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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK



Dear readers of Chalk and Chai,

I bring Christmas greetings to you all in the divine name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The months October to December in the fourth quarter of the year are considered to be the months of festivals and celebrations for most of the Indians. Celebrations and festivals are times when broken relationships are set right and serve as opportunities to mend and build our relationship with others. The birth of Jesus celebrated as Christmas reminds us about God's plan to build His kingdom on this earth. The theme for this fourth issue of Chalk and Chai is, "Build them up". Rev. Samson Lazarus, Mr. Andriyas Singh and Dr. Jayalatha have shared their thoughts on the theme and Dr. Richard Samuel, his experiences. Dr. Abhi Sethia has brought the Christmas message. We praise God for the life lived by two great leaders who built the kingdom values in the lives of many people. We are called to build up others not only during this festive season but through our lives. In this context, I am reminded of two songs in the story of Christmas.

1. Song of Mary

Mary was quite an young girl and she was engaged to Joseph to get married. But when Christ's birth was announced to Mary, like any other young girl, Mary was first questioning but finally she submitted to God's will. Mary had learned to forget the world's common prayer, 'Thy will be changed' and learned to pray the world's greatest prayer – 'Thy will be done'. When Elizabeth greeted Mary, Mary's expression of her submission to God's will evolved in the form of a sweet and calm hymn of adoration, 'Mary's Magnificat'. According to the interpretation given by Bro. Stanley Jones, this song is the most revolutionary document in the world for it speaks of 3 revolutions of God. First one is the **Moral revolution** where God scatters the proud in the plans of their hearts. Experiencing Christ is the death of pride because if we set our lives beside the life of Christ, it tears the last vertigo of pride from us. The second one is a **Social revolution** since God casts down the mighty and exalts the humble. Christ's birth and the faith of the Christians in His birth put an end to the world's labels and prestige. The social grades and ranks are gone.





The third revolution is an **Economical revolution** since God has filled those who are hungry, those who are rich; He has sent them empty away. Christmas is not just a time of money making and be merry, but it is the time to realize and emphasize that God gave us what all He had - His only son Jesus to be born as son of man that we might become sons of God.

Dear friends, Song of Mary reminds us to submit our life and future to God's will so that we not only experience a moral, social and economical revolution in our hearts but also **build up** the younger generation with such revolutions in their hearts.

2. Song of Angels

In Palestine, the birth of a child was an occasion of joy and the arrival of a baby in a family was celebrated with music. When the time of birth was near, the neighbours, friends and the local musicians gather near the house, and when the birth was announced, especially if it was a boy, the musicians make melody and broke into music and song and there will be rejoicing. Since Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem, such a ceremony could not have been carried out. It is a lovely thought that the minstrels of heaven took the place of minstrels of earth and angels sang the songs for Jesus that it was impossible for the earthly singers to sing. It is a wonderful thing that the first announcement of God should come to the shepherds. The shepherds were simple common illiterate people. They were despised by the traditional orthodox religious leaders. God could have sent only audio

communication to the shepherds. But God was interested in angels to leave their comfort zone to render the heavenly music and share the good news with these simple common people. In simple faith, the shepherds received the message, made haste to experience Christ.

There are still a quite a lot of despised community in India deprived of education. There are many Christian schools in remote areas of India where there is a vital need for Christian teachers to work as tent makers. There are many opportunities to be "Tourism Teachers" to go and teach our subjects in such schools during our vacation time including Christmas vacation.

Dear friends, the song of angels reminds us that we are called to leave our comfort zone to **build up** the illiterate community with education and with gospel truth.

Think of the blend in building - 'Jesus **Others You**' and that is the **JOY** of Christmas!

When this issue of Chalk and Chai is received by you I am sure that we would have come almost to the end of this year 2018. Let us thank our dear Lord with a grateful heart for His faithfulness, grace and guidance that has helped us to travel our life journey through this year.

**Blessed Christmas to all of you
and may God continue
to bless us**



Questions to consider during this

CHRISTMAS SEASON



My dear ETF Family,

Christmas Greetings!

Two thousand years ago, "Joy to the World, the Lord is come!" was sung. May those words give you meaning and joy this season as you celebrate it with your family and friends in your circle of influence.

It is my delight to bring you a seasonal message on this occasion. As I've been meditating I was led to consider 5 questions to help direct our perspective:

What does history say about Christmas?

While the very day, the 25th of December is not the exact day on which Jesus was born, the historicity of the birth of Jesus is very strong. Look at how Luke sets the stage of the story of the birth of Jesus.

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. (Luke 2:1-3)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip

tetrarch of Iturea and Tracónitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. (Luke 3:1-2)

Luke mentions many prominent rulers and leaders of different provinces for a reason. For example, if you were performing a drama on the birth of Jesus taking from the account of Luke, you would certainly use the roles of prominent leaders like Caesar and Pontius Pilate. Other leaders are mentioned: Philip tetrarch of Iturea, Tracónitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, and Quirinius the governor of Syria. What role will you give them to play in your drama?

Luke identifies the point of time when the said event took place by ascertaining the time when different rulers ruled in different capacities. For example, if we say something took place when Modi was the PM of India, Trump was the President of the USA or Xi Jinping was the President of China it proves the event historically. Thus, history is the witness of the birth of Jesus.

What does the contemporary world say about Christmas?

The world has remodeled Christmas to suit the tastes and ideals of





the time. The glittering decorations of malls, commercial facilities and airports with reindeer, chariots of Santa Claus, Christmas trees, and presents have taken over the understanding of Christmas. Upon being asked what the meaning of Christmas was, here are a few responses received: "It is the birth of Isha Mahesh", "It was the birth of mother Jesus", and a shop keeper replied, "It is the best business season of the year."

What does the contemporary church say about Christmas?

Charles Dickens wrote: "How many old recollections and sympathies does Christmas time awaken?" Many churches have held unto the old traditions of Christmas while many other churches have remodeled Christmas to their own tastes of the time with decoration, food, carol singing with a Santa Claus, stars, Christmas trees, nativity stories, dramas, dances and cultural activities. A few churches take the opportunity to reach out to their friends and circle of influence with the gospel of Christ.

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What does God say about Christmas?

The eternally existing Word became flesh and pitched a tent in our neighborhood. One who created time and space and was/is never affected by them, brought Himself under the influence of time and space. The Creator took the form of Creature to show us with his perfect example how to spend our limited time towards what will affect our eternity. He came as was planned eternally for our sake. Hence, as someone has said:

The plan of redemption was drawn in eternity.
 The redeemer was appointed.
 The gospel that was to be preached was ordained.
 The Saviour was provided before the sin was committed.
 Method of recovery was settled before the ruin took place.

What do you say about Christmas?

(The pen is in your hands)



I have been teaching and training since 1986. I am still learning, growing and integrating ideas using the talent God has equipped me with, so can you.

- B** – Be – As you are, as God meant you to be as a tool in His hand.
- U** – Unique
- I** – Intelligent Investment
- L** – Lead and leave a legacy
- D** – Desire, Develop and Delegate.

Be – *Be as you are.* While the world is challenging us to put us into its own mold and shape, Bible tells us to be who we are in God and in Christ. Paul writes, *Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ* (1 Cor 11:1). Before fighting Goliath, David said to King Saul, let me be – *Me.* *It is good to remember that we need to be ourselves.* God can use our talents as we are, as we come to Him in humility and adoration. God can use you as a "tool" in His hand. That is the best thing that can happen to you and me.

