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I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of
God in Christ Jesus. Philipians:3:14



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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear readers of Chalk and Chai,

Warm greetings to you in the most Holy and Precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It gives me immense joy to write to you through **“Chalk and Chai”** in the first quarter of this New Year 2018. I praise God for the former General Secretaries – Dr. Devapaul who laid the foundation of ETF, Mr. Eappen John and Dr. Spurgeon Anandaraj for their vibrant leadership, prayer life and involvement during these 40 years journey of ETF. Stepping into the next decennium as a new team of leaders is really a challenge for ETF ministry.

Though we are living in a comfortable modern age, when science and technology, modernity and post modernity, art and architecture, are developing at a very fast rate, we have to remember that, divorce in families, broken homes, child abuse, kidnapping, unemployment, social and religious clashes, selfish attitudes, greediness, sex discrimination, corruption and malpractices, nuclear threats and bomb scares, immorality and injustice rates are increasing at a faster rate. Though the information technology has made this world a global village, the typical characteristics of a 'Village Life' like community living, social awareness, and social concern are declining and are almost lost. The competitive spirit around the globe is sharp and steep and the entire human race is inclined to reach great heights in society by suppressing others rather than to uplift the downtrodden and marginalized people. As a result, in this age, the concern for fellow men, care for nature and environment, commitment to each other

are declining. It is sad to observe that the world of education is not an exemption to this trap.

But let us remember, as an educated and educating community of Christians, we are **Chosen by God** to impart knowledge in various fields through teaching and research. We are **Called to serve God** faithfully by educating this generation the importance of education in implementing God's standards rather than man's standards in this corruptive and chaotic society. Unlike any other profession, we as educators are privileged to have direct access to the society through the students (younger generation) and their parents. In this context, let us realize that we have a great **Challenge** set before us to establish and extend the kingdom of God in the global society.

As we head towards the golden Jubilee of ETF in the next 10 years, may the Lord who guided us so far enable us to see beyond the horizon to reach the unreached in establishing His kingdom through the vision and mission of ETF.

God's Blessings,

Caroline Michael
General Secretary, ETF



Caroline Michael
General Secretary, ETF

Dangerous downward spiral

or

God's breathtakingly beautiful vision

In the thirteenth chapter of Genesis, there is a strange scenario of two men intensely engaged in conversation. They positioned themselves at a vantage point that commanded a panoramic view of the surroundings and they proceeded to discuss how separate themselves from each other.

The elder man Abraham was probably saddened by the discussion - he would rather have his nephew with him than let him chart his own dubious destiny. Abraham loved Lot like a son. It was only after Lot left him that he prayed fervently for a son.

Lot was intoxicated with greed. When his Uncle gave him first choice he hastily grabbed the opportunity. He did not pause to seek guidance from the patriarch. He had a know-it-all attitude.

In Leo Tolstoy's famous short story 'How much Land does a man Need' the protagonist Pahom has an unquenchable lust for land. His greed eventually consumes him and causes his untimely death. Lot was similarly blinded by greed. All he could see in Sodom and Gomorrah was the fertile land and the material prosperity; he could not see the spiritual scarcity and moral depravity. His decision-making about his career and his future was fueled by avarice. If we look around us today and even if we take a hard, honest look at ourselves, the tragic conclusion is that the massive majority subscribe to Lot's style of

decision making. At every crossroad in life we need to commit ourselves to passionate seasons of prayer. Long hours on our knees will transform us by the renewing of our mind and help us look at things the way God looks at it. Instead, we talk about rat-race and gold-rush and immigration points and credit scores and eat-all-you-can buffets. Utterly satisfied by selfish success, we blatantly neglect God's vision for our lives to be a brightly lit candle in the darkness, a beacon of hope, a blessing to the world around us. Lot's vision hardly went beyond Me, myself and my iPad.

Interestingly, this conversation marked a turning point in both their lives. For Lot it was a dangerous downward spiral and for Abraham it was another step of faith and surrender and sacrifice bringing him closer and closer to God's breathtakingly beautiful vision for all mankind.

The first lesson we learn from Lot is to be utterly mindful of the Choices we make. Standing right there in front him was the humble and loving Abraham. There is no greater human role model of unquestioning, implicit obedience to God. Lot should have been his lifelong student, he would have continued to benefit from the residual flow of perennial prosperity, God's protection and preservation from evil. But he made a choice to assuage his own clamour for luxury and short-term success and skin-deep attraction.

