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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear readers of Chalk and Chai,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Indeed, the second wave of Covid has affected most of us either physically or emotionally. In the present scenario, physical set back due to Covid, hospitalisation, home quarantine, Fear and anxiety, financial crisis or grief over the loss of loved ones have been alternating in many families. But all these experiences, due to this continuing pandemic situation, has moved the children of God everywhere to unite and persevere in prayer for one another and rendering timely help sacrificially as a community no matter the risks. It is quite amazing to see Worship places (Churches) and working places (Christian educational institutions) along with the prayer support have opened their campuses to the needy during this time of urgency. This hard phase of life has eventually strengthened our faith to look above to the one and only powerful God who can remove this pandemic completely from the face of the earth and draw us to have a closer walk with God in our day-to-day life. While on one side of the coin we grieve over the

departing souls of many children of God and ministers of God, we cannot deny the reality on the other side of the coin, where our hearts are melting to see thousands of souls dying without knowing the truth. The implications of this pandemic remind us that the end times are quite near as we await the second coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to establish His Kingdom on this earth. I prayerfully hope that the themes of Chalk and Chai on Kingdom Education will continue to motivate the readers to work towards a great revival to occur amongst the younger generation. In the series of Kingdom Education or Christian Education, while the previous issues of Chalk and Chai focused on Kingdom Education and Home and Kingdom Education and School, this issue of Chalk and Chai focuses on 'Kingdom Education and Church'.

The word **church** originated from the Greek term, "**ekklesia**" meaning "a called-out assembly." There is another term "**kūrikón**" in Greek which also refers to the church meaning "dedicated to the Lord." It is interesting to know that there are many titles and names for Church in the Bible. Church is the

Assembly of upright, Assembly of saints, Body of Christ, Bride of Christ, City of the Living God, Holy city; Holy Hill, House of God, Pillar and ground of Truth and so on and so forth. All these titles help us to understand that the Kingdom of God is not just the church but any local church is the vessel through which God brings His Kingdom to earth. By looking at the life of Jesus, the formation of the Early Church, and the entire Bible, we find “education” as a major theme. As God's reign is over all things, the church is meant to be a way for others to see life under the Kingdom.

Dr. Keith Springer, Professor of Educational Ministries, Indiana Wesleyan University emphasizes that,

Christian Education is founded on the Teachings of Jesus,
 Christian Education is focussed on the Spiritual Nurture of Children,
 Christian Education is concerned with the total needs of individuals and groups and
 Christian Education is a significant part of a well-balanced church ministry.

A well-balanced church will emphasize on each of the areas of ministry mentioned in the passage Acts 2:42-47, 51: evangelism, discipleship or teaching, fellowship, worship, and service. If a church fails to place an emphasis on any of these areas, it is unbalanced.

Through the legacy of the Church, we understand that the Christian Church played an important role in the field of education. These Churches became great centres of scholarship, art, literature and religious studies. While the Greeks and Romans only educated the elites, the Christian Church, valuing

every human being equally, sought to educate everyone.

I would like to list a few in the time line of Education and Church:

The first Church champion of education was Augustine, the Bishop of Hippo (AD 354-430). The philosophy of education in the West is founded on Augustine's teachings - God is a rational being; not only the human soul but also the human mind are made in the image of God; God created humanity to be able to understand and govern creation. Upon these foundations of faith in God, the West built a cohesive culture based on logic, language and rational knowledge.

As a part of the Reformation, Martin Luther, in 1520 made an impassioned plea to the German Aristocracy. His “open letter to the Christian nobility,” said, “I believe that there is no work more worthy of pope or emperor than a thorough reform of the universities.” Others, including John Knox and John Amos Comenius joined Luther in universalizing education with the goal of an educated civil society. It was the Church, through the educational ministry, that united Europe under one world-view and produced history's first educated continent.

It was this culture of people educated by the Church that established the foundations of the nation-state, parliaments, democracy, commerce, banking, and higher education. Friars founded the educational institutions like the internationally renowned Cambridge and Oxford Universities which were built by the Church. And in nascent America, the first 123 colleges and

universities – including Harvard, Princeton and Yale – were founded, funded and flourished as educational ministries of the Christian church. But leaping forward, to today's situation, we find the Church has basically forfeited its influence in education and has been relegated to the margins. The Administration is promoting chaos where we need order. Due to varied reasons the Kingdom education in many educational institutions, run by Churches and Christian organisations, is losing its flavour.