In mid 80's, I left my job in Indian Railways and took up full time ministry of – Teaching and Training. People said, 'you are not "fit" -- you are not ready'. But I knew God could make use of me, so can you. Be **FAT** – **F**aithful, **A**vailable and **T**eachable. Believe in God and believe in the plan God has for you. Seek Him and find Him, He is near and dear to you.

Unique- *Remember you are "unique". You are the only one like you.* In a world with a population of over 7 billion people there is no other person with your finger print and optical nerve design. Is it not a miracle? You are unique! *Your five fingers are different but unique, each has a function to play.* They are unique so are you because God has made you! The Bible affirms this message over and over so that we would "build" ourselves up and help others.



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Intelligent Investment

In life there are many investments: Gold bars, Diamonds, Fixed deposits, lands and house assets but the intelligent investment is investing your life with God and being used by Him. That is why Jesus said, Seek first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you.

L – Lead and leave a legacy

Dr. Bob Clinton, Professor at Fuller Theological Seminary in California, USA wrote a book – *Making of a Leader*. In that book he mentions that the greatest famine in the world is – Leadership. God has equipped you with good education, opportunities, potentials and talents. Use your Leadership. There is so much of need for leadership. I remember in late 90's I was in North East India in a remote place, we were delayed due to insurgence problems. But when we reached the destination, I had the opportunity to “teach and train” 10 staff workers of World Vision. They were over-joyed that they got leadership tools for them which they needed. You can lead and equip others to lead.



In the Bible we see leaders equipping others to lead: Moses – Joshua, Elijah – Elisa, Daniel – 3 friends, Jesus -- Disciples, Disciples – Paul, Paul – Timothy, and Timothy – faithful men.

The things [the doctrine, the precepts, the admonitions, the sum of my ministry] which you have heard me teach in the presence of many witnesses, entrust [as a treasure] to reliable and faithful men who will also be capable and qualified to teach others. 2 Tim 2:2

Leave a legacy: Leadership is not for one individual, one group or few groups. It is for one generation to the other. It goes on and on. You can be part of it. God has a plan for you that way. It is up to you to take it.

D – Desire, Develop and Delegate.

To leave a legacy we need to “build” one. To build a legacy we need to constantly and consistently work. We need to have an unquenchable desire – a desire that will not die easily, a desire that will tide over waves of trouble and obstacles all the times. Development is hard work. You organize your thoughts, make an outline, expand a thought or a topic. Create a power point. Make charts and graphs or any method to convey the concepts clearly and graphically. Use modern tools, go to professionals who can do that for you. It

would cost you but your presentation will be excellent and professional. People will see you have taken pains and have put them well.


Delegate- We can multiply leaders through the process of – Delegation. I am always amazed at the level of confidence Jesus had on his disciples who were simple fishermen. He trained them and left the task of evangelism to them. He delegated His work.

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Mt 28:18-20

An imaginary story is told by Dr. Oral Roberts. I believe when Jesus returned to heaven there was a great reception because He has done a great job of getting Salvation for the world. The angels asked Jesus, “Please give a word, 10,000 angels will go and do your work. We can be invisible, we can fly, we can be in many places and we do not have human restriction”. Jesus told them, “I have my friends, my disciples.” The angels laughed. Is it not Peter who denied you? Is it not the disciples who all ran away except John? Jesus gave them one answer- *I trust them.*

God is trusting you, my friend to build others for him. He has given you a forum in your teaching setting to do that. Use it as it is said, “we either use it or lose it”. God be with you.





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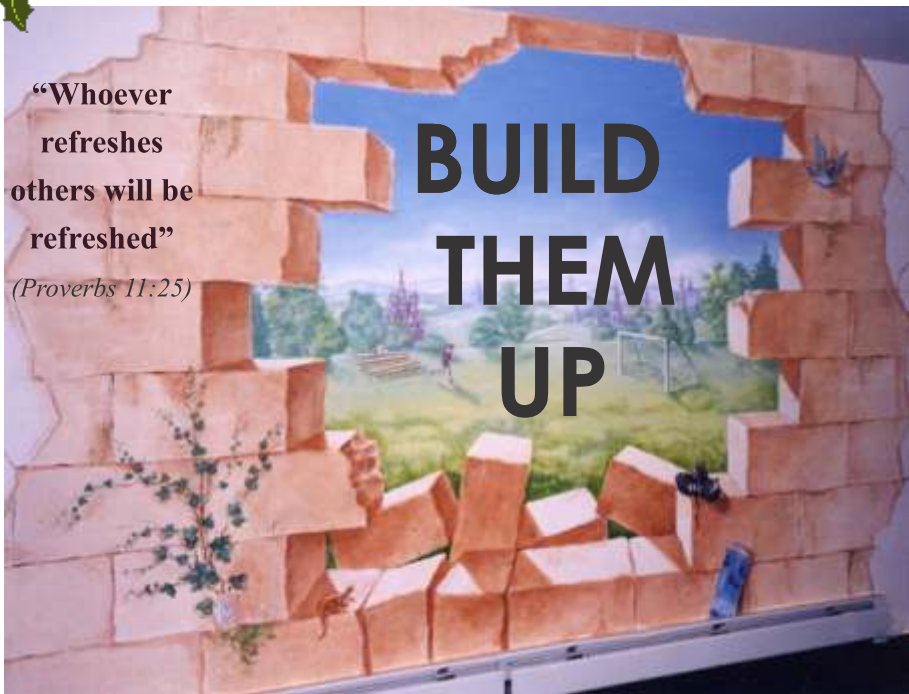
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“Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed”

(Proverbs 11:25)

BUILD THEM UP

We are living in a self-serving, self-centred, and self-obsessed modern day rush society filled with negativity and constant tearing down of others. There is a general pursuit of position and possession. The biggest problem in the world today is not the scarcity of resources but the scarcity of people who are truly concerned about others and helping others to grow. This kind of attitude of people was clearly foretold by God in 2 Timothy Chapter 3.

It's not difficult to build others up, especially since we have been given the fruit of the Spirit through Jesus Christ. We encourage others even when our own situations are tough because we enter into every day with a thankful heart and the presence of God.

God is looking for the kind of followers who are living a life of true commitment to the Lord and sincere love and concern for others. We all know John 3:16 by heart: 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.' But usually ignore 1 John 3.16 "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brothers." If we want to really make a difference in this world, then we ought to be people-oriented and would focus on building others up.

Created as relational beings, it's our greatest privilege to enjoy companionship with the people who truly matter in our lives. How can we then be a source of encouragement

to our students, friends, family, and loved ones today?

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing”

(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

People are around us every day at work, church, school, and even in our homes. Many of these same people are struggling every day by the words and actions of other people. Most of them are still hearing the hurtful words from their childhood. It is the grace of God that gives us what we need to overcome our own difficulty and become a source of encouragement to the hurting.

We are to take time for prayer and Bible study. Our arrival in the home, work, school, or neighbourhood should usher in a spirit of peace and joy because we are children of the King. "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

Here are few suggestions regarding building others up:

1. Esteem others better than yourself.

We are expected to accept one another as Christ has accepted us. Roman 15:7 says "receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God." Gen.1:27-28 says everyone is made in God's image. Unique and different. The moment we accept people as they are then people need not put up a mask. But the attitude 'I am better than others' creates a problem in the world today. Apostle Paul has

mentioned in Philippians 2:3 very practical aspect of taking care of others. Leaders, Teachers should esteem others even the students better than themselves. We should have high regards, great respect, and favourable thoughts of the people in our circle of trust and influence.

2. Be wise in your speech.

Communicate more effectively by thinking before we speak. If there's a word that's more appropriate in a conversation, use it. Start with a positive note. Never condemn students, staff and others even if you know the truth. Instead, point out on how both of you can make things better. Speak at the same level as your audience; giving them due respect. "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." Col 4: 6

3. Be encouraging.

Every person goes through discouragement at times.