Not long after he moved to Sodom, God gave Lot and his family a wakeup call. He was brutally attacked and taken captive. Lot should have realized that wherever there is wealth there is also strife. If we wear our spiritual lens we can easily see that material blessings are often curses masquerading as blessings. If we make wrong choices in life, we soon learn the art of enduring curses. This was the second downward milestone in Lot's life - the curses he endured.

God gave him a second chance. Abraham was moved with compassion and galvanized his tiny army of 318 trained men and pursued the marauding armies and rescued Lot. On the way back Abraham encountered the mysterious Melchizedek and instituted the practice of tithing. Lot was watching all this and had a compelling reason to repent. Later he heard Abraham sternly refusing to take any gift from the king even though he was told that all the possessions were now rightfully his. Abraham detested this wealth and flatly rejected the gift. Lot's eyes should have opened, he should have begged Abraham to take him back. But he was still pursuing his utopian dream of power, prestige and prosperity.

Neither God nor Abraham gave up on Lot. In Genesis 18 we see Abraham begging and pleading with God to spare the sin-infested land. Was Lot so foolish and so hard-hearted that he ignored the writing on the wall? Though not recorded in the scriptures, we can be sure that God himself sent scores of signs and messages and struggled to penetrate the stubborn will of this man. By this time Lot had gained a position at the City gate. Maybe he had the smug satisfaction of achieving his dreams of popularity, prestige and wealth. But what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul. Surprisingly Peter declares Lot as a righteous man but beyond a shadow

of doubt the family had acquired the worst moral perspectives in a degenerative culture.

This third phase in Lot's life can be termed as the 'consequences we bear'. Lot and his family were so deeply entrenched in moral filth of Sodom that they refused to leave the place till they had to be physically yanked out. And still his wife turned back to her own destruction. And the two daughters indulged in the most shameful display of incest, sleeping with their own father in a state of intoxication. They should have been repenting and praying and committing themselves to God like David expressed in Psalm 51 saying 'create in me a clean heart'. God would have miraculously transformed their destiny. They chose to bear the frightful consequences of all their terrible sins.

What a sad end to his journey? What a grotesque family life they had? Lot's grandchildren were also his children, his daughters became his wives.

The distressing downward slide began with just one wrong decision and a persistent refusal to see reason and repent.

The Lord Jesus makes it abundantly clear that there are just two paths, a broad way and a narrow one. There is no middle ground. There is no room for token appearances at spiritual gatherings or half-hearted spiritual mumbling. If we are not living in perpetual obedience to God and if we are not experiencing the deep joy and peace of following him, then we are already on the rosy path to damnation. We could be blind like Lot, choking on the consequences of our own very bad choices.



A. Pramod Chandrasekhar



Passing on the BATON

The following members were elected to the various posts and the Executive Committee for the next Biennium (2018-2020) by the General Body on 21st October 2017 held at Hyderabad during the Ruby Jubilee Biennial National Conference

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With a grateful heart to my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I am extremely happy to present this report.

It was a joyful experience to visit North East from 11th to 21st January 2018. I am thankful to Dr. John Zachariah, Mission and Counselling works (tripuramission2011@gmail.com) for coordinating with the Tripura Mission leader Rev. Bijily and Mr. Ajendra, Principal, Thomas English School, (English medium school upto VII std.) in a remote place, Purbahanpara in Tripura.



On 12th January I could visit the school campus and introduce the ETF ministry to the teachers of that school along with a couple of teachers from the neighbouring schools. The teachers were happy to know about ETF and expressed the need for equipping program for teachers in their place. The hospitality with care and concern of Rev. Bijily and Mr. Ajendra are greatly appreciated. At Tripura, I am happy to get introduced to Dr. Vidhya from Udumalpet in Tamil Nadu who was also interested in knowing



about ETF ministry. She has completed her Ph.D. in Maths from Mississippi, US and wants to serve the Lord as a teacher. I am thankful to Dr. Ann Miriam

Mission Trip to North East and Maharashtra

Correspondent of Makunda Christian High School. It is located in Bazaricherra a remote place in Karimganj District in Assam. I was



involved in equipping program for teachers by conducting the workshop, "Joy of Teaching – Learning" from 13th to 17th January.

