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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear friends,

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I praise God for reaching you once again through this last issue of *Chalk and Chai* of this year 2019. I praise God for His faithfulness and thank the ETF team responsible for editing, printing, publishing and despatching the *Chalk and Chai* magazine successfully during this year. It will be encouraging if you share with us your reflections on how the magazine was a blessing to you. Recalling the themes of the earlier issues of Chalk and Chai during this year, in the nurture of Christian teachers, we were encouraged to **grow in the image of God to serve as co labourers of Christ and practising stewardship** and this issue of *Chalk and Chai* adds the final flavour that we as Christian teachers are also responsible for inculcating similar **nurture to the Millennials through mentoring**.

Friends, we are living in an interesting time in history. Millennials and the generation next possess a

wealth of knowledge about how to use technology and the Internet and often have 'know it all' attitude. As the Internet and Google are the best friends of these "digital natives", they do not need to rely on anyone's wisdom or expertise because the answer to any question lies at their fingertips. Moreover, the millennials' comfort and knowledge around technology is something they always bring into any mentor-mentee relationship.

'Mentor' is 'a wise and trusted counsellor or teacher'. Although the word 'Mentor' does not appear in the Bible, mentoring is definitely Biblical. It is amazing that the Bible authored by the Holy Spirit (2 Tim 3:16, 17) is 'The Book' for all ages and for the entire human race at all times. There are numerous examples of mentoring relationships seen throughout the Bible both in the Old Testament and New Testament. The Biblical format of mentoring is to ensure that faith in the one true and living God would be passed from generation to generation; Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the Lord is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with

all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates (Deu.6:4-9). I consider these verses fitting as to how the present generation is handling their mobiles. It is interesting to know that the foundational concept of mentoring the Millennials is also found in Bible pages

Ron Edmondson highlights seven things that need to be learnt about reaching Millennials:

Millennials crave for a genuine and **unconditional love** through the good times of their life and the times they mess up. God the mentor has demonstrated His own unconditional love like this for us while we were still powerless, sinners and even His enemies (Rom.5:6-11). In our attempt to mentor the Millennials, let us learn to love the Millennials without any bias.

Millennials always want an authentic, **honest approach to the Bible**. Whether they believe all of it or not, they want the people who teach, to teach what they believe and then be willing to discuss it with them as they explore further. Apostle Paul is by far one of the best Biblical examples of Christian Mentorship. Let us recall his address to the

learned in Athens which directed them to the truth (Acts 17:16-34).

Millennials **want to make a difference**. Paul mentored Timothy and Titus. Paul urges Titus to make a difference in his conduct rather than being just a preacher. Bryan Chung, a native of Los Angeles and Brian Chung a Hawaiian were involved in the campus ministry at the University of Southern California introduced a book titled 'The Send' which was placed in coffee tables to draw the attention of many. Bryan told Fox News, "It's a good conversation starter for even those who do not consider themselves Christians." A good start was made when due to the Greatest Jesus Movement over 40,000 Christians gathered and committed to missions. Let us learn to support the Millennials in their pursuits by encouraging them in the Biblical truths and ethos.

Millennials **like to do things in their own way** often with technology within groups of friends and sometimes unscripted. Spiritual mentoring is not like an apprenticeship where

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the apprentice learns a skill from the teacher. Variety is the spice of the mentoring life. The education system is encouraging Activity Based Learning and enhanced Student Centred Learning. It is said about Millennials creating a Bible for the instagram generation in which the two share the same name and passion for sharing Jesus with younger generations. So they created a Bible for millennials made by millennials launching their own "creative faith-based brand for millennials". Let us shake up the routine to be **culturally aware and relevant and act as** facilitators to help them learn in the correct way the right values.

Millennials **like genuineness and transparency**: The student needs an example to follow and the teacher needs to be the best one he or she knows how to be (2 Thes.3:9). Paul urges "show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works" (Titus 2:7). Mentoring the Millennials involves spending purposeful and useful time to be a godly example. Jesus mentored His disciples during His ministry on earth. Before He made the great commission to His followers to "make disciples of all nations" (Mt.28:18-20), He said anyone who serves Him must follow Him (John 12:26). Making disciples is not giving people a set of rules to follow but includes living with them and helping them to grow in Jesus by following His example. The Apostle Paul said that his followers should look to him as an example in the same way he looked to Christ (Phil.3: 12-14; 1 Cor. 11:1). They want to learn from the mistakes of those older than them.

This implies that the teacher may make a mistake but the teacher will strive to be a good example. **Let us be genuine and transparent with them** and avoid pretending as if we've always been wonderful people. We the Christians are called to constantly strive to be like Christ by following Christ who is the ultimate model.

Millennials are **exposed to the problems, challenges, and changes that are coming very fast** in the world about which they are more socially conscious than earlier years. We have entered the era of reverse mentoring too. It's quite common nowadays that employees, many with less than a decade of work experience, are bringing digital expertise that make them valuable mentors to more senior employees. It's true with teacher-student relationship also. Let us appreciate their ideas values and input if they are true and correct. To get mentored, they are quite eager to know the practical and real-world experience of other generations and need living examples of battling life's temptations, struggles, and fears. Paul could always express openly about his struggles, financial needs, failures and hardships (2 Cor. 11). As Christian teachers let us not hesitate to share our experiences through struggles and temptations as it will serve to be a great opportunity to lead them to depend on God's strength and learn the power of prayer in their lives.

Millennials are **wisdom-seekers**: They are aware of the limitations of their good friends, Google and the

Internet. While making life's decisions, they may need help but they want it done in a way that helps them understand wise choices, at the same time giving them freedom to choose their own path. Young people today crave older adults who will walk with them through the obstacles they face on a daily basis while extending love, grace and support. Although close relationships are often lacking in today's society, relationships are the primary means God established for learning from one another. Bible highlights true friendship (Prov.27) as a beautiful mentor - mentee relationship.

It is still vivid in my memory how the teacher who taught optics in my UG class helped us to differentiate the real image of an object formed when the light ray passes through a lens and the virtual image formed when the light ray is reflected from the surface of a mirror. She said, "If you can touch the image formed, it is a real image and if you cannot touch the image formed it's a virtual image".

Google and internet along with secular mentors can only reflect the virtual image of life to the Millennial minds. Only Christian mentors are change agents who can walk alongside their Millennial mentees, setting an example to lead them to understand and live the real life for which they are created. God has placed us in this world to touch the lives of the Millennials in their hearts. Google and Internet and any technology for that matter is under the governance of the omniscient God who predestined the Millennials

too. He has placed us to be their mentors. But let us remember that we are ever the mentees to God the only great mentor and the ultimate source of true life transformation is the Holy Spirit.

The Bible verse, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." (Pro.27:17) emphasise the need for mentoring though the Word of God which is a "double-edged sword" (Heb.4:12). While rubbing the two iron blades together, the edges not only become sharper, to be more efficient in their tasks but also shine more because all the dullness has been rubbed off its surface. As mentors we have to utilize the Word of God skilfully and prayerfully to our mentees and get sharpened to shine in times of meeting fellowship or any other interaction.

I am sure your understanding about the Millennials will be further widened by reading the article contributed by Mr. Natchi Lazarus and your mentoring skills will be nurtured through the articles by Dr. Hannah Revathy and the article by Dr. L.N. Tluanga.

Have a mentor (Jesus and His word) - Be a mentor - the Biblical model of mentoring. May God help us to make mentors (disciples) in our work place, marketplace to build the Next Generation Leaders.