Hebrews 3:13 says:

Encourage one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Barnabas has been called the son of encouragement, who had, many a time encouraged the believers.

4. Be quick to forgive.

Our natural tendency, when others make a mistake, is to judge and condemn. But we are expected to be quick to forgive and forget. The Lord Jesus has taught us in the Lord's Prayer. Forgive our debts as we





Forgive our debtors. James writes to the believers, "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).

5. Be understanding.

Wisdom and understanding go hand in hand. Understanding starts by being an active listener (not planning a reply as one is speaking), asking intelligent questions to gain further insights. Then, answer without condemning. Or don't answer at all and just give a listening ear. Use your gifts from the Holy Spirit for discernment. "The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them?" (1 Corinthians 2:10-11).

Pray even in the midst of a conversation that God will quicken our minds with the right words for the perfect moment.

6. Use God's Word:

God's word has answers for every situation in life. As believers we are given insight to the scriptures that can help strengthen and encourage other people.

7. Be positive:

Positive thinking goes beyond having the drive and motivation for personal success. Positive thinking is explicit, definite, and outspoken. It's contagious. Build up your loved ones with your positive attitude, allowing them to be open for better things to come. The Lord Jesus had already told his disciples 'In this world you

have tribulation but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world.'

8. Let love be genuine:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails ... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13, NIV). Care for your loved ones how you would want to be cared for. Build up one another how you would like to be inspired. As a result, you will move up to a whole new level of breakthroughs in life.

Going one step further, visualize how and to whom you can build up and inspire changes for the better. Then work towards making that a reality.

Continue encouraging and building one another up. And start seeing growth and advancements in your relationship with people and to the ones who truly matter to you today. I am my brother's keeper.



The Master TEACHER and HIS Fellow Workers

1 Cor-3:5-9



Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was a Great Teacher and a wonderful Doctor when HE dwelt among us and fulfilled God's plan of salvation for the humankind. Till the first decade of the millennium many of His disciples took up teaching and health care as their calling. But sadly this trend is declining as the present day's youth prefer lucrative jobs in software industries to teaching. This has caused a paucity of Christian Teachers in academia. There is an urgency to consider teaching as a call, a vocation, a mission and not as a profession.

You are called to be a teacher . . .


God has placed a Teacher in an institution to play a comprehensive role in shaping the future generations which would destine the future of our land. A Christian Teacher has a two-fold call – to cater to the a) academic

and b) spiritual needs of the students. The primary calling is to impart knowledge to his/her wards by opening their minds and helping them discover the truth. Added to this a Christian Teacher's call is to open the spiritual eyes of his students, too. In the present time this should be done rather discreetly. "The Lord has assigned to each his task". v. 5. Though the context of this passage may be different, we can apply this to a teacher, too. There lies the beauty of the Scriptures. The teacher should have "one purpose." v. 8

1. Intellectual Growth:

A conscientious teacher prepares the ground and plants the seeds of knowledge, right from the students' pre-school days. Later another Christian teacher waters these and our Master Teacher makes them grow. Teaching is a group activity.





All the child matures, teachers are involved in various stages of learning.

2. Spiritual Growth:

A teacher should be concerned not only about his ward's immediate life but also his eternal life. The Christian Teacher has an additional responsibility to introduce Jesus Christ and impart biblical values whenever possible. There are various avenues to introduce Christ through various lessons like biology, physics, literature and the like. We may not be able to talk directly about Christ, but indirectly tell about Him. For instance, a biology teacher can start a healthy discussion about Creation. He can talk about the Theory of Evolution and expose the pitfalls in that. A Physics teacher can strengthen this argument by talking about the vastness of the universe, planets and stars and can show the students that we are yet to receive light from some stars which are far away. By this the teacher can make the students wonder-struck and can emphatically show that the creation would have been possible only by a Supernatural Being. A teacher of literature is at a great advantage in talking about God. He can even directly talk about God to the students. The Gospel of John, Milton's *Paradise Lost* and *Paradise Regained*, the Book of Job, the Psalms, Proverbs and the novels of Charles Dickens and Thomas Hardy are prescribed text books for the English literature students. What a golden opportunity to teach about Sin and the Fall of Mankind through *Paradise Lost* and God's provision of salvation through *Paradise Regained*. None can accuse the English

teacher as he only expounds these two great epics of John Milton. An alert teacher can make the best use of such opportunities. I have taught these genres of literature to my students and have presented the Gospel to them. The beauty of literature is that we can use these examples even in our preaching assignments in our Churches and in Evangelical Union and EGF gatherings. In all my devotions to prove that a Christian's life after conversion is not always a bed of roses, I start with the story *The Cop and the Anthem* by O. Henry. *The Gift of the Magi* by the same author will frequently find a place in my talk about agape love and in my Christmas messages. Thus literature can be used as a tool to open the spiritual eyes of the taught and also in our preaching assignments.

3. Teacher as a Role Model:

A student closely watches the lifestyle and behavior of the teacher. Next to his parents, the student learns quite a lot from the teacher. So it is imperative that the teacher guards his words, the way in which he dresses, the way in which he moves with his fellow-teachers and handles his wards. We can walk the talk by our exemplary Christian lifestyle, by showering unconditional love on our students, in motivating, encouraging and going the extra mile in coaching them. The students closely watch us. Whatever the teacher says is unassailable truth to them. You would have observed our children emphatically argue and ascertain what their teacher has said is correct even though it is wrong. They would simply refuse to be corrected be-

cause his teacher has said it. Such is the influence the teacher has on the young minds. Should not the teacher use that to instill Christian values and biblical truth in their formative years? Time is short, but our task is huge. A student remains with us only for one academic year, which is from 180 to 200 working days, for us to influence them. A teacher is always a learner. Only if he has a mastery over his subject and general knowledge he can be an effective teacher.

4. Mastery that matters

The Master Teacher, Our Lord Jesus Christ was different from the teachers of Law of HIS time. He taught with authority. Mt. 7: 28, 29. He was well-versed in the Books of the Law and the sayings of the prophets. 'Variety is the spice of life' goes an old saying. Jesus deployed variety of methods in HIS teachings and sermons. A diligent teacher should study hard, prepare well and deliver effectively in the class. The students can assess the quality of the teacher and judge even at the first class. When teachers from other faiths shine well as good teachers, how brighter a Christian teacher should be?



5. Landmarks and Signposts:

Rewards are assured to each teacher "according to his own labour" (v. 8) because we are "God's fellow workers" (v. 9). Christian teachers should always remember that he should give an account of what he has done in the institution he is placed. "... his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames". 'Landmarks' tell you where you are and where you have come from whereas 'Signposts' point the way ahead. A teacher should not be satisfied or pride over the 'Landmarks', but he should follow the 'Signposts' and take his students along with him there.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord not for men. Colossians 3:23



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BUILDING SOMEONE UP

**Build someone up,
Put their insecurities to sleep,
Remind them they're worthy,
Tell them they are magical,
Be the light in a too often
dim world**

*So then let us pursue what makes for peace
and for mutual up building*

Romans 14:19(ESV)

Build! Build! Build! Build Someone up! It may just be a Word of Prayer; a Word of Encouragement; a pat on the back saying "Well Done"; or just lending an ear to listen. It need not be a gargantuan task or deed; it can be just a small one but nevertheless a significant one. The scriptures are so full of verses that prompt us to rise up and build one another up, to build relationships... so let us not stop but keep building. When man can build such high rise structures, can we not reach the zenith contributing to build someone's life? All we need to do is, "CARE TO BUILD, CARE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE". Question is, "How do we go about this?" Do we need the encouragement to do this? The greatest words of encouragement are the ones inspired by the Holy Spirit and as Jude says in **1:20**, we need to be "Praying in the Holy Spirit".