About 34 teachers participated in the workshop. There were about a few teachers from southern states of India who are serving as tent makers in this school. ETF ministry was introduced and the teachers were encouraged to start a ETF local unit in Makunda Christian School. I was greatly challenged by the selfless service and commitment of Dr. Ann and Dr. Vijay Anand who are serving the Lord in such a remote place

for more than two decades. The care and concern and the hospitality of Dr. Ann and encouragement by Mr. Daniel the



Principal of Makunda Christian School are greatly appreciated. I cherished the prayer and fellowship time with Dr. Ann during my stay there.

I praise God for Mrs. Praisya Rongharpi from Mt. Calvary school,

Diphu, in Karbi Anglong Dt., Assam who participated in the 9th Christian Teachers' Conference held at Yelagiri, Tamil Nadu in May 2011. The link continued and now her mother Mrs.

Nirupama, Principal, Mt. Calvary School has been elected as EC member to represent the state of Assam.

Half a day seminars were organized by Mrs. Nirupama on 19th and 20th January at Mt. Calvary School, Diphu. About 45 teachers attended. The teachers of Mt. Calvary School were encouraged to start a ETF local unit in their school.

Mrs. Nirupama and myself could spend time in discussing about ETF

ministry with the Assam EGF president Mr. L. K. Muchahary and his wife in their residence at Diphu. Mr. Muchachary



expressed the great need for the teachers of North East to get equipped in their profession and was very happy to coordinate with teachers in EGF not only in Diphu but in Assam state.

We could also meet Mr. Moses Hansel, Principal of Christian English High School, in his office at Diphu to introduce ETF. Mr. Jam Dou Thang,

Professor in Diphu Government College, a EGF leader was very happy to receive us at his residence in Diphu and expressed the need of equipping programs by ETF. My special thanks to the ASEGF president and other EGF leaders who have expressed their desire to involve in organizing programs by ETF in North East.

I praise God for the vibrant leader Mrs. Nirupama for her involvement in the promotional work for ETF in Diphu



and I express my gratitude from the depths of my heart to her and her family members for all their care and concern during my stay over there.

On my way back I could interact with a co passenger Mrs. P. Angbhenla Phom from Longleng, Nagaland while travelling from Dimapur to Kolkata. She is the Woman Secretary of Phom Baptist Christian Association (PBCA) and also the director of the Phom Lempong School (PLS) and was happy to know about ETF and wanted ETF to minister to the school.

I praise God for the fruitful ministry in North East, for His protection and guidance during my long trip to North East. I am greatly encouraged by the open doors for ETF in North East states and the prayer support and encouragement by ETF family.



ETF launched in Sholapur, Maharashtra

By God's grace on 26th January, a retreat for teachers was organized by Mrs. Flora Bawadekar at Sholapur, Maharashtra. About 30 teachers participated from 14 different educational institutions. ETF was introduced and 20 teachers from Sholapur could become the members of ETF. The teachers in Sholapur under the leadership of Mrs. Flora and Mrs. Sunita Paul have decided to meet as ETF Local unit on fourth Saturday of every month. I appreciate the help rendered by Mrs. Darshana by interpreting English to Marathi.

On 27th January with Mrs. Flora and her husband Pastor Suhas Philip I could visit Mary Memorial campus and met the Principal of Mary Memorial school at Daund, Pune Dt. and Pandita Ramabai





Mukti Mission (PRMM) campus ,Kedagaon, Pune Dt.and introduced ETF to Mrs.Lorrin, the director of PRMM.

I praise God for the vibrant leadership of Mrs. Flora Bawadekar and her team for starting a strong ETF local unit at Sholapur. With deep gratitude, I thank Mrs.Flora Bawadekar and Pastor Suhas Philip , Mrs.Sunita Paul and Dr.Paul for their love, affection care and hospitality during my stay over there and I praise God for their lives dedicated for God's ministry. My special thanks to Mrs.Hema Solomon and Mr. Solomon for taking care of my stay.