MILLENNIALS

- Natchi Lazarus

Going by what John Crosby says, mentoring is something that could transform a person's life. But you cannot *pick, push* or *listen* to someone that you do not know and understand. Can you? There cannot be meaningful mentorship without a strong relationship. And there cannot be a strong relationship without a deep understanding of the person. To mentor a millennial, you need a good understanding of how millennials think, act and behave.

As someone who works in the digital technology domain, I have had the privilege of being exposed to some of the most amazing and talented millennials. Millennials are a generation that has caught the attention of the commercial, political and academic world because of their

“Mentoring is a brain to pick, a ear to listen, and a push in the right direction.”

- John Crosby

uncommon behavioural pattern and preferences, deeply rooted in the quickly-evolving digital influence and social media culture.

Let me share a little bit of my personal observations about this unique generation that I hope might help you gain some insight into the way they think:

1. Millennials are seekers with access to information:

Millennials have access to knowledge at the tips of their fingers. In

other words, they know how to *Google*. This ability gives them confidence to look for answers to life's most difficult questions using their smart phones. They do not collect books, CDs, DVDs or dictionaries like other generations. When in doubt, they just *Google*.

2. Millennials are eager to learn and research:

Millennials are eager to keep learning. They are inquisitive and curious about things. They will spend hours diving deep into subjects and topics that interest them. Research is part of their lifestyle. When they hear you speak about a topic, they might later *Google* it and find more answers if the topic is of interest to them. Once they are keen, they won't mind spending hours watching videos, reading blogs and going through online courses on that topic.

3. Millennials are always trying to stay connected:

Millennials are striving to stay 'connected'. They are connected to each other, they are connected to you and they are connected to the rest of the world. They become restless when they do not have connectivity. Research says that an average

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person looks at their mobile phone 110 times a day! Connectivity is the heartbeat of this generation.

4. Millennials are open to opinions and points of view:

Millennials are willing to discuss any topic openly. They are not shy. They are confident in who they are and what they believe in. They are active on forums and in social media groups. Once they are convinced, they are open and willing to have a

discussion even about things they do not understand well. They would rather talk about things and gain clarity than keep quiet. They are expressive by nature. They want to make sure they have had their say in all matters but are not judgmental about others' opinions. They accept them or ignore them but they do not judge them (most of the time). They read about more than one view on any subject and try to see other perspectives.

5. Millennials value convenience:

Millennials want and value people and organisations who add convenience to their life. They look for easier ways to get things done. And if you help them, they will continue to cherish you and stay connected to you. Make their life easier and you will be their best friend.

6. Millennials are willing to be brand ambassadors:

Millennials have no problem sharing information with their network and being an ambassador for any person, an idea or an organisation. They will support what they believe in, on forums, blogs and social media. They will defend their point of view fearlessly, talk about ideas openly and stand by the causes they believe in faithfully.

7. Millennials are not exclusively yours:

Although millennials are wonderful mentees to have, you cannot have them all to yourself. Millennials like their freedom. They are free-spirited and interested in exploring multiple relationships not because they are

disloyal to you but because of their thirst for knowledge. They might be loyal and dedicated to you as a mentor but that will not stop them from connecting to other thought leaders for other needs. Open your mind to that reality.

8. Millennials appreciate uniqueness:

Millennials appreciate the uniqueness of each person, so communicate your uniqueness to them as a mentor. Help them understand their uniqueness too. This will help them appreciate you better and listen to you.

I wish you all the very best as you navigate the distracted mind space of millennials in this noisy, over-crowded digital world as you mentor them and try to help them succeed, so that they can build a better world which could benefit all of us. They are fully capable. All they need is some guidance from experienced minds like you. You can help them tap into their untapped potential. May our good Lord lead and guide you in this important mission.

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Mentoring (Post) Millennials



The students in the age group of 18-22, now called the post millennials or the generation Z according to the new definition, were earlier known as Millennials. The knowledge and technology explosion have led the society from success driven to 'Selfie (sorry) Self driven'. Is being 'Self Driven' something to be worried about?

Gone are the days in which we were talking about 'purpose driven'. The only purpose, the younger generation has now is to enjoy life to the core whatever be the means. 'Don't worry, be happy' has become the moto of their lives. What is wrong in being happy? Absolutely nothing, but when the happiness they enjoy now soon wears out and ends up in depression, dejection and death, there is indeed something wrong.

We, the parents and teachers of this generation, are caught in the transition stage, we neither fit in our previous generation nor in the current

one struggling to balance both. The struggle is to understand the Millennials, keeping our values strong. Is it possible?

Understanding the Millennials:

The time in which they were born (1997-2000) - The whole world was slowly slipping into the world wide web, e mails were replacing posts, everything was computerised and the fear of Y2k was gripping everyone. This made many Indians migrate to USA to contribute their part in solving the Y2k problem. More income, more exposure and more inter-cultural interactions.

The way in which they have been brought up –The education and the exposure influenced the families and the idea of bringing up children changed. More money and more independence increased the parents' capacity for satisfying their children's wants. As the number of children in each family was reduced to one or two and the time the parents spend with their children also decreased, they started working mainly for satisfying their children's 'wants' more than their 'needs'. Hence the children started growing up with an attitude of not accepting a 'no' for an answer.

The things they are exposed to –In those days, the debates were on 'Television – a boon or a bane?', but now we have a long list of technological advancements, starting from the internet, smart phones etc., etc. There are these dangerous, life threatening, addictive games that add to the list and the list goes on. When everything is available both positive and negative at their fingertips, millennials have become self-centred and self-reliant.

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The values that are inculcated –This increased selfishness has paved the way for the deterioration of our value system. The undue academic pressure on the students and the teachers has pushed the Moral instruction/Religious instruction classes almost out of their curriculum. At a time when these are much needed the Articles 377 and 497 have lost their meaning.

Are we aware of all these?

Even though we know all these, reminding ourselves one more time will help us understand the Millennials better.

Upholding the Millennials:

What the Millennials need now is our prayers. Understanding them help us not only to sympathize with them but to empathize and pray for them meaningfully. Instead of 'Oh! This generation...' attitude, we can uphold them in our prayers with an attitude, 'Oh! Poor Children, what an amount of pressure they are subjected to...'

All good teachers are good learners. Let us keep aside the 'Teaching' for sometime and look at 'Learning'. In mentoring the millennials, the focus is learning to learn.

Learn to Love – Though in some situations it is difficult to love our students, it is not an impossible task for a person who has experienced Christ and the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Empathizing enables us to show Christ's love to them instead of

blaming and condemning them. The loving words we speak will make them recognise the need for a change. Learn to live a life of love (Eph 5:2)

Learn to Live – All teachers know that our lives speak more than words. Our walk with the Lord will be seen in our walk with others and especially with our students. Show them that it is possible to swim against the current with the help of the Holy Spirit. Live an exemplary life. Even the teachers are going through a tough patch nowadays balancing the spiritual principle and the contemporary needs. How we live will have an impact on the students making them realise where they are. Learn to live as children of light and find out what pleases the Lord (Eph. 5: 8-10)

Learn to Lead – According to John C. Maxwell, a leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way. Leading the Millennials needs special grace as they don't need anyone to lead them. They can and they want to lead themselves. They have the confidence; they have the

resources and sometimes we must accept that they know more than us. Most of the times we find it difficult to run and catch up with them, leave alone leading them. So, we are expected to be aware of what's happening around us and beware of the wolves in the sheep skin. We should not be found penny wise and pound foolish. Lead them in such a way that they not only recognise the need for a change, realise their condition but also respond to the love of Christ. Therefore Learn to live and lead wisely, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil (Eph. 5: 15,16).