We cannot begin to build another up unless we have built ourselves up on the firm foundation of the Word of God. As Christian teachers, every time we face a new generation of young people, we are blessed with yet another platform to impact this GenX and make a difference. We are given two relationships that we can foster:

a. Relationship within the Teaching Fraternity:

Proverbs 27:17 aptly says, "Iron sharpens iron and one man sharpens another"(ESV). As teachers, we are responsible to build ourselves up not only with respect to our discipline but also to strengthen our spiritual foundation, a foundation that stands(**2 Timothy 2:19**). And this foundation is on the Lord Jesus Christ(**1 Corinthians 3:11**). Once this is in place alongside our core moral values, we are on track to mentor and stand alongside our colleagues and fellow teachers, ever ready to lend a helping hand that builds.

b. Relationship with our students

Our students are often times, the weaker ones. And it is our obligation to bear with their failings and help them stand up and press on. This is what the Word of God explicitly explains in **Romans 15:1-11**. It is important that the "God in us" rubs off on the people around us or we would have failed at utilising the teaching platform effectively and completely.

Some of the building blocks that aid in building up people and in turn, foster strong relationships are:

#1 Serving through Love

We have all been blessed with skills and gifts to use not just for ourselves but to serve others as said in **1 Peter 4:10** (*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace*). This is a responsibility we are called to address and expedite with love in our hearts (*"Through love serve one another"* **Gal. 5:13**).

#2 Seeking Peace

Dwight L. Moody said, "A great many people are trying to make peace but that has already been done. God has not left it for us to do; all we have to do is to enter into it". Wise grains of wisdom!! Jesus Christ gave us a peace that the world could never offer us(**John 14:27**). Let us capture and hold on to this peace and pursue things for peace(**Romans 14:19**: *So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding*).

#3 Speaking words of Encouragement

The Word of God says it best in **1 Thess. 5:11**, (*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing*) and in **Hebrews 3:13** which says, (*But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin*). One encouraging word could bring a smile and make somebody's day worth living.

#4 Exercise Self-restraint and Grace

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear... **Ephesians 4:29**.



This is a tricky one because we are always upfront to voice our opinions, our ideas but the key here is to tone down on our ideas, our plans and seek out His plans, His ways. Let us remind ourselves that we are just tools in the Master's Hands (**Jeremiah 26:14**) designed to work His ways in the manner He has planned. We were chosen to bear fruit (**John 15:16**). So, let us bear fruit.

#5 Strive to Establish Like-mindedness

2 Cor 13:11 says, "Finally, brothers, Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you". These are the attributes we have to work towards which brings like-mindedness held together because God is at the centre.

#6 Stay Humble

"Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (**1 Peter 5:5**). Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind (C. S. LEWIS, *Mere Christianity*). Let us therefore stay away from this and ask for God's grace to restore and maintain Humility in our lives.

#7 See the good in others

It never hurts to Compliment people, magnify their strengths and not their weakness. Make someone feel good by pointing the good in them. This would help you foster a relationship of trust that builds the base for intervening peaceably when they go off-track.

#8 Respond with love

Our responses should be gentle with love and grounded in the WOG and His Love (**Proverbs 15:1**... *A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger*).

#9 Remind people that they are Worthy

Remind them they are worthy for they are all lovingly created in the image of the most high God... "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (**Genesis 1:27**). Your value begins with the fact that you are made by the hand of the Creator in His very image. "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!" (**1 John 3:1**). God actually considers you His very own precious child. So, **instil the powerful Word of God as and when the opportunity arises**. Create the opportunities guided by the Spirit of God and step forward for encounters with people.

#10 Listen with Patience and Self-control

We cannot build a brother or a sister or a friend unless we have the heart to listen.

James in 1:19 says, "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. Exercise patience and self-control". Let us not downplay another person's situation but rather "Be open and considerate". Everyone's burden is difficult for them to bear. So, let us not compare and belittle their struggles.

As **Builders**, we require,

- i) a mentor who constantly builds us up, who we are accountable to, someone who is willing to call us out when we are wrong, someone from whom we can learn something new, someone who is a prayer pillar of support.
- ii) to be assertive as against the worldly norms that calls us to be aggressive to achieve something.
- iii) to continuously refresh and nourish ourselves. The Bible very clearly says in **Hebrews 5:12-14** that we need someone to teach us AGAIN the basic principles of the oracles of God
- iv) to always retrospect and see how things can be done in a better and meaningful way and most important of all.
- v) to be less dependent on ourselves and increasingly dependent on Christ.

Joyce Meyer said it beautifully when she said, "**Teachers can change lives with just the right mix of chalk and challenges**".

Therefore, let us not stick to old tattered notes we have assimilated over the ages in course of our career but let us first and foremost refresh ourselves with the Word of God and see old things in a new light, a new perspective, seeking ways in which we can build better relationships and in turn, do our part in building someone's life. Let us take the time to rise up and make a difference.

RISE UP AND BUILD SOMEONE UP

Dr. Jayalatha C,
Former Professor of Chemistry &
Freelance Website Content Writer



A tribute to our dear **Brother Sathkeerthi Rao** of UESI



As we bid farewell to our dear Brother Sathkeerthi Rao who loved the Lord Jesus Christ faithfully.

Servant Leader who disciplined and mentored thousands of students and graduates
Always honoured God , God's word, God's House and God's servants
Taught the word of God with authority and clarity
Humility and humor were the hallmark of his life. His laughter was ' Infectious'!!!!
Kind to all and prayed for all with real burden and concern
Evangelism was his heartbeat
Endured all hardships with joy in the Ministry
Rejoiced in the Lord in all circumstances
Toiled faithfully in UESI, establishing the ministry in various centers in India
Honest and faithful in everything trusted to him
Integrity and Discipline were the fabric of his life
Role Model Leader to all, young and old
Available always to everyone to be counseled
Obeyed and honoured the Lord at all cost till the end

I praise and thank God for the life of this man of God who has been my Mentor and prayer supporter of me for the past Five decades. I have been richly blessed by his life and teachings and will miss him but encouraged with the living hope that I will meet him in the presence of the Lord Jesus in Heaven one day.

May God grant His peace and strength to Mrs. Sathkeerthi Rao, daughters, sons-in-law, sons, daughters-in-law and grand children.

In UESI and in the Church may God raise many from this generation to fill the gap created by the Home call of our dear brother to carry on the Mission left behind by him.

I close with the verse often quoted by Bro. Sathkeerthi Rao from 1 Corinthians 2 : 9
“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard ,neither have entered into the heart of man , the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him”

Dr. R. Earnest Dhanaraj,
Vellore



TRIBUTE to

BRO. SATHKEERTHI RAO

It is a privilege for me to say these few words about Br.Sathkeerthi Rao, since he is promoted to glory,and he is in the presence of his Saviour and our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

I came to know Br. Sathkeerthi somewhere in 1980, as a Superintendent at the Centenary Methodist Church on Chapel road, Hyderabad at the EFI House. Rev. Dr .Francis Sunderaraj, who had this habit of pulling up young Christian leaders.It was my turn in the list.It was a CEEFI Board meeting. Br.Sathkeerthi Rao was EFI Secretary for Evangelism. I was so excited because I had come from Campus

Crusade for Christ background, where evangelism is emphasized as way of life. Br.Sathkeerthi grew up under the teachings of late Prof.Enoch.At that time Prof.Enoch was full of the dream for students' ministry. Br.Sathkeerthi was a household name, having spent much of his young life in the campus of Jehovah Shamma. His studies were in Chennai, the capital of Madras Presidency, of which Andhra and Trivandrum were a part.He also worked in Chennai,as a English teacher in Kellet High school, Triplicane. He was an evangelical teacher, by choice.God has called us in His great love to enjoy the eternal life, at heart and called us to be His coworkers, to build His Kingdom and He is faithful.He who began a good work is able to continue it through people like Br.Sathkeerthi and complete it.Glory be to Him.I see India as one of the countries that will become the Kingdom of our Lord (for which Br.Sathkeerthi worked) I can hear him say 'lovely' in his rasp nasal voice.