 Dr. Caroline Micheal



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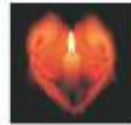
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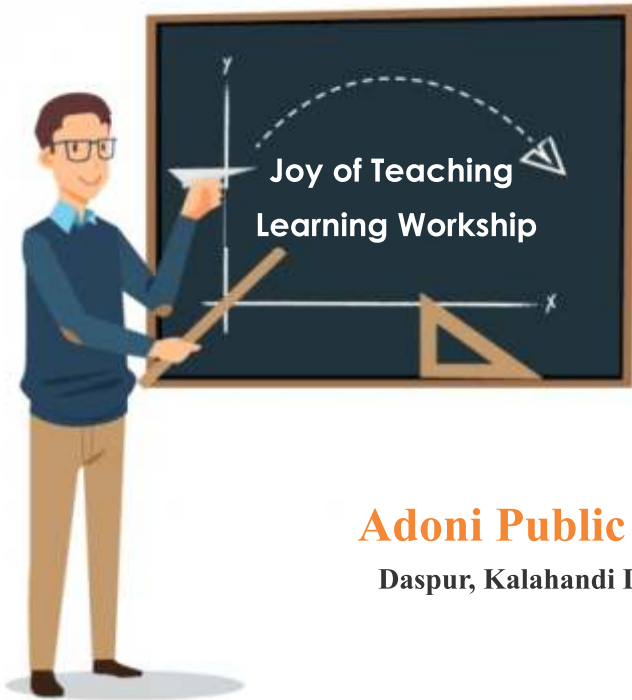
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**Adoni Public School,
Daspur, Kalahandi Dt., Odisha**

Report by Dr. Caroline Michael

Daspur in Kalahandi Dt., Odisha is a small village where the functioning of Adoni Public School and the simple Rapha Sethia Hospital carry out the mission work through education and medical facilities. The Joy of Teaching – Learning Workshop was conducted for two days on 21st and 22nd November 2017. There were 27 teachers from Adoni public School, 1 teacher from Venkateswar English medium School and 5 teachers from Peniel Public School.

Every day the workshop began with the morning devotion by Dr. Abhi Chandra Sethia, the Director of Adoni Public School. Dr. Michael Faraday and Dr. Caroline Michael from Chennai and Dr. Santha Prabhuraj and Prof. Annie

Crystal from Coimbatore were the facilitators. Innovative methods of teaching, Communication skills, environment ethics and gender issues were introduced to the teachers. The teachers were motivated to be learners. They were exposed to various skills to become effective and efficient in their class room teaching . They were



encouraged to identify their talents and skills as well that of students. The teachers enjoyed the group games and activities. Certificates were distributed to the teachers. The organizers and the facilitators were encouraged by the visit of Mr. and Mrs. John Manohar founders of Elmachsi Mission school at a place about 20kms from Daspur.

Our special thanks to Dr. Abhi Chandra Sethia, the Director of Adoni Public School, Mrs. Ladi Sandhya Rani , Principal of Adoni public School and Mr. Ananta Monobodho managing Director of Adoni public school for

coordinating the program and providing us the opportunity to minister to them. We remember with gratitude the comfortable stay at Mr. Rabi's house . We greatly enjoyed the hospitality of the family members and the tasty food served with love by Mrs. Srimathi and the quality time of fellowship and sharing we all had during our stay. We were greatly enriched by the challenging testimonies of the believers in the church too. On our return journey we had a refreshing time at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joy Kutty founder of El Nissi Mission School , Dharamgarh, Odisha.



It was a joyful experience to the facilitators to go on a mission trip to Daspur .

All glory and praises to our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The harvest is plenty, but the labourers are few.



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Head Quarters

Day 1 Praise God for His goodness and kindness during the 20th Biennial National Conference and Ruby Jubilee celebrations held in October 2017 at Hyderabad

Day 2 Praise and thank God for the former Gen Secretary Dr. Spurgeon Anandaraj and his wife Dr. Hannah Anandaraj for their leadership, prayer and support for the ETF ministry and pray for their family. Praise God for the leadership, prayer and support rendered by the former president Dr. V.K. Williams and pray for his family and ministry through education. Praise God for Dr. Saroj Cherian the former Treasurer and pray for her health

Day 3 Praise God for the Executive committee held on 31st January and 1st February 2018 at Hyderabad. Pray that all the resolutions and decisions made during the EC will be executed faithfully. Pray for the next EC meeting to be held at Hyderabad on 15th and 16th June 2018 for all the EC members to attend and for the plans to be discussed.

Praise God for the new Office bearers of the Executive Committee:

Mr. Theophilus Anandam (President)
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Dr. Caroline Michael (General Secretary)
Prof. V.D.S. Chandrasekar (Treasurer)
Dr. Santha Prabhuraj (Joint Secretary -South Region)

Dr. Rajeev Tyagi (Joint Secretary -North Region).

Pray for every one of them for God's grace and guidance to be sufficient to execute their responsibilities.

