development here. The people will benefit from newer methods of farming and they need to acquire knowledge skills to harness their natural resources for their benefit. There is also much scope for the tourism industry which could help put this backward area on the map.

Wherever we went into the mission fields to meet the believers, we were warmly welcomed by smiling tribal women who poured cool water over our feet, signifying their acceptance of us—a symbolic gesture right out of biblical times, which interestingly, felt like a cold drink hitting the back

of our dusty throats! We were amazed to see church buildings in these inaccessible parts, complete with a cross on top, a small pulpit, and a tiny baptism tank. The simplicity and sincerity of their worship touched us and brought tears of joy to our eyes. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues, worshipping God with the free abandon that came with the child-like innocence of their faith.

Romans 15:20-21 fulfilled to the letter – taking the gospel where Christ is not known, that those who did not see and hear will now see and understand. No doubt, the conditions here are very challenging, but if you have a call upon your life, a spirit of adventure, a love for people and nature and above all, a deep trust in the Lord, then this is the place for you!



*With Biriguda believers*

We had visited only a wee bit of the vast work done by BYM in Odisha. There is so much more we could write about our brief though eventful trip, the many other places we visited, the anointed brothers and sisters we met, and the wonderful way we were blessed by our unique experiences there. But right now, the people of Odisha are in need of our prayers and support and I truly hope we can give that to them .

## NEWS FROM THE FIELDS

The Blessing Youth Mission has stationed 322 missionaries in 14 States of India, namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal for reviving churches and missionary evangelism leading to church planting in churchless places. There is so much news, that we do not know which one to present and which to leave out. However we have gleaned a few from the reports we received from the fields for your PRAISE and PRAYER.

Missionary Leence Joel shared God's Word in Iswar Prem Baptist Church in Jorhat, **ASSAM**. Balichapuri village is regularly reached. During the last visit 30 heard the Goodnews. Since October 2011, Sunday worship has been started in this village and 6 participate. Missionary Somasundaram shared the Word in Lokmi Church in Majuli. God opened the doors for our missionaries to share in the Phulluguri Baptist Church, Jorhat Christian Medical Centre Nursing School and the Borbheta Baptist Church.

Women's Retreats were conducted in Majuli (12th Jan) and Jorhat (26th Jan). Chezhan and Premalatha Chezhan were the speakers. Please pray for missionary Saritha Somasundaram who is pregnant with her second child.

Missionaries of **CHATTISGARH** celebrated their first Christmas with the Suryavanshi and Sabaria tribes. Our native worker, Mr. Shankar Lal Hansraj is working among them in Kamrid, Karnoud, Tal Devari, Kosmandha, Dhurkot and Dirra. Mrs. Geetha Hansraj is teaching the children to read and write. Ratanpur was visited and one family was located who could be of help for our ministry there. Further visits are planned. Christmas was celebrated for our non-Christian contacts in Raipur.

**KARNATAKA** missionaries seem to have wings. They are flying everywhere and accomplishing so much. 50 year old Shanthi was delivered from demon possession. In Keghadha village 30 gather to pray and worship the Lord. They need a place to worship. In Jathkka village, Andrew has given a room in his house for worship. In Bachanahathalli village missionaries constructed a simple shed in March for the people to worship the Lord. Due to heavy rains it collapsed recently. Pray for a regular worship shed to be constructed.

We have a hostel for the Siddhi tribal boys. But the girls remain neglected and uneducated. Pray for a hostel for these unfortunate girls. Believers are multiplying and churches are coming up. Our missionaries get tied up to these churches. Instead, if elders rise up in each church, missionaries can move out to extend the Kingdom of God. We request your prayers as missionaries try to identify mature believers and train them to shepherd the believers and to ultimately take over the church. Praise God for believer Nithya who was enduring beatings daily from her unbelieving husband for not being able to bear a child. She is pregnant now!

Missionary Mohana Krishnan encouraged the 22 ladies in the CSI Ladies Fellowship (Hassan) and shared 4 messages at Gujarat Discipleship Training Camp. Catherine Mohana Krishnan has started 'Spoken English' classes for Nursing College students at Hassan. 19 people participated in the Banjara Retreat at Summadi and were blessed. 35 Banjara people accepted Christ in Ramadurg. Pray that God may raise Banjara workers to labour among them.

Nearly 150 believers experienced revival showers when missionary Sadamal shook them up with the Word of God in Jamakhandi. Please pray specially for the deserted children of Devadasis in Jamakhandi and neighbouring places.

God is doing great things in **MADHYA PRADESH**. Missionary Jason and our partner Terrance Anurag were burdened for the Mawasi tribe and rode in their bike for one and a half days to reach them. Rajkumar, a Mawasi took them to Munnalal, his brother who took them to two interior villages. God's love was preached to the people. Night they spent in Munnalal's house. His hospitality to strangers was praiseworthy. They are a dying tribe as their number is dwindling. Malnutrition deaths are common. Pray that God may open the hearts of these people.