He married a wonderful and very pleasant Tamil lady and had raised a godly family --2 girls and 2boys.Praise His Name! Lovely!!

Br.Sathkeerthi was a humorous Bible teacher,a rare species in the evangelical circles. I remember in one of the weddings in Wesley Junior college auditorium.It was that of Sunil and Olivia (whose Brother heads the Aaradhana TV). The bride came walking through the aisle to the altar to the singing of hymn.But her resolve was 'I'll alter him –pun with similar sounding words .Lovely !!

Recently I was in Penial Tabernacle, where Br.Sathkeerthi shared the word. There was some problem with the powerpoint.But he had all his points (as a good teacher) and delivered them with alliteration linking all the 4points. Lovely!!

In the EFI House some of the popular Hymns we sang included 'O Lord my God' and 'To God be the Glory'

To God Be the Glory for the great work He has done through our dear Br.Sathkeerthi Rao.

Dr. Spurgeon Anandaraj



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TRIBUTE to KATHY JAIN



person who maintained relationships and believed in deeper discipleship processes.

During ETF conferences I remember Kathy taking care of the little known new participants, lonely delegates and the shy ones. She had an extraordinary ability to make others comfortable and give care and love. She did make a difference in teachers' lives and I am one among them. She shared her life and experiences and contributed in changing lives of people of all ages. Last month she called my wife Suja and happily talked over the phone. Even during the period of pain and discomfort she didn't give up calling and conversing with people.

When I met Kathy in CMC Vellore, she was seen fighting cancer with determination and heavenly hope. She was brave and strong to fight the physical ailments. She is no more with us as she went to glory on 8th October 2018. However, her values and contributions will always be remembered by ETF. She lived for Christ and died unto Him. She lived such a blessed life and finished well (2 Tim 4:7,8). Our hearts are filled with sorrow but also gratitude to God for her wonderful testimonies. In this journey of faith, we hope to see her on the other shore.

On behalf of ETF Community,
Eappen John
(Former GS of ETF)



ETF's first Telangana State Conference for Teachers

Report by Mr. Bharath

This Conference was held at Vijaya Laxmi Memorial School, Yellaiahguda, Baswapur, Siddipet Dt. during 12th - 14th October, 2018.

28 delegates attended. Coordinator Mrs. Manitha Micah heartily welcomed participants and introduced the theme "Teachers – Shining Light for Jesus Christ".

Keynote address was given by Dr. G. Peter on the Light of world, the Lord Jesus Christ. He stressed the need of living like Jesus to shine.

Professional Talk was taken by Dr. Caroline Michael, General Secretary of ETF. She convinced the participants that each one of them is unique, creative and talented. Our talents should be used for the glory of God.

Rev. Suresh Manoharan, Pastor, Christian Fellowship Centre, Hyderabad told us that there should be a difference in lives before accepting Jesus Christ and after accepting Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord. He challenged the participants through the life of Hudson Taylor, missionary to China.

Day 2 started with "Morning Manna". Short message was given by Mrs. Grace Nallaraj. She emphasised the Christians should delight on the word of God.

Bible study was taken by Dr. Michael Faraday under two headings: Necessity of shining and Nature of light. Participants are in the mission of lighting and the need to take the light into the world even though it hates the light.

Pastor Suresh Manoharan explained the importance of light with practical illustrations. Light promotes visibility, purifies and preserves

In the "Mission challenges" session, Mrs. Sandhya Rani, Principal Adoni Public School, Dasapur, Kalahandi Dt., Odhisha shared the challenges of running a Christian institute in unfavourable conditions.

Mr. Joe Sukumar Vedamani, Principal, Vijaya Laxmi Memorial School, shared experiences of management and staff in running the school. He shared how the prayers in the school have been answered.

Participants enjoyed learning through quiz, games and talent show.

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ETF Coimbatore

We proclaim how great you are and tell of the wonderful things you have done. Psalm 75: 1

All the glory, honor and power be to the Lord Almighty. Sir Robert Stanes educational institutions was founded with the prime motive to carry out Gods mission along with educating the young minds. The vision of the founder is to transform the life of children not just with the value-based education but also shaping them in the truth of Gods Word and enable them to be the children of Gods kingdom. This vision could be executed through Teachers being the resource people and the bridge.

We praise God for Evangelical Teachers Fellowship (ETF), designed to empower and encourage Teachers who are passionate about sharing the love of God through their profession.

On 4th August 2018 (Saturday), a fellowship prayer meeting was

organized by ETF, Coimbatore unit at Stanes School Chapel, Coimbatore from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm. The meeting was organized and led by Dr. Santha Prabhuraj, Associate General Secretary, South Region ETF. About 40 members including Principals, Teachers and Professors from various institutions were part of the fellowship meet.

The session started with the word of prayer by Mrs. Miranda, PG Asst. Govt.Hr.Sec.School, Chinniampalayam, followed by reading of God's Word from 1 Peter chapter 5:1-11 by Dr. Michael Gnanaraj, HOD, NGPT Engineering College, Pollachi. ETF Jubilee Souvenir 1st copy was received by the honorable Principal Mr. A. Benjamin, Stanes School-CBSE, Coimbatore.

The Fellowship had a rich time of Praise and Worship session led by Mr. Pradeesh Hosea, faculty, Stanes School CBSE. The Presidential address was rendered by Mr. A. Benjamin Principal, Stanes School-CBSE in exhortation on **“Jesus being the Master Teacher to His disciples”**. He also emphasized on being soaked in the presence of God to have a purposeful living which set the tone for the day. The special



moment was the Word of God shared by Dr. Hannah Revathy Franklin HOD, (Maths), Dean Academics, Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore. Thoughts shared from the book of 1 Peter 5:2 to 11 on **'Teacher as a willing shepherd'**, tending Gods flock with selfless desires and leading by being an example and desiring to receive the reward only from God. Also, on the insights of a teacher's call in sharing the love of God through teaching the children about Gods Kingdom.

The session continued with a briefing about ETF by Dr. Santha Prabhuraj, followed by a closing prayer by Mrs. Glory Latha, Principal, CSI, Girls Matriculation and Hr. Sec School, Race Course, Coimbatore. The session ended with a high tea, photo session and fellowship of the teachers who represented the meeting from various educational institutions.

“To God Be the Glory”

Report by **Mr. A. Benjamin**

ETF - Khammam, Andra Pradesh



Praise God for the opportunities to start ETF ministry in Khammam. One day retreat was organized on 2nd October 2018 under the leadership of Mr. Tilak and Mrs. Sarada. About 45 delegates attended. The opening prayer was rendered by Mr. T.S. Ram followed by praise and worship session. ETF ministry was introduced by Mr. Saibaba, President, ETF Andhra Pradesh and Mr. Paul Matthew shared about 'How a teacher should be?' The delegates actively participated in the quiz on Bible origin. The delegates were motivated to involve in ETF in future and many became the members of ETF.