Let us, as Christian teachers Love, Live and Lead the Millennials by His grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit.



1. Is "Mentor" a Biblical term?
2. Who mentored the following biblical characters?
a) Moses b) King Jehoshaphat c) Mary, the mother of Jesus
d) Paul e) Timothy f) Ruth
3. What was Jesus' style of mentoring? Give the scriptural reference.
4. We are called to beof Christ (in the context of mentoring).
5. The concept of mentoring first appears in the Bible in the book of
6. Jesus, the Divine Mentor, imparted knowledge through His &
7. Mentors should show their mentees that God is our ultimate, most significant source of wise counsel. Cite biblical references for this.
8. What are the 10 Be-Attitudes of a Mentee?
9. What should a spiritual mentor primarily do? Give Bible references for your answer.
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Dr. KP Pothen retired as Principal of Christian College , Indore and is a well known Sociologist. Last 4 decades the college has given a separate place for ICEU - Indore meetings by his initiation. His wife Dr Sosamma Pothen retired as the Principal of Government College. He was one of the Pioneers of UESI ministry in MP. His house was always a open home for visiting staff and graduates. He would see that his presence atleast for a day or two in the annual MPEGF Conference to encourage the students, staff and graduates. Many who have been to their home would remember their hospitality. He was actively involved with Evangelical Teachers Fellowship of India and Neighbours Ministry, India. He will never miss attending the ETF Biennial National Conferences. A couple of years back the Tamil Nadu ETF had the privilege of Dr.K.P.Pothen and Dr.Mrs one of the first Gideons of Central India. Personal evangelism sharing tracts visiting jails hospital was his passion. He went to be with the Lord on 22nd July 2019 in Indore. We praise God for the live lived and the race run as a true missionary and a visionary to North India.

We as the family of ETF assure our prayers to Mrs.Sosamma Pothen and children for God's peace and guidance to abide with them.

Dr. Caroline Michael
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(Report by Dr. Caroline Michael)

It has been more than a year since Mr.Thomas Joseph, Blaze Academy, Ganjpara,Balod and Mr.Samson Ninan, Life Academy Awaspara, Pakhanjore in Chhattisgarh could be contacted through their advertisements in the *Light of Life* magazine. Praise God for these children of God who have established schools in these regions of Chhattisgarh. We as a team of four facilitators – Dr.Santha Prabhuraj,Prof.Annie Crystal, Dr.Michael Faraday and myself were able to minister through the Joy of Teaching – Learning workshops held at **Blaze Academy on 19th and 20th July 2019** where about 24 teachers participated; and from **21st to 23rd July 2019 in Life Academy** where about 37 teachers participated.



Blaze Academy,Ganjpara

Dr.Michael Faraday shared the word of God in the cottage prayer meeting held on 18th evening in the Blaze academy campus and in the Sunday worship service at Pakhanjore on 21st morning. The warmth of the fellowship and hospitality at the home of Mr.Thomas Joseph, Mrs.Reena and their children at Balod and at the home of Mr.Samson Ninan, Prainey and their daughter, Amy and the community in the campus of Life academy was greatly cherished. The challenging prayerful life and testimony of the aged mother of Mr.Thomas at Balod and the powerful testimony of healing and miracles that happened in Prainey's life and life of faith in Samson's family impacted us greatly that we were led to pray and uphold these dear children of God, their families and their needs in ministry.



Life Academy, Pankhanjore

Praise God for Rev.Dr.John Prasad who was used as an instrument in the hands of God to start the St.Thomas English Medium School at Dondi early in 1980s while he was ministering in Chhattisgarh.I am thankful to Rev.Dr.John Prasad for introducing Rev.Shibu to me enabling us to visit Rev.Shibu Koruth, Director of the School on our way from Balod to Pakhanjore on 20th evening and have a time of fellowship and to introduce ETF to him .



St.Thomas School, Dondi



Dr.Philip Alexander,CEO

Praise God for Mohan and Janice who serve the Lord through adventurous camping ministry and for introducing Ms. Beulah who is working at the Day Star School, Manali in Himachal Pradesh. Day Star School is under the CNI diocese of Amritsar. It has been more than a year since the time I was introduced to Mr. Vijaya Kumar, Principal, Day Star School by Ms. Beulah. We are grateful to God and thankful to Mr. Vijayakumar and Dr. Philip Alexander, CEO of the mission campus for organizing the Joy of Teaching-Learning workshop for the teachers in the **Day Star School, Manali on the 2nd and 3rd of August 2019**. Dr. Michael Faraday and myself were the facilitators. About 35 teachers attended the workshop. We appreciate the hospitality rendered by Mr. Vijayakumar, Mrs. Kiran and Mr. Joel.



Day Star School, Manali

It was quite challenging to know that Mrs. Suganthi Franklin and Mr. Franklin, after their retirement from Hebron School, Ooty were serving the Lord at Day Star school, Mrs. Suganthi helping out with teaching Biology and Mr. Franklin in the hospital campus. Both of them have been associated with ETF for more than two decades and it was such a joy to meet them after many years and enjoy a time of warmth and fellowship dinner in their house along with a few leaders from Scripture Union. We praise God for their life and ministry.

At Delhi, Dr. Michael Faraday preached at the Jireh Fellowship Church on the morning of 4th September. A meeting for teachers was arranged on **4th September evening at the Jireh Fellowship Church premises, Delhi** by Dr. Abhi Sethia who is one of the ETF EC members and the Chief editor of *Chalk and Chai* magazine. About 30 people attended.



Teachers' Meet at Delhi

Dr. Michael Faraday shared about the impact of Christian Teachers in the society and I introduced the ETF ministry in detail. Many were happy to hear about ETF ministry for the first time and after a brief time of discussion, the teachers were encouraged to have an ETF meeting periodically.

Good beginnings happen through wonderful people of God in ministry. More than a year back, God helped me connect with Dr. Robert Lal from Gorakhpur, U.P. through Facebook and introduce ETF to him. Mr. Vipul John and his father were also contacted initially through Facebook and messenger. I praise God for the fervour Dr. Robert Lal has for the Lord to serve Him even at his age. I am grateful to him for introducing Dr. Sharma Dayal, H.O.D. of Chemistry and Vice Principal of St. Andrew's College.

By the grace of God, under the vibrant leadership of Dr. Sharma and the UESI leaders, the Joy of Teaching-Learning workshop was planned for teachers during the first U.P. East Regional conference of UESI held at Himalaya Evangelical Mission premises in **Gorakhpur from 23rd to 25th August 2019**. I am very happy to have Dr. Vasantha Devadass and Dr. Adalyn George joining the facilitators team of the workshop. Dr. Michael Faraday and I along with these two children of God ministered to the students group as well the teachers. I delivered the key note address to begin the conference on 23rd August and Dr. Michael Faraday shared the word of God during the Sunday worship service. About 25 teachers from different institutions and from different places attended the workshop.



Gorakhpur

All glory and praises to the Lord for His goodness and guidance.