The Sagar Radio Station invited our youth to give a Christmas Programme for half an hour through which the Goodnews was presented all over Sagar area. Some of our youth are planning to start a tuition centre, 'The Hope Centre.' Pray for this venture to get the gospel across.

Christmas Programme was organized in the Chief Minister's house (BJP Govt.) for all denominations. Dr. Jaisankar and Florence participated along with 1000 others. Their son Wesley danced a Punjabi dance along with the ECI Church team. Three pastors preached the Word of God. The Chief Minister sat through the 2 hour programme. Praise the Lord! What cannot happen in the future!

Praise God for the good response among the Gosavi (rag pickers) community in Kapshi village, **MAHARASHTRA**. Some are coming to our church. Please pray for believer Saritha in this village whose lower limbs are paralysed. Pray for suitable life partners for Mohan, Radhika, Sheethal Vaishali and Praise God for our believer Pramila who was able to build a house after long struggle.

A team of 21 adults and 5 children from Coimbatore, under the leadership of Bro. Natarajan, came to celebrate Christmas at Gargoti along with the missionaries from 25 to 27 December 2011. It was a joyous time. They shared the Word in Radhanagari, Gargoti, Pandewadi, Murugud and other places.

Lot of interesting things have been happening in **RAJASTHAN**. A team of 17 youth partners,

under the leadership of pastor Paul, Zion fellowship from Hyderabad visited our Bhil fields. It was a great encouragement to the believers and staff to know that they are backed by a strong fellowship. The team was also filled with joy and took back the field challenges with them.



*Believers in Miyathi Village*

60 attended the Partners Meet where Mr. Rajadas from Chattisgarh preached the Word and two missionaries shared the field news. The defunct prayer cell in Christian Ganj at Mr. Innocent Massey's house was restarted. Now 10-13 persons regularly attend. The Kailashpuri prayer cell is going strong with 18 youth attending regularly. A new prayer cell has been started in Panchsheel in Mrs P. Das' house with 10-12 members participating. Three persons obeyed the Lord and joined the Body of Christ. The prayer cell at Amity is swelling up in number. Missionaries meet with college students secretly after college hours. Pray for Dheeraj from Rajput community who is eager to know the Lord.

Missionaries are prayerfully gearing up to take the Goodnews to schools and colleges. In Modsi, 12 youth are attending evening prayer regularly.

The girls team stepped out by faith for witnessing in a Jain college without any known contact in the college. The Lord honoured their bold faith and enabled them to meet three girls. As they were witnessing some more girls joined them and listened to the Goodnews. None of the girls had ever heard the Goodnews!

The bamboo shed of a believer, where missionaries were conducting Sunday Service in Pungamaduvu, Arnoothu Hills, **TAMILNADU** was destroyed by a fire and things worth Rupees

one lakh were damaged. Lightning struck some coconut trees. Then some goats of a believer died. Unbelievers are mocking the believers because of such incidents. Pray for the renovation of the Aladipatti Church.

Thank you for your prayers for Mohan who was at death's door due to heart valve problem. He recovered and is now helping us a lot in the Chitling field. Rajasekar and Vimala Rajasekar have joined the Chitling field as missionaries.

It is now 21 years since the Chitling church was built. White ants are destroying the wooden roof. The renovation cost will be 60,000.00 rupees. S. Thathampatti church needs a missionary quarters (2,28,000). Vachathi church also needs a quarters and bore well (2,50,000.00). Since Chitling is the beehive of activities, important gatherings, visiting partners, V.B.S. and Summer Training Camps need toilet and bathroom facilities (1,25,000.00). Pray for all the needs. As the Lord supplies, we will undertake the above pending projects.

The staff number is increasing in **UTTAR PRADESH** and the ministry widening. Missionaries visited Jiyapur, Jamuwan, Hadora, Bhadewar and Kotiya villages. 27 Christian families were visited and literature and Study Bibles worth Rs. 7330/- were given.

In Shahabpur 2 buffalos were sick. Our native worker prayed for them. God answered his prayers. Owners of the buffalos attended the worship service and shared their testimony and glorified God.

Cottage Prayer was conducted in Mrs. Kala Newton's house that has led to more open doors. Our missionary Saravanan was invited to share God's Word to FMPB trainees in a village near Jhansi. Participants of the Bible Study in Mrs. Vinodhini Singh's house testified to their eyes being opened to Biblical truths taught by our missionary. Another Bible Study has been started in Mrs. Esther's house for youth. Young boys and girls participate enthusiastically. An LCD projector will be of much use for these Bible studies.

**WEST BENGAL** news is spicy. Missionaries

Chezhan and Premalatha are getting the grip of the West Bengal ministry. They organised a picnic for believers at Chengamaiy river bed. 60 made it and enjoyed the fellowship. 14 made a covenant with the Lord and participated in the Lord's supper. Goshpukur Youth Prayer Cell members prepared the lunch.