Praise God for the new executive committee members:

Dr. Abhi Sethia (Delhi),
Dr. Miss. Adella Paul (Chennai - TN)
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Mr. Saibaba (Anakapalli, A.P.) and

Mrs. Vinni Thomas (Bangalore- Karnataka).
Pray that God will enable them to execute their responsibilities faithfully.

Day 4 Praise God for the sponsors and donors of ETF who support the ministry financially and pray for God's blessings on them. Pray for the financial needs of ETF H.Q. Pray for the appointment of committed and efficient office assistant to help at H.Q.

ETF Publication Trust

Day 5 Praise God for the resources available in the ETF study centre and books published by ETF Publication Trust. Pray that God will enable the ETFPT to publish more books in English and Vernacular languages that will benefit the teaching community and educators to get equipped in their profession. Pray for the related financial needs.

Day 6 Praise God for Prof. V.D.S. Chandrasekar for taking the responsibility of bringing out the first issue of the year 2018. Pray for God's guidance and people's support to despatch the Chalk and Chai issue from Hyderabad under the leadership of Mr. Theophilus Anandam and the Chalk and Chai should reach the subscribers safely without any delay. Praise God for the people who contribute articles for Chalk and Chai. Pray for the formation of new members for the Editorial Board of Chalk and Chai issue so that publication of Chalk and Chai will be a source of encouragement and edification to the readers.

Conferences/Seminars / Integrated program

Day 7 Pray for the planning of national seminars, conferences during this year 2018 that it will bring enrichment of fellowship and motivation to mobilize teachers and educators to build His kingdom far and wide in the country.

Pray for the planning of conducting the Intensive Teachers' Training Course (ITTC) for the Christian teachers who are working in Christian Schools in remote areas of the country.

Pray for the auxiliary Staff Partner Training Conference, Principals and Administrators' Conference and Prayer conference to be planned periodically in different parts of the country.

Telengana and Andhra Pradesh

Day 8 Praise God for the A.P state council and pray for Mr. Saibaba, Mr. Vara Prasada Rao, Dr. Darshan and Mr. Simon Satyanarayana, Mrs. Jessie Paul and all who take the leadership in building up the ETF ministry in their region.

Praise God for the Telengana State Council and pray for Mr. Theophilus Anandam, Mrs. Manitha Esther, Mrs. Kasthuri Samuel, Dr. Joseph and Dr. Uma Joseph, Dr. Shrivanthi, Mr. Barath and Mr. David (Narasapur) and all who take the leadership in building up the ETF ministry in their region.

Praise God for the support and encouragement of Good Shepherd School, Nandhiyal and the team at Tuni and at Narasapur. Pray for the local units at Hyderabad and other places.

State Conference – Andhra Pradesh

Day 9 Praise and Pray for the 3rd A.P. Christian Teachers' Conference from 8th to 11th May 2018 at Nandyal, Kurnool District, A.P. Praise God for the organizers: Mr. Saibaba, Mrs. Jessie Paul, Mr. Paul Devakumar and Mrs. Jecinta. Pray for their health, and God's guidance and provision in all their decisions and arrangements. Pray for the conference proceedings: Singing praise and worship time, Praying and Sharing time, Bible Hour and professional talk sessions to be a time of blessing to every participant.

Pray for good accommodation, food preparation, good climatic condition, safe travel, financial needs, good health for the speakers and delegates and organizers. Pray for the participants attending the conference from Telengana , A.P. and other states and the ETF ministry to expand in different districts of A.P. and other states.

Tamil Nadu

Day 10 Praise God for the Tamil Nadu State Council . Pray for Dr.C.K.Rajasingh , Dr.Adella Paul, Dr.Santha Prabhuraj, Mrs.Lydia Devasagayam , Dr.Michael Faraday, Dr.Caroline Michael, Rev. S.D.Premkumar, Dr.Emerald Solomon, Dr.Suresh George,Mrs.Minoo Suresh, Mrs. Constance Selveraj, Mr.Devanbu for their constant involvement ,leadership and prayer support in building up ETF ministry at different levels in Chennai and in different parts of Tamil Nadu. Pray for the local units at Tambaram and Chennai to meet regularly every month.

Day 11 Praise God for the constant support rendered by St.Mark's Matriculation School, Tambaram, Shalom Matriculation High School at Pavoorchatram, Lady Doak College at Madurai, Bishop Heber College at Trichy, Keren school at Checkanurani, Trinity Academy at Krishnagiri, MCC Higher Sec School, MCC Matriculation School and Madras Christian College and Women's Christian College and Gnanodaya group of schools at Chennai.