But remember that the Bible also portrays us as the Temple of the Living God (1 Cor. 3:16; 2 Cor. 6:16). God dwells in us. We need to remember to do the things the church did when it was founded after the Holy Spirit was given. As Christian Educators, we, as **ekklesia and kūrīkón** have to step into today's Chaos.

We are the Church,

- Vineyard (Jer. 12:10) to be pruned.
- Branch of God's planting (Isa. 60:21) to sow the seed of Truth in the lives of the young people.
- Flock of God (Eze. 34:15, 1 Pet. 5:20) to obey the Shepherd.
- Congregation of the poor (Ps. 74:19) to identify with the poor and needy.
- To bring others to fold of Christ (John 10:16).
- God's building, as we labour together with God (1 Cor. 3:9) to build others.
- Family in heaven and earth (Eph. 3:15) to grow as a family of God.

ETF being a National Inter-denominational professional organisation encourages Christian Educators and denominations who have established schools and colleges to share their

testimony in Chalk and Chai. “**Relevance of church in educating the community around**” in relation to Mizoram and its context by Dr. L. N. Tluanga is quite challenging and motivating. The article, “**Teacher - God's Craftsman**” by Mrs. Vinni Thomas is very encouraging - every Christian teacher is blessed with many skills to work with and teach others as they strive to make in their students a dwelling place for God.

I would like to close with a popular song that will help us realize we have to move forward and upward as a Church in imparting Kingdom Education.

I am the church! You are the church!
 We are the church together!
 All who follow Jesus,
 All around the world!
 Yes, we're the church together!

1. The church is not a building;
 the church is not a steeple;
 The church is not a resting place;
 the church is a people.
2. We're many kinds of people,
 with many kinds of faces,
 All colours and all ages,
 too from all times and places.
3. Sometimes the church is marching;
 sometimes it's bravely burning,
 Sometimes it's riding, sometimes
 hiding; always it's learning.
4. And when the people gather,
 there's singing and there's praying;
 There's laughing and there's crying
 sometimes, all of it saying:



Caroline Michael
 General Secretary, ETF



Relevance of Church in educating the community around

I feel much privileged to be requested by our General Secretary to write an article for the next issue of Chalk and Chai on the above topic. My writing will be mostly in relation to Mizoram and its context.

1. Formal Education in Mizoram was started by the Christian missionaries

The Mizo tribe/ people were regarded as ferocious head-hunters and the first Christian missionaries came during the last decade of the 19th century only. It was in the month of February 1898 that the first formal primary school was opened by the Welsh Presbyterian missionary, Rev D. E. Jones.

“On 15th February 1898, in celebration of his twenty-eighth birthday, Mr Jones opened a school on the verandah of his own house located in an area now known as Mission Veng in Aijal. This was the first school of formal education in Mizoram which continued, grew and developed into a full fledged properly recognized school.” (Ref. Report of Mizoram Education Reforms Commission, July 2010 p. 22). Earlier, two Baptist missionaries, had come to Mizoram in 1894 and introduced the Mizo alphabets using the Roman script in

line with the English alphabets but making necessary additions and subtractions.

2. Education was under the Church for many years

Let me continue with another relevant quotation from the above Report : “In February 1904, the Chief Commissioner of Assam, Sir Bonfyld Fuller, visited Aijal and inspected the School run by the Welsh missionaries. He was so impressed and delighted that he decided on the spot that the Government school for the military children established in 1893 should be handed over to the Missions with effect from 1st April 1904; and he appointed Rev Edwin Rowlands, as the first Hon-orary Inspector of Schools, for the whole of Lushai Hills. This was a momentous decision. From that year onwards, till the taking over of the schools by the District Council, Christian Missions were the official agencies of education among the Lushais for about 50 years” (ibid. p. 22). During this period, there was tremendous growth under the missionaries; so much so that by around 1950 all villages in Mizoram had their own Primary schools, some selected villages had Middle school also and all the

teachers were Church workers who were free from any form of corruption or dereliction of duties. With the taking over of education by the District Council and by the Assam and Mizoram Governments later, the standard of education in Mizoram appeared to decline slowly but surely, causing concern among parents and Church leaders. But the process was irreversible. However, in terms of number of schools, facilities and increase in the number of teachers, there continued to be tremendous growth mostly in quantitative terms which was, sadly, not matched by growth in qualitative terms in spite of increase in teacher training facilities and opportunities and many other technical growth and improvements.