Andra Pradesh - Narasapur
 (Report by Mr.David Vijayakumar,
 A.P. State Secretary)

By God's grace, a planning meeting with prayer time was held at St Ann's High School, Narasapur to decide about the ETF activities for the year 2019 – 2020. About 8 teachers were present.

A one day retreat for teachers was conducted on 23 August 2019 at B. L. H. UP. School, Narsapur. Nearly 30 teachers attended and were blessed. Mr. K. Sai Baba shared the Word of God. Mr. Satyanarayana explained the theme, "Jesus, the Master Teacher". Mr. K. David VijayaKumar shared the role of a Christian Teacher and future plans of ETF. Glory to God.



Bethesda - Narasapur

Anakapalli

(Report by Mr.K.Saibaba, A.P.
 State President)

A retreat for Christian Teachers was conducted in Anakapalli at the Emmanuel English Medium School at 3 pm on Monday, 12 August 2019. Nearly 15 teachers participated from Government and local schools. The teachers participated in discussions on Evangelism. The message about 'Jesus Christ, an Evangelist' was highlighted.

Karnataka – Bangalore

(Report by Mrs.Vinni Thomas,
 ETF EC member)

1. 15 June 2019, 3pm.

Speaker: Mrs. Rita James, Founder of Asha Kiran Special School, Bangalore.

The meeting commenced with prayer. Praise and worship was led by one of the members. An icebreaker game was played in which a paper ball was thrown by one participant to another by calling out their name. This helped us to learn people's names. Another fun game was played in which there were groups of two. Each group had to blow up a balloon till it burst. The balloon contained slips of paper with parts of a Bible verse written on them. When they fell out, they had to be assembled to form the verse.

Mrs. Rita James inspired the group with a message about emulating

Jesus' character. The scriptural portion was 2 Peter 1: 5-7. She emphasized the characteristics of faith, virtue, knowledge, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and love. She also shared her personal testimony. There was a time of intercessory prayer for the specific needs and programmes of the ETF. The meeting concluded with tea.

2. 18 August 2019, 3pm.

Speaker: Mrs. Sheela Charles, Academic Coordinator, Baldwin Girls High School, Bangalore



The Bi – monthly Meeting of the ETF took place on Sunday in Indira Nagar at the residence of Mrs. Sheela Charles. The meeting started with a brief introductory session. After several worship songs later, a presentation was given by Mrs. Charles on the essential qualities like love, joy, peace, patience and endurance to be possessed by a Christian teacher. With games and activities, she highlighted the fact that we need to co-operate and co-ordinate with each other for progress. Members prayed for people who have sent in prayer requests. The meeting ended with prayers and refreshments.

Maharashtra – Mumbai

All praise to God for His marvellous grace and guidance in the journey of ETF. Under the vibrant leadership and encouragement of Rev. Dr. Kulothungan, founder Director of Maharashtra Village Ministries (MVM), Dr. Caroline Michael was invited to address the Professional forum of MVM ministries when Teachers, IT and Nursing professionals gathered on 2nd September 2019 from 2.30pm to 4.30 pm held at Rahator Memorial Methodist Church, Parel, Mumbai.



About 10 to 12 were teachers in that Professional forum. ETF was introduced and the teachers were invited and encouraged to participate in the upcoming major event, the 21st Biennial National Conference (BNC) to be held in Pune from 6th to 8th October 2019. Some of them become members of ETF.

Pune

It was indeed a great and blessed time to be in UBS Campus on 3rd September to get introduced to the Principal, Rev. Dr. Praveen Paul and invite him to the BNC in the UBS

campus. God gave the opportunity to meet a few other offices and heads of the UBS campus. It was indeed a wonderful time to meet Mr. Benjamin Simon ,Principal ,Kline Memorial School of UBS in his office . He was very happy to get introduced to ETF and he and his faculty were invited to the BNC .

In the evening under the vibrant leadership of Bro. Ashok Raj, MVM, Pune a get together was organized at Vishrantwadi, Pune and ETF was introduced and invitation for BNC was given to the teachers .About 15 people participated. My special word of gratitude and appreciation to Bro. Ashok Raj for arranging the meeting, his hospitality care and concern , to bro Sanjeev MVM for all his timely help and Bro. Jerry and family for hosting the dinner for us .

I praise God for the fellowship with Mrs. Faith Kulothungan and Dr.Kulothungan which was quite encouraging and special word of appreciation and gratitude for their meticulous way of planning the entire two days program at Mumbai and Pune. We pray and wish more partnership programs by ETF to be organized at MVM School at Nagpur and nearby mission fields under the guidance of Mrs.Fait Kulothungan and Dr.Kulothungan in the days to come.

Solapur (Report by Mrs.FloraBawadekar,ETF EC Member)

Praise God for ETF Solapur Local unit and the blessed meetings conducted on the 22nd June,27th July and 24th August2019 (4thSaturdays). Praise be to God and thanks to the committed members who regularly participate in the Local unit fellowship meeting.On 22nd June we had a wonderful time of worship, sharing, fellowship and planning, as to how we could get more teachers to participate in the monthly meet. It was decided to visit the authorities of the



With Dr. Praveen Paul



With Mr. Benjamin Simon



Teachers' Day special

Christian Institutions, for the expansion and accomplishment of ETF vision. It was also decided to reach out and promote ETF in Karmala on 12th August but this was postponed due to rain.On 27th July, Ms. Vaishali invited Mr. Swapnil Mane who introduced and updated us on the benefits of Smart ward App and encouraged us to become a digitech. On 24th August, Dr. Annie John Koshy encouraged us on how to be patient, inspiring, effective and impacting Christ-centered teachers making a difference in the lives of the children entrusted to us. She compared the teachers to priests who had a mission of purifying the polluted minds of children with humility. Later, Sir Subhash Mane shared his views on the need of the hour –“Be a learner always”.

Praise God for the Teachers' Day special organized by ETF Solapur committee on 7th of September, 2019, in Ebenezer Pentecostal Church Hall. Senior teachers aged above 70 years were felicitated. Ms. Rijula Macintyne, Principal ,Shanti English Medium School and Junior College stressed on the importance of Sunday School education and Dr. Annie John Koshy, Principal and H. O. D of English Department ,Solapur University shared the word of God and spoke on being an excellent teacher who needs to act like a catalyst to cleanse all unwanted evils from a child's life. The teachers actively participated in the program.

Tamil Nadu - Arakkonam (Report by Prof.Vinoth)

A special program for teachers/lecturers 'CHALK TALK' to equip and mentor students to live a discipline life was organized by UESI and ETF at KGS Mini Hall, Arakkonam on 2nd September 2019 from 9am to 3.30pm under the dynamic leadership of Prof.



Vinoth Kumar About 33 teachers participated. Mrs. Lydia Devasagayam, Principal Annai Violet MHSS, Chitlappakkam, Chennai(ETF TN State Treasurer) shared the word of God "How to become an Excellent Teacher?" and Introduced ETF. Mr. Balan (GCR- President ,UESI shared the devotion, Mr. Vincent (Retd. Correspondent, Concordia HSS, Ambur) shared his testimony and Mr. Jebasingh shared about the need of students ministry. All praises to God for the beginning of ETF ministry in Arakkonam.

Chennai and Tambaram

The **Tambaram** local unit meeting is generally held on last Thursdays of every month at St. Mark's School and about 10 to 12 teachers attend the meeting for a time of Bible Study and prayer and fellowship. On 27 June 2019, Mr. Dakshnamoorthi shared the Word of God. Evangelist David Jayakumar shared the Word of God on 25 July 2019. On 29-August -2019, Mr. Michael Kamalesh (Teaching at the English Language Centre in Nizwa College of Technology, Sultanate of Oman) shared his testimony and the education system at his work place.