Pray for Vellore ETF unit to get strengthened up under the leadership of Prof.V.D.S. Chandrasekar and Pray for the Kings and Queens Residential school , Arakkonam who educate the missionary children and for their financial needs to be met.

State Conference – Tamil Nadu

Day 12 Praise and Pray for the 16th Christian Teachers' Conference (T.N) from 17th to 20th May 2018 at Vagamon, Kerala. Praise God for the organizers : Dr.Caroline Michael, Dr.Adella Paul and Dr.Santha Prabhuraj . Pray for their health, and God's guidance and provision in all their decisions and arrangements. Pray for the conference proceedings: Singing praise and worship time, Praying and Sharing time, Bible Hour and professional talk sessions to be a time of blessing to every participant. Pray for good accommodation, food preparation, good climatic condition, safe travel, financial needs, good health for the speakers and delegates and organizers. Pray for the participants attending the conference from T.N. and other states and the ETF ministry to expand in different districts of T.N and other states

Day 13 Pray for all the teachers who are involved in coaching the students for upcoming 12th standard and 10th Standard board exams. Pray for their health and strength. Pray for the students who undertake the board exams for God's wisdom and grace to be with them, granting them good environment at home and residing places .As they prepare to face their exams, pray God's provision for their physical, intellectual and emotional needs, safe travel and good health and safety for people in their homes during their exam period.

North East

Day 14 Praise God for the leadership of Mrs.Nirupama, ETF EC member and the principal of **Mt.Calvary School** and her daughter Mrs.Praisys Rongharpi, Diphu ,**Karbi Anglong Dt., Assam**. Pray that God will enable the teachers of Mt.Calvary school to start a ETF prayer cell.

Praise God for the open doors for ETF ministry in Diphu, Karbi Anglong district , Assam through the Assam EGF president Mr.L.K.Muchahary and other EGF leaders Mr.Moses Hanse, Principal of Christian English High School and Mr.Jam Dou Thang, Professor in Diphu Government College.

Day 15 Praise God for the ETF workshop conducted in **Makunda Christian High School**, in Bazzaricherra a remote place in **Karimganj District** in **Assam**. Praise God for the leadership of Dr. Ann Miriam Correspondent of the school. Pray for Dr.Ann and her family who are serving in the Makunda campus for more than two decades. Pray for the school teachers that they may be able to shine as committed teachers serving the Lord faithfully in their working place. Pray for ETF prayer cell to be started there.

Day 16 Praise God for the open doors in **Tripura**. Pray for the equipping program for teachers to be organized for the school teachers in Tripura under the leadership of Rev.Bijily Tripura Misson leader and Mr.Ajendra, Principal, Thomas English School, in a remote place Purbahanpara in Tripura.

Praise God for the open doors for ETF in **Nagaland** through Mrs.P.Angbhenla Phom from Longleng, Nagaland , the director of the Phom Lempong School (PLS) and the Woman Secretary of Phom Baptist Christian Association (PBCA). Pray that God will restore her health completely.

Day 17 Praise God for Mrs.Wellorich Sohkhet, Principal, Anderson Hr.Sec.School, West Khasi Hills , **Meghalaya** for her leadership in ETF ministries. Pray for ETF local unit to be established in Meghalaya.

Praise God for and pray for Blesso Montessori School at Phalee village,Ukhrul, **Manipur**. Pray for Mr.Kenneth Muinao ,Principal of the school to be blessed and encouraged.

Praise God for Mr.Wahengpam Lokendro Singh, and Mrs.Daisy Lokendro ,Director St.John's English School at Nambal, **Manipur** . Pray for God's provision and protection for that school. Pray for the opportunities for ETF ministry in these places.

Praise God for Dr.L.N.Tluanga, Aizawl, **Mizoram** for his prayer, support and involvement in ETF ministry. Pray that many teachers from this region would serve the Lord faithfully.

Maharashtra

Day 18 Praise God for the vibrant leadership of Mrs. Flora Bawadekar (EC member) and Mrs. Sunita Paul at **Sholapur**. Praise God for the birth of ETF local unit at Sholapur and pray for the Local unit meet on the fourth Saturday of every month. Pray specially for the first ETF Local unit , Sholapur which is planned on 24th February 2018 that many teachers to attend and enriched by the fellowship.