Missionary Stella was blessed with a baby boy. Pravin and his wife, Elias, Naiari, Gabriel and his wife accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Jotin, our Trainee is a committed worker. He had to leave to take care of his mother whose health was failing, since he is her only boy. Pray for his mother's recovery and his future.

Worship sheds need to be built in Sathbill, Koiriojute, Singipetta, Kathopetta and Chappatti. The need is enormous. Pray that God will supply all our needs.

The **HEAD QUARTERS** office is the nerve centre which needs your special prayers. Thank you for your prayers for Theresa. She has improved a lot. Paul Vasanth distributed tracts in the Katpadi Railway station and shared the Goodnews with 25 post operative patients in the Eye Hospital. He shared the Goodnews in the Goodnews Festival to 500 in Nandiya village.

Jeyasingh has to travel through various States for Auditing work. Pray for journey mercies. Priscilla's mother is a Bible Woman. Pray for her ministry. It is an honour to have a Bible woman mother. Thalitha types the English Magazine, Tamil Magazine, page sets, types books for reprints, Newsletter and Tamil communique. Jerisha is in charge of the Human Resource Department and has heavy work load on her shoulders. Antony and Mercy celebrated their tenth Wedding Anniversary with their daughter Nancy and prayer cell students.

Pray for Kesavan that he may be healed of sinus infection and wheezing. Pray for his father's salvation. After Porkodi joined the hq office, lot of pending works are getting cleared.

All the **STAFF** wrote the Vital Breath Contest and many testify that it was useful for their

personal, family and ministerial life.

Christmas was celebrated by our staff in villages, Blind Schools, Prison, Leprosaria and many other places. Pray especially for those immersed in paper work leaving no time for direct ministry that they may find fulfillment in the office work they do for God. Most of the missionary Kids celebrated Christmas with their parents. Some didn't have the privilege. Pray for parents who pay a costly price to extend the Kingdom of God.

Pray for Mrs. Shantha Gowda awaiting her thyroid surgery. Pray for Suganthini to be healed of wheezing. Josephine Siddhi had a uterine fibroid weighing 3 kg removed surgically and is recovering.

Mrs. Jebamani (60), mother of Sumangali Jeremiah entered glory on December 12th after a brief illness. She was a praying mother, interceding every day for 4 hours, mostly for missionaries. Sumangali could neither attend her father's funeral nor her mother's.

Mrs. Gideon Pani (Odisha) fell down from the bike and broke the hip bone. Since she is an epileptic she had to be brought to CMC Hospital (Vellore) and is undergoing treatment.

**STAFF CHILDREN** are our future pillars. Do uphold them in your regular prayers. Baby Enosh (8months), S/o Mrs & Mr. Appalasaamy (Andhra) was diagnosed for Tetralogy of Fallot (four defects in the heart). We were trying to get him operated through some charity organization. God answered our prayers and he could avail a government quota in Andhra Pradesh itself. He was operated and is doing well. Praise the Lord!

Tyndale, S/o Suganthini and Saravanan (U.P) broke his wrist. Praise God, it healed uneventfully. Pray for him to be healed of wheezing. Hope you enjoyed Esme's article on page 5. Pray for her writing gift.

Praise God for Vinaya (MCA), D/o Vasantha

and Christmas and Preethi (5th Std) D/o Julie and Periasamy who stand first in their classes. Ruth (18), D/o Mothis is very sick due to hepatitis B.

Stephen Jothiraj S/o Jeya Anbu and Sam Jothiraj was united in holy matrimony on the 27th of January with Nesapriya in Nazareth, Tamilnadu. The bride and groom are mission minded.

As much as you pray for us, we pray for you too. We need to pray for one another. Pray for the consolation of Mrs. Glory Lawrence Jeyaraj who lost her husband in a road accident in Palayamkottai. They sponsor a missionary and collect pledges for BYM. Dr. Suthakar and Mrs. Ruby Suthakar have been our close partners since many years. Ruby was operated for cancer 2 years ago. Now there is relapse. Pray for the family. They have two teenage children.

We thank God for Mr. Selvaraj who has undertaken the construction of many of the Mission's buildings. His daughter Preethi was united in Holy matrimony in Vellore on the 5th of December 2011. Pray for God's blessings on the couple.

All over the world we witness an unrest and economic collapse. Wickedness and diseases are multiplying. All these point in the same direction — our Lord's return. The Newspaper is a prayer circular. Spread it before the Lord and intercede. God is waiting to hear you.

We send the magazine matter (February) to the press on the 12th of January, so as to get to you on the 1st. Therefore understandably news reaches you late. For example, HALO 2012, the youth camp for boys, starts on January 13th. But the news will reach you only in March, because Jan 12th the February magazine goes to press. Hope you understand.

God be with you till we meet again!

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