Sivakasi

(Report by Dr. Caroline Michael)

A One Day Joy of Teaching – Learning Workshop was held at Meadows Higher Sec. School, **Sivakasi** on 15th June 2019 under the leadership of Mr. Angelo Gnanadurai for the teachers working Ragland Memorial School and Meadows Hr. Sec. School. About 30 teachers participated. Dr. Caroline Michael was the facilitator for the workshop.



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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 for them to carry out their responsibilities with commitment fulfilling the vision and mission of ETF. Pray for the next EC meeting to be held at Pune on 6th October 2019 evening and the AGM on 7th October 2019 at Pune.

Praise and thank God for the EC office bearers Mr. Theophilus Anandam (President), Dr. Porkodi Prabahar (Vice President), Dr. Caroline Michael (General Secretary), Prof. V.D.S. Chandrasekar (Treasurer), Dr. Santha Prabhuraj (Joint Secretary - South Region), Dr. Rajeev Tyagi for their involvement, prayer and support and pray for their families, ministries and health. Pray for Dr. Porkodi for the complete restoration of her health.

Day 2

Praise God for the sponsors and donors of ETF who support the ministry financially and pray for God's blessings on them. Praise God for the individual life members and institutional life members. Pray for the financial needs of ETF that many teachers to become the members of ETF to support, pray and involve. Pray for state level programs, special programs of ETF and Joy of Teaching – Learning (JTL) workshops to be organized by ETF in different places of India. Praise God for the new members who are introduced to ETF ministry in different parts of the country. Pray that all the local units and state units will be able to submit their financial statement regularly every month. Pray for God's grace to abide with the national Treasurer Prof. V.D.S. Chandrasekhar as he takes up the responsibility to streamline all the matters related to ETF and ETFPT account.

ETF Publication Trust

Day 3

Praise God for the Editorial Board of *Chalk and Chai*. - Dr. Abhi Sethia, Dr. Daniel Sathiaraj, Dr. Jayalatha Chandralal, Dr. Michael Faraday and Prof. V.D.S. Chandrasekhar and Dr. Caroline Michael as ex officio. Praise God for the CC could be published and despatched without any delay during this year 2019. Continue to pray that the magazine will reach the addressees. Praise God for the people who are blessed by the magazine, people who contribute articles and through advertisements. Pray that the ETF Publication Trust members may be able to meet periodically.

Day 4

Praise God for the ETF office and the resources available in the ETF study centre and books published by ETF Publication Trust. Pray for the need for a new rental place for ETF office in a right location at Hyderabad.

Conferences / seminars / Joy of Teaching–Learning (JTL) workshops / integrated program with Educational institutions and churches

Day 5

Pray that many integrated programs of ETF and UESI in the country. Pray for auxiliary Staff Partner Training Conference/ Principals and Administrators' Conference / Prayer conference to be planned periodically in different parts of the country. Pray

especially that ETF State level conferences may be planned in different states of India in respective vernacular languages to reach the unreached Christian teachers to strengthen the fellowship of teachers and equip them to be efficient and effective witnessing teachers for the Lord in their working place.

Day 6 National Conference at Pune

Praise God for the upcoming 21st **Biennial National Conference (BNC) in the UBS campus at Pune from 6th to 8th October 2019**. Pray for the speakers - Dr. Reji Kodhy Daniel, the Bible Study hour speaker and other resource persons - Rev. Zephaniah Peter, Bro. Paul Dass, Dr. Sundar Mano and Dr. Abhi Sethia who are delivering the professional Talks.

Pray for the resource persons, delegates and organizers for good health and safe travel. Pray for God's blessings during every session. Pray for the food and accommodation facilities to be sufficient and good for everyone. Pray for a good climatic condition. Pray for all the financial needs to be met.

Pray for many delegates to participate from different states in India. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom in the planning of National Conference proceedings. Pray that the souvenir to be released during the conference will be a blessing to many. Pray that teachers at Solapur and Pune may be able to volunteer to take up the responsibility with the arrangements and logistics of the BNC.

Day 7 Andhra Pradesh

Praise God and pray for the A.P. State council members. Pray for follow up meeting for the A.P. 4th State conference delegates. Praise God for the leadership of Mr. David at **Narasapur** and pray for the local unit to get strengthened. Pray for the upcoming Christmas program planned at Narasapur on 7th December 2019. Pray for the local unit at **Ongole** to get strengthened up under the leadership of Prof. Janakiram and Prof. Vijay Chandragala. Praise God for the leadership of Mrs. Jessy Paul and the ETF local unit team at Good Shepherd English Medium School (Life membership Institution) in **Nandyal**. Pray that the JTL workshop will be planned for the school. Pray for the JTL workshop to be held at Narasapur, Nandyal, Ongole and Tuni.

Praise God for enabling Mr. Saibaba's visit Narsapur, Vijayawada and Ongole and Kadapa. Praise God for Mr. Arun, a PGT English in Government College in **Anantapur** for his desire to involve more in ETF activities. Pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in **Anakapalli, Tuni, Payakraopet units**. Pray for starting ETF local units at **Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam**.

Pray for the preparation work of the AP State committee for future and the local leaders stimulation for His ministry. Praise God for the prayer bulletin of A.P. State. Praise God for the teachers who are participating in the 21st BNC at Pune from this state.

Day 8 Bihar

Praise God for ETF getting introduced to many individuals and institutions in Bihar. Praise God for Mrs. Laly Philip, Principal Nav Bharat Mission School, Shipai **Tola**, Bihar (Life Member Institution), Mr. Ashish Daniel, Secretary and Director GEMS Polytechnic College, **Aurangabad**, Bihar, (Life Member Institution) for their support, and prayer involvement. Praise God for Mrs. Kavitha Juliana, Principal, Bethel Mission School, **Kishangaj**, Bihar for her involvement in ETF ministry. Pray for the JTL workshop planned in this school during November 2019. Pray for Mr. Arputharaj, Principal GEMS English School, **Sitamarhi**, Bihar for initiating the follow up program with the GEMS mission schools in Bihar. Praise God for the teachers who are participating in the 21st BNC at Pune from this state.

Chhattisgarh

Praise God for the JTL workshop conducted on 19th and 20th July 2019 in Blaze academy at **Ganjpara**, Balod in Chhattisgarh under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Joseph. Pray that God may provide them mission minded efficient Christian teachers to work in their school and the school building to be constructed. Praise God for the JTL workshop conducted from 21st to 23rd July in Life Academy (Life Member Institution) at **Awaspura**, Pakhanjore under the leadership of Mr. Samson Ninan and Mrs. Prainey. Pray for special healing for Prainey and for the ETF prayer cell to start in Life academy. Pray for God's special grace and protection

for the school. Praise God for Rev. Shibu Koruth, Director, St. Thomas School at **Dhondi** for his involvement in ETF ministry. Pray that a few teachers from this state to participate in the 21st BNC at Pune.

Day 9 Delhi

Praise God for the leadership rendered by Dr. Abhi Sethia (EC member) for organizing a program for teachers at Jireh Fellowship Church on 4th August 2019. Pray for the teachers who attended the meeting to get involved in ETF programs and plan ETF local unit meetings periodically. Praise God for the prayer, support and encouragement rendered by Dr.V.K. Williams and Dr. Rajeev Tyagi, Mt. Carmel Anand Niketan School (Life Member Institution). Pray for the opening for ETF ministry in Faith academy and other schools in Delhi. Praise God for the teachers who are participating in the 21st BNC at Pune from this state.