Praise God for the open doors for ETF in **Pune Dt.** Pray for the ETF program that has to be planned at Mary Memorial school ,**Daund**, Pune Dt. and at Schools in Pandita Ramabai Mukti Mission (PRMM) campus ,**Kedagaon**, Pune Dt. Maharashtra

Day 19 Praise God for Dr.Yardy English High school, **Umri**, Maharashtra for all their support and prayer for ETF ministry. Pray for the need of good teachers for this school to be met. Pray for the YCLT English Medium School at **Yuvatmal**, Maharashtra that the teachers will serve the Lord faithfully. Pray for the planning of ETF program in Amaravathy District and Mumbai. Praise God for the organizers Dr.Kulothungan, MVM and Dr.Ganesh Pandey.

Odisha

Day 20 Praise God for the open doors for ETF in Odisha. Praise God for the vision and mission of Dr.Abhi Sethia (EC member) founder director of Adoni Public School, Daspur, a remote village Kalahandi Dt. to start a school and a clinic where there is no formal education and medical facilities for the local community. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance to Mrs. Ladi Sandhya Rani , Principal of the school to lead on efficiently and the teachers to become efficient in their academics.

Pray for Mr. and Mrs. John Manohar founders of Elmachsi Mission school at a place about 20kms from Daspur. and Mr. and Mrs. Joy Kutty founder of El Nissi Mission School, Dharamgarh, Odisha.

Gujarat

Day 21 Praise God for the opportunities for ETF to launch in Gujarat. Pray for the planning of Joy of Teaching – Learning workshop to be conducted in St.Thomas English School, Jhawda ,Dang Dt.

Bihar and Jharkand

Day 22 Praise God for the open door for ETF to minister at Bihar in partnership with Bihar Christian Church under the leadership of Dr.S.D. Ponraj. Pray for Dr.Caroline Michael who has been invited to conduct a intensive training program for the teachers of 40 tuition centres where the unprivileged and outcaste Musahar children are given basic education.

Praise God for Mr.Paul Samuel, Principal, Duncan academy, Raxaul, Bihar for their constant encouragement and support in ETF ministry and pray for all the needs of the school especially for the improvement of the infra structure of the school building and special grace and guidance for the teachers and administrators.

Praise God for the opportunities for ETF to minister at Jharkhand under the

leadership of Mrs. Sheela Ponraj, Correspondent, Shalom School, Madhupur, Jharkand and Mr.Joseph Ponraj (EC member). Pray for their ministry through education in reaching the unreached places in Jharkand.

Uttar Pradesh

Day 23 Praise God for Mr.Daniel and Mrs. Selvi Daniel , founders of Mizpah Christian school at Orai, Bihar for their support and involvement in ETF ministry. Pray for the protection of their school. Pray that God will open doors for ETF in different parts of U.P.

Uttarkhand

Day 24 Praise God for Mr.Newton Benjamin, Principal, Grace Academy, Dehradun and Mr. Andriyas Singh, Grace Academy(EC member) for all their support, encouragement and involvement in ETF ministry. Pray for the missionary children studying in that school and all the teachers to excel in their profession.

Praise God for the school: Bharat Susamachar Samiti under the leadership of Mr.Lephen Kumar, Dehradun for their support ,involvement and encouragement in the ETF ministry. Pray that God will provide teachers for their school.

Praise God for Mr.Emmanuel Rathnaraj ,Principal Shishya Public School,Dehradun for his involvement and encouragement in ETF ministries . Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as he leads the school.

Punjab

Day 25 Praise God for Sacred Heart School,Moga,Punjab . Praise God for the support and encouragement rendered by Mr.Jebakumar, the Correspondent and Mrs.Vijaya Jebakumar, the Principal. Pray for the needs of that school and who helps in connecting with teachers in Punjab.

Pray for the visit of Dr.Caroline Michael to Amritsar and Jalandhar, Punjab to be

fruitful. Praise God for Mr.Sreenivasan (Sacred Heart School) and the EU staff Mr.Spencer for helping in her visits.