ETF Sholapur, Maharashtra

On the account of Teachers' Day, ETF Sholapur organized a thanksgiving celebration and get together on 1st September 2018 at H.C.C. School from 5pm to 7 pm. There was a good response for the meeting.

Teachers' day was celebrated as a Thanksgiving meet of Teachers on 1/9/18 on the theme : Col: 1:12.

It was organized by the ETF members of Solapur local unit. This was a second open meeting conducted after the formation of Solapur Local ETF in January.

We praise and thank God for this opportunity to serve as teachers, and try to follow behind our Lord.

It was conducted in Hindustani Covenant Church School Hall from 5.00 to 7.00 p.m. We thank God for this institution and the authorities.



We thank God for Pst. Vinay Kumar the speaker, (previously connected with UESI) who encouraged us with the 3 S's See, Say and Serve.

See a child as a kingdom builder.
Say what you want to not what you have to.
Touch the children's lives by your service.

We also thank God for our special chief guest, Rosy Aunty, who is a wonderful woman of God and a Bible Study teacher, along with a retired D. Ed Principal Mrs. Mecenzy and the H.C.C Principal Mrs. Esther Vinay Kumar.

There were about 70 participants from 10 various schools. All were welcomed by a promise card. There were some non-existent Christian teachers as well. All glory to God alone.

The programme was wonderfully anchored by Mrs. Roopali Pathre and Ms. Milka Jagle.

Mrs. Sheela Kamble presented the gospel of the Samaritan woman in the form of a skit with songs. Mrs. Darshana Shinde, Mrs. Deena



Asade, Mrs. Irene Mareddy, Mrs. Deena Mhetre, Mrs. Florence, Mrs. Pallavi Kharbas, Mr. Dr. Anil Katti, Mrs. Priscilla Asade, Mrs. Monica Shinde and Mrs. Sunita Paul took active part to make this programme a success. The programme ended with a fellowship snacks and a group picture.

It was for the very first time in Solapur, that such an event for the teachers was held.

Competitions like singing, elocution were conducted along with talent show. The judges for the same were Mr. Abhij Bhanap and Mrs. Roopali. Prizes for the same along with quiz show conducted were distributed on 1/9/18.

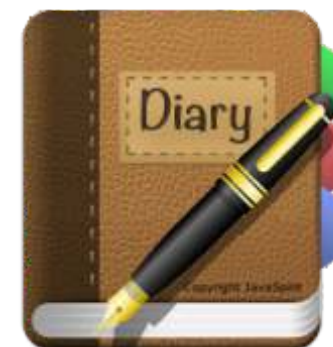
A special thanks to Pst. Suhas Bawadekar and Bro. Shekar for their help and guidance.

The teachers were blessed indeed.

Report by **Mrs Flora Bawadekar**



PRaise and



Head Quarters

Day 1

Praise God for the EC office bearers and the members of ETF. Praise God for their support through prayer, leadership and involvement. Pray for God's guidance and help to each of them to carry out their responsibilities with commitment fulfilling the vision and mission of ETF. Pray for all the resolutions and decisions made during the EC meeting held on 15th and 16th June 2018 at Secunderabad to be carried out successfully.

Day 2

Praise and thank God for Mr. Theophilus Anandam (President), Dr. Porkodi Prabakar (Vice President) the Dr. Caroline Michael (General Secretary) and her husband Dr. Michael Faraday, Prof. V.D.S. Chandrasekar (Treasurer) and his wife Mrs. Beulah Chandrasekar, Dr. Santha Prabhuraj (Joint Secretary -South Region) and his wife Prof. Annie Crystal for their constant involvement, prayer and support in the ministry and pray for their families, ministries and their health.

Pray for Dr. Porkodi who had stroke couple of months ago. Praise God for God's healing touch on her. Continue to pray for the complete restoration of her health and for her family.


Day 3

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. Praise God for the new rented place for ETF Office. Pray for the appointment of committed and efficient office assistant to help at H.Q.

ETF Publication Trust

Day 4

Praise God for the formation of new members for the Editorial Board of *Chalk and Chai* during the EC meeting. Praise God for enabling the team Prof. V.D.S. Chandrasekar, Dr. Caroline Michael, Dr. Daniel Sathiraj and Prof. Jayalatha Chandralal who edit the magazine. Praise God for enabling Mr. Theophilus Anandam to despatch the same successfully from Hyderabad. Pray that the *Chalk and Chai* should always reach the



Subscribers safely without any delay. Praise God for the people who are blessed by the magazine, people who contribute articles and sponsor through advertisements. Pray for the financial needs of the publishing of *Chalk and Chai* to me met.

Day 5

Praise God for the resources available in the ETF study centre and books published by ETF Publication Trust. Pray for the ETF study centre to be restored in the new ETF office. 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.

Conferences/seminars / integrated program /Educational institutions

Day 6

Pray that many integrated program of ETF and UESI will take place in different parts of the country. Pray for the preparation of course content and schedule for the Teachers' Training Course for the Christian teachers who are working in Christian Schools in remote areas of the country. Praise God for Dr. Adella Paul (EC member, Chennai) who is helping out in the planning of curriculum and syllabus for this course.

Pray for auxiliary Staff Partner Training Conference/ Principals and Administrators' Conference / Prayer Conference to be planned periodically in different parts of the country to bring enrichment of fellowship and

motivation to mobilize teachers and educators to build His kingdom.

Pray for the networking program of ETF with Association of Christian Teachers International (ACTI).

Day 7

Andhra Pradesh

Praise God and pray for the A.P. state council members. Mr.Sai Baba (EC member), Mr.Vara Prasada Rao, Dr. Darshan and Mr.Simon Satyanarayana, Mrs. Jessie Paul (EC member) and all who take the leadership in building up the ETF ministry in their regions. **Nandiyal** - Praise God for the support and encouragement and leadership of teachers of Good Shepherd School. **Anakapalli** - Pray that the teachers understand the vision of ETF and involve more in the ministry. **Tuni** - Praise God for the functioning of local unit at Tuni under the leadership of Mr. Ramesh, Mr.Simon Garu, Mr.Nagabhushanam and Mr.Bendurthi Venkatarao. Pray for the planning of ETF workshop in Tuni.

Day 8

Nellore – Praise God for the retreat planned at Nellore on 22nd July. **Rajamundry and Eluru** - Pray that God should provide good contacts. **Kaikaluru** - Praise God for Bro. Sanjeev at who is willing to involve in the ministry. **Machilipatnam** - Pray for Bro. Srikanth at who is planning to involve in his area. **Gooty** - Pray for Bro. Anilraj and Mr. Vikram who are interested in ETF ministry. **Kurnool** - Praise God for Dr. Prabhudas who is involved in the ETF ministry. **Narasapur** – Pray for the ETF local unit under the leadership of Mr. David.

Day 9

Bihar

Pray for the ETF workshop to be conducted in Emmanuel Mission Public School, **Patna** on 7th and 8th December 2018 under the leadership of Mrs. Princy and Mr. Emmanuel. Pray for the quality improvement of the 40 tuition centres run by Bihar Christian Church in **Patna** under the leadership of Dr. S.D. Ponraj. Praise God for the open doors for ETF ministry in Bihar through UESI under the leadership of Mr. John Jebaraj and Mr. Joseph Paul. Pray for the Duncan Academy at **Raxaul**.

Chhattisgarh


Pray for the ETF workshop to be conducted in **Blaze Academy at Balod in Chhattisgarh** under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Joseph. Pray for his family and ministry. Pray for Mr. Samson Ninan at Life academy.