Gujarat

Praise God for the involvement and encouragement rendered by Mr. Christopher Thomas, Zonal Secretary, Western Zone, FMPB. Praise God for Thomas English School, **Jawda** for their involvement in ETF ministries. Praise God for the leadership of Mr. Sridhar and Mrs. Bidu Sridhar in ETF. Praise God for the contact of Rev. Franklin, Director NAV Jeevan Seva Mandal. Pray for JTL workshop to be organized in the FMPB school in **Selemba** 100 kms from Vyara, Gujarat. Praise God for Dr. Joel Macwan, Professor, Civil Engineering, NIT **Surat** who was intro-

duced by Mr.Reji Koshy Daniel. Pray for new innovative programs to be coming up in Gujarat. Pray for the opening for ETF ministry in Shalom School. Praise God for the teachers who are participating in the 21st BNC at Pune from this state.

Day 10 Haryana

Praise God for Mr. Aditya working with Organization Planning and Evaluation Cell of UESI for his support and help in introducing many teachers from different educational institutions in Haryana and other states. Pray for the open doors. Praise God for Rev. John Balasingh, Fatehabad who is also willing to help ETF ministry in Haryana. Pray for a few teachers to participate in the 21st BNC at Pune.

Himachal Pradesh

Praise God for the JTL workshop conducted on 2nd and 3rd August 2019 at Day Star School, **Manali** under the leadership of Mr. Vijayakumar, Principal of the School. Praise God for the encouragement of Mrs. Suganthi Franklin, Day Star School who has been involved with ETF ministry for many years. Pray for open doors for JTL workshop to be organized in Rainbow School in Manali and possible other educational institutions in Himachal Pradesh in the diocese of Amritsar. Praise God for Mr. Deep Dhiman working in a government school in **Chamba** District is interested in the ETF ministry and plan the JTL workshop for the teachers in OHEL International School, **Kuthera**, Bilaspur District. Praise God for the encouragement and support of Mrs.

Vidhupriya Chakravarty, Secretary, Board of Education, St. Thomas School, **Shimla**. Praise God for a few teachers from this state are motivated to participate in the 21st BNC at Pune.

Jharkand

Praise God for the leadership of Mr. Joseph Ponraj (EC member) Shalom School, **Madhupur**, Jharkand (Life member Institution). Pray for God's special grace and guidance to be with him as he is pioneering programs for ETF possibly in other educational institutions in Jharkand. Praise God for Prof. Himadri Sinha, President UESI for his encouragement and support for ETF ministry. Pray for the open door for JTL workshop and ETF ministry in the school run by FMPB and in other schools indifferent parts of Jharkand. Praise God for the teachers who are participating in the 21st BNC at Pune from this state.

Day 11 Karnataka

Praise God for the ETF local units conducted regularly in Indira Nagar **Bangalore**, under the leadership of Mrs. Vinnie Thomas (EC member) and her team. Praise God for the local units in St. Johns' School under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Deevena and Mrs. Margart and pray that these local units will function regularly and many teachers will participate. Praise God for Mr. Chanti, Librarian, Calvin Theological College, Kothanur who is interested in ETF and support ETF ministry. Pray for Mrs. Mabel and Mrs. Jemima Swaminathan in **HUBLI** and Ms. Linda in **Coorg** to initiate ETF programs in their region. Praise God

for Mr. Jeyaraj, Mother's Bounty for his support, prayer and encouragement for ETF ministry. Pray for the planning of ETF Karnataka. Praise God for the teachers who are participating in the 21st BNC at Pune from this state.

Kerala

Praise God for the involvement and support rendered by Dr. John Zachariah, Kerala who is encouraging and helping in connecting with teachers and educational institutions. 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 in various places in Kerala. Pray for a few teachers from this state to participate in the 21st BNC at Pune.

Day 12 Madhya Pradesh

Praise God for Dr. Ram Chand at **Indore** who is introduced to ETF ministry and for his support and encouragement. Praise God for the life of Dr. Pothen one of the veteran leaders of ETF who went to be with the Lord. Pray for the comfort of his family members. Pray for Mrs. Sosamma Pothen who is taking care of the Pothen School in Indore. Praise God for getting introduced to Mr. Binu Jacob, Principal, Ideal School, **Bhopal**. Pray for ETF ministry to extend in all his other schools in UP, Punjab and Odisha. Pray for the open doors for introducing ETF ministry in Bhopal and other places in M.P. Pray for a few teachers from this state to participate in the BNC at Pune.

Day 13 Maharashtra

Praise God for the ETF one day program planned in **Mumbai** on 2nd September 2019 under the vibrant leadership of Dr. Kulothungan, Director, Maharashtra Village Ministries and to have a fellowship time with a few teachers at Pune on 3rd September evening. Pray for Dr. Caroline Michael, Gen Sec., ETF who is addressing the gathering in both places. Pray that it will serve as a motivating opportunity for the teachers at Mumbai to involve more in ETF ministry and attend the 21st BNC at Pune. Praise God for Prof. Molsy Thomas living in Navi Mumbai who is interested in ETF ministry. Praise God for Mrs. Kshama Jeyaraj who is also interested in ETF ministry. Praise God for the vibrant leadership of Mrs. Flora Bawadekar (EC member), and her team for conducting the ETF Local unit at **Solapur** regularly every month to get enriched in the word of God. Pray for the planning of the ETF workshop in Solapur and state conference of Maharashtra. Pray that ETF may reach out and become active in the Aurangabad, Pune, Daund, Karmala, Gulabarga regions.

Pray that many teachers will be able to participate in the BNC. Pray for God's grace and guidance to the ETF members in Solapur local unit to reach out to many Christian educational institutions and individual teachers in different parts of Maharashtra and motivate and encourage many to participate in BNC as well support through sponsoring for Souvenir.

Day 14

Praise God for the encouragement and support rendered by Dr. Girish, YCLT English Medium School at **Yuvatmal** and pray for mission minded efficient teachers to be appointed in the school. Praise God for Dr. Sam, Mrs. Lalitha and Mr. Devaraj, at Yardly English School in **Umri** for their support, prayer and encouragement for ETF ministry. Praise God for Dr. Ganeshpandy for his commitment to pray and introduce ETF ministry in **Amaravathy District**. Pray for ETF workshops to be organized in different districts of Maharashtra. Praise God for the teachers who are participating in the 21st BNC at Pune from this state.

Day 15 North East

Praise God for the ETF prayer cell at Mt. Calvary School, **Diphu, Karbi Anglong Dt., Assam** (Life Member Institution) under the leadership of Mrs. Nirupama (EC member) and Mrs. Praisy Rongharpi. Pray for a regional program and workshop for teachers to be organized in that district. Pray for ETF prayer cell to start in Makunda Christian High School, in Bazzaricherra in **Karimganj District** in **Assam** under the leadership of Mrs. Veronica and Mr. Danypaul. Praise God for the leadership of Dr. Ann Miriam Correspondent of the school and pray for the school teachers that they may be able to shine as committed teachers serving the Lord faithfully. Pray for the ETF programs to be organized 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 a few teachers from these states to participate in the 21st BNC at Pune.