Karnataka

Day 26 Praise God for the leadership of Mrs.Vinni Thomas (EC member),Mrs.Rene Stanly and Mrs.Cinthia who regularly meet to pray for ETF. Praise God for Mrs.Augusta Paul for her constant support and involvement. Pray for the organizing of a promotional meeting for ETF at Bangalore under the leadership of Mrs.Vinni Thomas and Mr.Arul Prakash (EGF)

Kerala

Day 27 Praise God for the involvement and support rendered by Dr. John Zachariah, Kerala and Mr. Stanly, Pilgrim Retreat Centre, Vagamon, Kerala who are helping in connecting with teachers and educational institutions. Pray that God will bring or many teachers from Kerala to attend the 16th Christian Teachers' Conference in May 2018 which will enable ETF Kerala to emerge and established.

Delhi

Day 28 Praise God for the newly formed Delhi State Council. Pray that Dr.Rajeev Tyagi (Joint Secretary North Region) and Dr.Abhi Sethia may be able to organize innovative program in the North especially in Delhi. Pray that many teachers in the capital may be able to join ETF to conduct workshops in the unreached places in North. Praise God for the contact of Mrs.Nalini who is interested in involving in ETF ministry.

West Bengal

Day 29 Praise God for Deki O. Panlook at Kalimpong for her leadership in organizing program for ETF. Pray for open doors for ETF in the schools Dr.Graham's Homes, Scottish Universities' Mission Institution (SUMI) and

Mt.Carmel School at Kalimpong.Pray for Ms.Sreelekha Rai,Principal ,Immanuel International Academy (IIA) at Silikuri . Praise God for Mr.Mark Taylor for the ministry of educating the unprivileged children of Silikuri. Pray for God's protection and provision for their needs in that place.

Pray for Mr.Anand Raju Jangam ,founder of St.John's Public School ,a primary school at Durgapur .Pray that God will open the doors for ETF to minister in the CNI schools where about 200 teachers are working .

Pray for Ms.Roma Proadhan,founder of Bidan School at ,Durgapur

Pray for the Assemblies of God Schools in Kolkata. Pray for the follow up by ETF to be carried out in the different districts of West Bengal.

Day 30 Pray specially for ETF to get established in all the states of India and many teachers to get trained to be effective and efficient in their profession as teachers and many teachers to get mobilized to make mission trips to the unreached places of India to educate and encourage

Day 31 Pray for the education policy of India .Pray that the truth of God would permeate. Pray that government will give freedom to teach Bible in Christian schools. Pray for the protection Christian Schools from the Government and wicked people especially when they stand for the Biblical principles like not practising YOGA, Puja etc. Pray that many Christian teachers may be able to integrate faith in their subject. Pray for authorities of Christian educational institutions to function with integrity and fear of God and not to compromise with world views. Pray for the Christian teachers to get equipped in their subject knowledge and teaching authority and work with commitment so that they serve as witnesses for Christ in this generation. Pray for the millions of students across the country. Pray for the students that they may be able to know the Truth through a Christian teacher who can impact their lives.

Thinking out of the box approach secures a better future for children: It is not technology but ways of thinking that needs to be the focus of innovation



A round-table dialogue on 'Future of School Education' was organised by Oswaal Books, a publishing house that prints text books for various examination schemes in the country. It was a gathering of entrepreneurs and educationists in the State to deliberate on ways to move ahead in the education arena. Inaugurating the dialogue on School Education, Tanveer Sait, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka enumerated problems that are bewildering the system of education in the State.

Speaking on the approach to be adapted in future, the minister stated, “the government is deliberating on whether education has to be employment oriented, skill-based, talent-based or technology-heavy education system.”

“A teacher needs to focus on how to arouse curiosity in children as it helps them explore knowledge. I still remember my father explaining the story behind the naming of 'Residency Road'. Or it can even be as simple as -- why cars usually enter star hotels from the left

gate. These questions are set within a context, emerge naturally and bear a story around them. A lot of information can be remembered if right contexts are set,” explains Raghav who has co-founded Walnut Knowledge Solutions, in pursue of his passion for quizzing.

Commenting on the role of technology, Raghav asserts, “technology can be a tool in the future to help teachers instill curiosity, set context and make connections between theory and practice.” But for many other speakers at the roundtable dialogue, technology was the chief remedial point for innovation in education system.

However, Shukla Bose, founder of Parikrama Humanity Foundation, had problems in associating technology with innovation. She emphatically asks, “why does 'innovation' often get clubbed with 'technology'? Can't it be done outside the realm of technology?” For Bose, innovation is simply about a new order, breaking down the old. She explains, “innovation is to think of a new idea, communicate it and lead that idea.”

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