Day 10

Delhi

Praise God for the newly formed Delhi State Council. Pray that Dr. Rajeev Tyagi (Joint Secretary North Region) and Dr. Abhi Sethia (EC member) may be able to organize innovative program in the North especially in Delhi. Pray for their families and ministries. 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 ETF ministry. Pray for the training program for teachers planned to be held in Delhi during May–June 2019.

Gujarat



Pray for the opportunities for ETF ministry in different regions of Gujarat. Praise God for the involvement and encouragement rendered by Mr. Sridar and Mr. Christopher, Thomas English School, Jawda for ETF ministries. Pray for the safe delivery for Mrs. Bidhu Sridhar.

Day 11

Himachal Pradesh

Pray for Mrs. Vidhupriya Chakravarty Secretary, Board of Education, St. Thomas School, **Simla**, for planning and coordinating ETF programs in the educational institutions under the diocese of Amritsar. Pray for Ms Esther who has started Ananth Spring School in Manali. Pray for the health of Ms. Beulah, teacher at **Day Star School in Manali**.


Jharkand

Praise God for the leadership of Mr. Joseph Ponraj (EC member) Shalom School, Madhupur, Jharkand. Pray for God's special grace and guidance to be with him as he is pioneering programs for ETF to get introduced to other educational institutions in Jharkand and also coordinating the ETF National Principals' Conference in November 2018 at Jharkand.

Day 12

Karnataka

Praise God for the leadership of Mrs. Vinnie Thomas (EC member), **Bangalore** and pray for her family and ministries. Praise God for the leadership of Mrs. Pathini Homer, Mrs. Margarat, Mrs. Rene Stanly, Mrs. Lidya, Cinthia, Reena, Ms. Annie, Ms. Joyce Christina, Ms. Mary Deevena and others. Praise God for



ETF is getting its base in **Bangalore** and about 50 people responded in a few days' time and joined the team. Pray that this momentum continues. Pray that there is absolute unity among the teachers in fulfilling God given purpose through ETF. Nov. 24, one day program to be a blessing to all who participate. More schools and colleges to be reached. Pray for the health of Mrs. Augusta Paul. Praise God for the contact of Mrs. Mabel and Mrs. Jemima Swaminathan in **Hubli** and Ms. Linda in **Coorg**. Pray that a group of committed teachers rise up to build God's kingdom there.

Kerala

Praise God for the involvement and support rendered by Dr. John Zachariah, Kerala who is helping in connecting with teachers and educational institutions. Praise God for Dr. C.S.C. Devadass Principal, Malabar Institute of Technology, **Kannur** for his prayer support and encouragement for ETF ministry. Pray for ETF programs to be organized under the leadership of Dr. Viji Thomas, Bro. Jojo, State Secretary UESI, Kerala, Dr. P.C.Thomas and Mrs. Neena Thomas.

Day 13

Madhya Pradesh

Praise God for Dr. Pothan and his family at **Indore** for their encouragement and support for ETF ministry. Pray for ETF ministry to be introduced in different parts of Madhya Pradesh.

Maharashtra

Praise God for the vibrant leadership of Mrs. Flora Bawadekar (EC member), Mrs. Florence and Mrs. Sunita

Paul at **Solapur**. Pray that ETF local unit to meet regularly on the fourth Saturday of every month. Pray for the planning of the ETF workshop in Solapur. Pray for more ETF programs to be organized in other parts of Maharashtra in **Pune Dt. and Amaravathy Dt.** with the help of Dr. Kulothungan, MVM and Dr. Ganesh Pandey. Pray for the need of teachers at Dr. Yardy English High school, **Umri and YCLT English Medium School at Yavatmal.**

Day 14

North East

Praise God for the follow up work could be done to evaluate the teachers' performance at **Makunda Christian High School**, in Bazzaricherra in Karimganj District in **Assam**. Praise God for the leadership of Dr. Ann Miriam, Correspondent of the school and pray for Dr. Ann and her family. 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 under the leadership of Mrs. Veronica and Mr. Dani Paul. Praise God for the ETF prayer cell at **Mt. Calvary School**, Diphu, **Assam** under the leadership of Mrs. Nirupama (EC member) and Mrs. Praisy Rongharpi. Pray for the good health of Mrs. Nirupama. Pray for a regional program and workshop for teachers to be organized in Assam.

Day 15

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 Dr. John Zachariah and coordinated by Rev. Bijily, Tripura Misson leader and Mr. Ajendra, Principal, Thomas English School, Purbahanpara in Tripura.


Pray for the planning of ETF program in **Nagaland** through Mrs. P. Angbhenla Phom from Longleng, Nagaland, the director of the Phom Lempong School (PLS). Pray that God will restore her health completely.

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.

Day 16

Praise God for the ETF program organized at Shillong from 8th to 12th November 2018 under the leadership of Mrs. Wellorich Sohkhet, Principal, Anderson Hr. Sec. School, West Khasi Hills, **Meghalaya** and other EGF leaders. Praise God for the open doors for ETF ministry at **Bethany Christian College in Manipur** under the leadership of Mrs. Hat Hon Buansingh. Pray for ETF programs to be organized in **Arunachal Pradesh** under the leadership of UESI leader Mr. Andy Anando.

Praise God for Ms. Annes, **Manipur** for her interest and involvement in ETF. Pray for the needs of Blesso Montessori School at Phalee village, Ukhrul, Manipur. And the principal Mr. Kenneth Muinao. Pray for the ETF program to be planned at St. John's English School at Nambal, **Manipur**



under the leadership of Mr. Wahengpam Lokendro Singh and Mrs. Daisy Lokendro, Director and at Nazareth Residential school, Manipur.

Day 17

Odisha

Praise God for **the Adoni Public School, in Daspur, Kalahandi Dt.** 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.


Praise God for the leadership and testimony of Mr. Joy Kutty, founder **El Nissi Mission School, Kalahandi Dt.** and Mr. and Mrs. John Manohar founders of **Elmachsi Mission school** nearby. Pray for the planning of ETF programs in these schools, for teachers of village school under **Asha Kiran in Lamptaput** under the coordination of Ms. Deborah and also in **IMS English School, Malkangiri.**

Day 18

Punjab

Praise God for Mr. Seenivasan for his involvement and leadership in ETF ministry. Praise God for the Good Shepherd English school started by him at Badhni kalan in Moga District. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for him to bring up the school to the glory of God. Pray that all the needs for the school will be met. Pray for the ETF program coming up in Punjab in March 2019 under the leadership of Mr. Seenivasan.

Praise God for the support and encouragement rendered by Mrs. Vijaya Jebakumar, Principal, Sacred Heart School, **Moga, Punjab.** Praise



God for Mr Samantaroy for his prayer, support and encouragement for ETF ministry that he may introduce all the schools under the CNI diocese of Amritsar.

Rajasthan

Praise God for the teachers in **Jaipur** who are planning to involve in ETF ministry under the leadership of Mrs. Mercy Nelson, Mrs. Phoebe Immanuel and Mrs. Shalini Andrews. Praise God for enabling Dr. Caroline Michael and Dr. Adella Paul to meet Mrs. Vinita Chand at **Udaipur** and praise God for the open doors for ETF ministry in **Udaipur**.

Day 19

Tamil Nadu

Chennai

Pray for the ETF local unit to be conducted in different parts of Chennai. Praise God for the leadership of Dr. Adella Paul (EC member) and pray for her health and ministries. Pray for the other local leaders: Mrs. Lydia Devasagayam, Dr. Emerald Solomon, Mrs. Constance Selvaraj, Mr. Devanbu for their constant involvement, leadership and prayer support in building up ETF ministry in Chennai. Praise God for all the support and encouragement and partnership rendered by MCC Higher Sec School, MCC Matriculation School, Women's Christian College and Gnanodaya group of schools. Pray that God's blessings will be bestowed in these institutions.