Day 16

Praise God for the leadership of Mr. Loli and Mr. Kayio at **Mao, Manipur** for their support, involvement and encouragement in ETF ministry. Pray that all the principals who participated in the JTL workshop will continue to involve in ETF programs in future. Praise God for the contact of Rev. Boipu Serto at Manipur Baptist Convention and pray that he will be able to coordinate ETF programs for the teachers in schools and colleges in **Imphal, Manipur**. Pray for Mr. Wahengpam Lokendro Singh, director, St. John's English School at **Nambal, Manipur** and Mrs. Hat Hon Buansing, Bethany Christian College Manipur to organize ETF JTL workshops in their institutions. Pray for ETF programs to be organized in **Nagaland** and in **Arunachal Pradesh** under the leadership of UESI leader Mr. Mignaya Kadu at Itta Nagar. Pray for a few teachers from these states to participate in the BNC at Pune.

Day 17

Praise God for Dr. L.N. Tluanga, Aizawl, **Mizoram**, veteran leader of ETF for his prayer, encouragement, support and involvement in ETF ministry. Praise God for reviving the ETF activities in Mizoram and for the new ETF Secretary Dr. Lalzarmawii, Associate Professor of Education in the Govt Aizawl North College and

the new ETF President Dr. Hmingthanzuala. Pray for many local units to emerge in Mizoram. Praise God for the teachers who are participating in 21st BNC at Pune from this state. Praise God for the vibrant leadership of Mrs. Wellorich Sohkhet, Principal, Anderson Hr. Sec. School, **Nongstoin, Meghalaya** (Life Member Institution) and other EGF leaders of the state. Praise God for the ETF local unit at Nongstoin and pray for the ETF Secretary Miss Cornelia Syiemlieh, Anderson Higher Secondary School and the ETF Treasurer Miss Elimersha A Syiemlieh. Praise God for the 25 members of ETF local unit at Nongstoin and pray for JTL workshop planned to be held on 19th and 20th September 2019 at Nongstoin and on 21st September 2019 in **Shillong**. Praise God for the teachers who participate in 21st BNC at Pune from this state.

Day 18 Odisha

Praise God for Mr. Kuber Paricha, Principal, Sinai Public School, Laxmipur, **Koraput District** for his involvement in ETF ministry, to introduce ETF in **many parts of Odisha** and conduct JTL workshop for teachers. 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. Pray for Dr. Abhi Sethia the founder director of the school for God's providence for the plans to upgrade the school. Pray for Mr. Joy Kutty, founder El Nissi Mission School and Mr. and Mrs.

John Manohar founders of Elmachsi Mission school Kalahandi Dt. Praise God for Anand Niketan School in **Lamtaput, Koraput Dt.** (Life Member Institution) and pray for the needs of the school. Pray for JTL program to be planned for the teachers of village school under Asha Kiran in Lamtaput and also in IMS English School, **Malkangiri**. Praise God for the teachers who are participating in 21st BNC at Pune from this state.

Day 19 Punjab

Praise God for Mr. Seenivasan for his leadership in ETF ministry in **Moga District**. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for him to bring up the Good Shepherd English school to the glory of God and all the needs for the school will be met. Pray for the JTL workshop to be conducted for the teachers of St. Mary's CBSC School under the leadership of the Principal, Mr. Pandian and Jesus Saviour's School under the leadership of the Principal Mr. Merlin, both the schools in **Rupnagar district** to be coordinated by Mr. Seenivasan. Pray that all the schools under the CNI diocese of Amritsar be influenced by ETF ministry. Praise God for motivating a few teachers to participate in the BNC at Pune from this state.

Day 20 Rajasthan

Praise God for the contact of Pastor Finny Philip, Principal at Filadelfia Bible College and Mrs. Glory Finny, Director, St. Matthew's Senior Secondary School, **Udaipur** and Mrs. Vinita Chand at Udaipur.

Pray for the JTL workshops to be organized in Udaipur. Pray for the guidance and grace of God to plan ETF programs in this year at **Jaipur** under the leadership of Mrs. Mercy Nelson, Mrs. Phoebe Immanuel and Mrs. Shalini Andrews. Praise God for motivating a few teachers to participate in the 21st BNC at Pune from this state.

Day 21 Tamil Nadu

Praise God for all the new members of ETF. Praise God for the ETF local unit meetings in **Chennai**. Praise God for all the support, encouragement and partnership rendered by all the local leaders and institutions and pray for their involvement, leadership and prayer support in building up ETF ministry in **Chennai**. Praise God for the **Tambaram** local unit which meets last Thursday of every month at St. Mark's High school. Pray for good attendance in the local unit meetings. Praise God for the MCC Campus HSS (Life member Institution). Praise God for Alpha Matriculation HSS, **Red Hills**. (Life Member Institution) for their support. Praise God for Mrs. Vijaya Dorathy, Principal, Bharathiyar MHSS, **Guduvancheri** (Life Member Institution) for their support. Pray for JTL workshop to be organized in their school. Pray for the ETF local unit at Bishop Heber College, **Trichy** (Life Member Institution) to function regularly and be active in promoting ETF in other places in Trichy. Praise God for Mr. Nirmal Nathan and Mrs. Rosalind Nathan of Santa Maria School, Trichy (Life Member Institution) for their interest to involve

in ETF ministry. Praise God for the support involvement and prayer rendered by Lady Doak College, **Madurai** (Life Member Institution) and Keren School, Checkanurani (Life Member Institution) for their needs. Pray for the ETF members at **Madurai** to start local units to meet regularly.

Day 22

Praise God for the JTL workshop held at Meadows School, Sivakasi for the teachers of Raghland Memorial School and Meadows Higher Secondary on 15th June 2019 under the leadership of Mr. Angelo Gnanurair. Pray for the planning of JTL workshop in in Shalom Matriculation School (Life Member Institution) in **Pavoorchatram, Tirunelveli district** under the leadership of Dr. C.K.Rajasingh and Dr.Malathy. Praise God for the involvement of Santhosh Vidhyalaya in **Donavur**, Tirunelveli District in ETF programs. Prayer is needed for this school which educate missionaries' children. Pray for JTL workshop to be organized for this school to equip and encourage the teachers. Praise God for the constant support and leadership rendered by Rev. S.D.Premkumar and Mrs.Lilian at Mullai Academy, Mallikuttai Village, **Dharmapuri Dt.** Pray for the needs of the School and more ETF programs to be organized in that district.

Day 23

Praise God for all the active local units in and around **Coimbatore** under the leadership of Dr.Santha Prabhuraj and the Principal and the

faculty of Stanes School. Pray for ETF programs to be organized in schools and colleges in **Nilgris** district. Pray for **Vellore** ETF unit to get strengthened up and pray for God's guidance to Prof. Noah Eastman. Praise God for the leadership of Prof.V.D.S. Chandrasekar. Pray for the **Thiruthani** local unit to be formed under the leadership of Mr. Emmanuel Premkumar. Praise God for the involvement of Mr.Jeyakumar Jesudas and Mrs. Rosaline in **Thiruvallur** and pray for a ETF local unit to be formed under their leadership. Praise God for the involvement of Kings and Queens Residential school in **Arakkonam** in ETF programs. Pray for the JTL program to be conducted in this school which educate the missionary children. Praise God for the one day program for teachers is organized at Arakkonam under the leadership of Mr. Vinoth.and for Mrs. Lydia Devasagayam, Principal, Annai Violet MHSS who is invited as guest speaker to deliver Lord's message and introduce ETF. Praise God for the teachers who are participating in 21st BNC at Pune from this state.

Day 24 Telangana

Praise the Lord for the members who formed the local unit at Khari-mnagar. Praise the Lord for Bro. Caleb for encouraging teachers at Vijayalaxmi School (Life Member Institution) to meet and pray for ETF ministry. Pray for God's blessings to continue on Bible study and prayer during monthly meeting of **Hyderabad** ETF. Pray for young teachers to participate in Hyderabad ETF. Pray to spread ETF vision to other towns in

Telangana. Pray for ETF programs to be organized under the leadership of Mr. Bharath in **Bongir**, Mr.Raju in **Siddipet** and pray for ETF local unit to function regularly under the leadership of Mrs.Swarnalatha and Mrs.Apolina in **Kharimnagar**. Pray for Mr. Rathna Prakash who is taking initiative in organizing ETF local unit in his residing place. Praise God for the teachers who are participating in 21st BNC at Pune from this state.

Day 25 Uttarkhand

Praise God for the ETF local unit at Grace Academy and for the encouragement and support of Mr. Benjamin Newton, Principal, Grace Academy. Pray for Mr. Andriyas Singh, (EC member) for his leadership in coordinating ETF programs in **Dehradun** and other districts of Uttarkhand. Pray for the JTL workshop to be organized for the schools Bharat Susamachar Samiti functioning in different districts of Uttarkhand under the leadership of Rev.Benjamin Kuruvilla and Mr.Santhosh George. Praise God for Mr.Emmanuel Rathnaraj, Principal, Shishya Public School, Dehradun for his involvement in ETF ministries. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as he leads the school. Praise God for the teachers who are participating in 21st BNC at Pune from this state.

Day 26 Uttar Pradesh

Praise God for St. Thomas School, **Varanasi** (Life Member Institution) and pray for all the needs of the school and for special grace for Mr.Sam Abraham and Mrs.Brinda Sam. Pray for the True Light English

School and the Principal, Mrs.Pearly Esther. Pray for the JTL workshop to be conducted in David Memorial School under the leadership of and Mr. Sudeep Mahapatra. Praise God for all the prayer, support and encouragement by Mr.Robert Lal, **Gorakhpur** and the JTL workshop organized from 23rd to 25th August 2019 under the leadership of Dr.Sharma, HOD of Chemistry and Vice Principal St. Andrew's College, and UESI, Eastern Region of UP. Praise God for Mr. Shivdan Singh and Mr.Vipul John and family for their desire to involve in ETF ministry. Pray for their mission school in a remote area. Praise God for the new contacts - Dr. Samuel Dayal, Principal, Christ Church College, **Kanpur**, Mr.Samuel John, St.Thomas School, **Ballia**, Mr.Ashish Victor, Principal, Emmanuel Church School, **Utraula** who are very much interested in involving in our ministry. Continue to pray that for Rev. Daniel , Mizpah Christian School in **Orai**, Mr.Vikram Benjamin Bhatt, Jamuna Christian College and School, **Allahabad**, Mr.Immanuel Premkumar and Genita who are UESI tent makers, Allahabad and Mr.Yesu Rathnam (ETF member) at **Kachhawa Christian School, Mirzapur** to organize ETF programs in future.

Day 27 West Bengal

Pray for Deki O. Panlook, teacher at Dr.Graham's Homes who is interested in ETF programs. Praise God for the support and encouragement of Mr. Mark Taylor, Principal, Eternal Light Public School in **Silikuri**. Pray for all the needs of the school to be met. Ask God for ETF

programs to be organized in different parts 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 through teachers and teachers to be good role models so that the students will experience a holistic growth.

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 gets strengthened regardless of denominations. 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 villages and remote parts of India and many teachers to get mobilized to make mission trips to these unreached places.

Day 31

Pray that all Christian teachers teach their students with love of Christ and this will shape them into responsible citizens of India. Pray that the Christian educational institutions are well equipped with all resources to meet demands of present day needs. Pray for the present Education policy in India. Pray for God's grace to abound in the education system to protect the younger generation from learning facts that are not true and correct. Pray that the government in centre and state favour to the Christian schools and colleges as granted in the constitution of India. Pray that the conduction and valuation of examination scripts at all levels will be done with integrity and God should be honoured and glorified in the status of the results of Christian educational institutions and grades and marks achieved by Christian students.

**Be joyful in hope,
patient in
affliction, faithful
in prayer.**

Romans 12:12

The Christian Teacher's Work



“Whatever you do, whether you eat or drink, whether in word or deed do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus for the glory of God, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” (1 Cor.10:31; Col 3:17)

In terms of work, the teacher has to relate to the students, other teachers and the management or authority. The main duty and responsibility of the teacher, whether Christian or not, is of course to teach. The present study, however, has a Christian teacher in mind. Therefore, while most of the comments apply to teachers in general, some aspects are specifically meant for Christian teachers.

A. In relation to the students

The teachers' first responsibility is to teach well and to impart quality and wholesome education to the students. They must always strive for excellence. The interest of their students must be given first priority in their work.

Adequate preparation is essential. Proper lesson plans must be

made which should be continually updated.

Proven strategy for classroom preparation and delivery of prepared materials, effective way of introduction of topics, concepts, facts and figures, etc. should be adopted and used, realising that last year's strategy may not necessarily be applicable this year, as the batch of students are different. The teacher must be alert and vigilant.

Evaluation, both internal and external has to take place all through the learning session. The teacher must have at least some basic knowledge of the principles, method and procedures of tests and evaluation. This demands hard work and diligence on the part of the teacher. A common pit fall is to give homework to the students but neglect proper assessment of their work and sub-

mission. This should be avoided by the Christian teacher at all cost.

The practice of giving tuition outside of school hours, charging high fees, and at the same time neglecting to give one's best in the classroom must be avoided by Christian teachers. This is an unethical practice and it should be condemned. There may be justification, however, for giving tuition to students of other schools or those not directly taught by the teacher concerned.

The work of the Christian teacher should be characterised by an element of loving personal attention to the students. In a big class (of 50 or more students), it may be humanly impossible to give 'individual attention'. But whatever the size of the class, 'personal concern and attention' can be demonstrated by the Christian teacher as a witness to the out flowing love (through him/her) of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is bound to make a difference for good.

A caring concern and a loving heart can be maintained by the Christian Teachers if they regularly pray for their students. "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17).

B. In relation to other teachers

The Christian teachers can be an effective witness for Christ to their peers if they culminate and demonstrate a helpful, friendly and caring attitude to them.

Do you sometimes refuse to take an extra class for a sick teacher on

the plea that you are already over loaded? Or do you always volunteer to do so? Are you available to help and support, and to show love and concern when some fellow teacher is in trouble? They will know you by your love.

C. In relation to the management

The Christian teacher are respectful and co-operative with the management and authorities of the institution he /she they serve. At the same time they maintain their integrity and would not do "just anything" to please the superiors.

The Christian teachers do not ill treat or despise the so-called fourth grade employees (if any) in their work place. They would not try to take advantage of them, but rather show respect and understanding by maintaining a right and correct relationship with them.

The Christian Teacher always seeks to commend the Lord Jesus Christ in every thing he does in relation to the students, peers, superiors or juniors/inferiors. May every Christian teacher strive to be a Christian Steward in the true sense of the term.

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