Tambaram

Praise God and pray for the local leaders Dr. Suresh George, Mrs. Minoo Suresh and Mrs. Mary Imma-

culate Rani. Praise God for the constant support rendered by local educational institutions.

Day 20

Trichy

Praise God for the ETF unit at Bishop Heber College under the leadership of Dr. Daniel. Pray that the unit will function regularly and pray for the delegates who participate in the CTC to involve more in ETF ministry. Pray for the planning of ETF meeting in their region.

Madurai

Praise God for the support, prayer, encouragement and partnership rendered by Lady Doak College and Keren School, Checkanurani and pray for the delegates who participate in the CTC. Praise God for Mrs. Ruby Mallika for her support and encouragement.

Pavoorchatram

Praise God for the constant support and leadership rendered by Dr. C.K. Rajasingh and Dr. Malathy at Shalom Matriculation School and pray for the planning of ETF meeting in their region. Pray for the needs of the School.

Day 21

Coimbatore

Praise God for all the active local units in and around Coimbatore under the leadership of Dr. Santha Prabhuraj and Mrs. Annie Crystal. Praise God for the prayer, support, encouragement rendered by Stanes School Coimbatore. Praise God for Mr. Pradeesh, Mr. Jabez and Mr. Prabhu for their leadership in ETF.

Dharmapuri

Praise God for the constant support and leadership rendered by Rev. S.D. Premkumar and Mrs. Lilian at Mullai Academy, Mallikuttai Village. Pray for the needs of the School.

Vellore

Pray for Vellore ETF unit to get strengthened up under the leadership of Prof. V.D.S. Chandrasekhar and Prof. Noah Eastman.

Arakkonam and Thiruthani

Praise God for Mr. King Solmon and Mrs. Mercy Solomon ministry at Kings and Queens Residential school, Arakkonam who educate the missionary children. Pray for their financial needs to be met. Pray for ETF unit to start at Thiruthani under the leadership of Mr. Emmanuel Premkumar

Day 22


State Conference – Tamil Nadu

Praise God for the 17th Christian Teachers' Conference (T.N.) is planned to be held at Coonoor from 16th to 19th May 2019. Pray for the organizers: Dr. Caroline Michael, and her team. Pray for all the needs of the conference to be met. Pray that many delegates from different districts of Tamil Nadu and other states to participate. Praise God and pray for the Tamil Nadu State Council members.

Day 23

Telengana

Praise God for the 1st Telangana State Conference for Christian Teachers from 12th to 14th October on the theme: Teachers – Shining Light for Jesus at Vijayalakshmi Memorial School in Siddipet District attended



by 30 teachers including those from Bongir and Rangareddy Districts. They were blessed with a wonderful time of fellowship and the Word, Bible Studies, mission challenges and group discussions. 14 new teachers joined ETF. Thank God for Secunderabad and Hyderabad units: Mrs Bhanu and Rev Dr Francis Sunderaraj, Drs Hannah and Spurgeon Anandaraj, Dr Saroj Cherian, Mrs Pansy and Dr Daniel Sathiaraj, Mrs Fidelia Thyagaraju, Mrs Snehalata Pillai, Mrs Sheela Rajendra, Mrs Catherine Paul, Mrs Kasturi Samuel, Mrs Shanti Robin, Mrs Jaya Thiagarajan, Mrs Vasanthi Thomas, Mrs Jeeva Frederick, and Ms Aparna. May there be prayer cells in schools and Telangana State Council. Pray that there will be Christmas programmes in various units in December.

Day 24

Praise God for the prayer, support, encouragement and involvement rendered by Dr. Caleb P Rayapati, Director & Correspondent of Vijayalakshmi Memorial School, Siddipet District and the faculty of the school for the leadership and hospitality. Praise God for the leadership and involvement of Mr. Bharath from **Bongir**. Praise God for Mr. Raju from **Siddipet** and Mrs. Swarnalatha and her husband from **Kharim Nagar** who are interested to be a part of ETF. Pray for the planning of ETF program to be organized in these places.

Day 25

Uttarkhand

Praise God for Mr. Newton Benjamin, Principal, Grace Academy, Dehradun and for all their support, encour-



agement and involvement in ETF. Pray for the missionary children studying in that school and all the teachers to excel in their profession. Pray that God will provide teachers for their school. Pray for Mr. Andriyas Singh, Grace Academy (EC member) for his involvement and leadership in coordinating ETF programs in **Dehradun** and other districts of Uttarakhand.

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

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

Day 26
Uttar Pradesh

Pray for the ETF ministry to be planned in **Gorakhpur** under the leadership of Mr. Robert Lal, Mr. Shivdan Singh and Mr. Vipul John and at Mizpah Christian school in **Orai** under the leadership of Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Selvi Daniel. Praise God for the open doors for ETF in Allahabad through Mr. Immanuel Premkumar and Genita who are UESI tent makers at Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences **Allahabad**. Pray that God will open doors for ETF in Jamuna Christian College and School, Allahabad and other regions of U.P. Pray for Mr. Yesu Rathnam (ETF member) at Kachhawa Christian

School, **Mirzapur** to organize ETF programs.

Day 27
West Bengal

Pray for open doors for ETF in the schools Dr. Graham's Homes, Scottish Universities' Mission Institution (SUMI) and Mt. Carmel School at Kalimpong under the leadership of Deki O. Panlook. Pray for Ms. Sreelekha Rai, Principal, Immanuel International Academy at **Silikuri**. Pray for Ms. Roma Prodhon, founder of Bidan School and 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 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 28
Pray for God's protection and provision for educational institutions under C.S.I. and C.N.I. dioceses, Baptist mission schools, Methodist mission schools, ECI church Schools, Schools under missions such as IMS, FMPB, and Vishwavani. Pray that God will provide trained teachers and more students for these schools. Pray for moral values to be cultivated in children and teachers to be good role models.

Day 29
Pray for the qualified and trained Christian teachers to get good job opportunities in schools and colleges. Pray for the teachers who are involved in higher education and



research work. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance to be with them to do their research work with integrity. Pray for the health and family needs of teaching community and pray for God's help in their lives to serve Him faithfully.

Day 30
Pray for many teachers to get into the fellowship of local ETF so that unity among the Christian teachers get strengthened. Pray for many local units to get started in different places in India. Pray for more training programs to be conducted in different states of India and many teachers to get trained to be effective and efficient in their profession as teachers. Pray that ETF has to develop access to reach even unreached schools in remote parts of India and many teachers to get mobilized to make mission trips to these unreached places 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, idol worship, 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 that they may be able to know the Truth through a Christian teacher who can impact their lives.





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In the evening session, Dr. Caroline Michael spoke about ETF's origin, vision and mission.

On the concluding day, Rev. Dr. Nallaraj Edward, preached in Sunday worship service and Holy Communion. We can't radiate light if we sin. Confessing sins is important to have relationship with God. Bible study was taken by Dr. Michael Faraday. He stressed that teachers need to continuously improve knowledge in the subjects, general knowledge about the world and the word of God.

Food, accommodation and hospitality given by the management and staff was appreciated by all delegates.

We thanked God for Dr. Caleb, founder director of Harvest Ministries and Vijaya Laxmi Memorial School for the kind heart for opening the school for the conference. To summarise, all the sessions were in bilingual and fruitful. All glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONNAIRE

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