Another factor contributing to the apparent decline in the quality of general school education was the popular trend to go for the 'so called English-medium' education at the elementary level, mostly at the turn of the century in the new millennium, leading many parents to go for this kind of education despite high fees charged by such private schools, neglecting the free education offered by the Government schools. In fact, parents cannot be blamed as the Govt schools were ill-equipped to provide quality education because of teachers' lethargy and lack of control by the Government machinery – a sad state of affairs.

3. Till today, contribution of the Church in the maintenance of school education standard still very significant

In this respect also, the Church has come forward to open its own 'English-

Medium schools' with a difference under the control of local Church leaders in many villages. This has helped, to a great extent, to reverse the decline in the standard of education in Mizoram at the school level and the Synod Education Board has played a significant role in this respect through expert guidance and monetary assistance and also actual practical actions.

It may be pointed out here that, the first Middle school opened by the Welsh missionaries in the year 1907, handed over to the Assam Government in 1952, continuing under the Govt of Mizoram from 1972 to 2020, has been handed over back to the Mizoram Presbyterian Church Synod with mutual agreement on May 22, 2020. This is a very significant recent development in the field of school education in Mizoram. The name of this school, in Mizo, is **SIKULPUI**. It is not easy to find an equivalent word for this in English – it means *the first/formost/original and leading school of all*.

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4. Education remains an effective indirect means of evangelism in all the mission fields of the Church

It is generally said that the Mizo church is a *mission church* from its infancy. Evangelists and missionaries were sent out within a few years of the founding of the church by the missionaries. In fact, quite a number of church members went out on their own to Tripura, Manipur, Assam and even to Burma/Myanmar to preach the gospel in their own mother tongue to the ethnic Mizos there. Evangelical awakening occurred during the late 1950's and early 1960's which, although hampered by the Mizoram disturbances (1966-86), did not die down; so the Church continued to carry the gospel torch by forming a strong mission body bearing the name Synod Mission Board. At present, there are 17 mission fields – 2 inside Mizoram, 7 in the North-East region and 8 in Central India. Education remains in mission, an effective indirect evangelism tool so much so that in these 17 fields, we have 16 Primary, 9 Middle and 4 High schools manned by more than 900 evangelist teachers, both male and female.

5. Mizoram Presbyterian Church succeeded in opening Mizoram Christian College after several futile attempts

The threefold ministry of our Lord was *teaching, preaching and healing*. This is brought out clearly in Bible verses

like Matthew 4:23 & 9:35. In the ETF also, we emphasize the fact that our Lord Jesus was Master Teacher and *teacher par excellence*, and that of all his many titles, *teacher* was the most common and that he himself accepted this title as we read in John 13:13. As already pointed out above, the church in Mizoram has been giving importance and priority to education from the beginning; and in fact, the first College, called Aijal College was started in 1958 under the leadership of the missionaries. The Presbyterian Church Synod resolved to open a *secular* college (a full-fledged Theological College already in existence) in the year 1995; but for some reasons this could not be implemented for a number of years. At last, we have succeeded in actually opening and running the Mizoram Christian College (MCC) with effect from this new session; and providentially, the first Principal of MCC is the first President of ETF, Mizoram started in 1988 namely, Rev Dr Lalchungnunga, who served for many years as Principal of Serampore College – in fact, the longest serving Indian Principal of this prestigious college. It is our prayer that the Lord will be pleased to use this new MCC as a centre for ETF ministry and witness. ETF has been in existence in Mizoram since 1988 as stated above. We would appreciate the prayer support of the readers for Mizoram ETF to grow from strength to strength.



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Leader, mentor, coach and builder are some of the titles of a teacher. Is a teacher a craftsman/crafts woman as well? According to Exodus 31: 1–11 and Exodus 35: 30-35, a young man by name Bezalel chosen by God as master craftsman to build the Tabernacle was given the **'ability to teach'** (NIV). The Message Bible says, 'And He's (Yahweh has) also made him (Bezalel) a **Teacher!!**'.

The word **'Teacher'** in this context draws our attention. Who was Bezalel? What was his profession before he was hand-picked by Yahweh to fulfill His purpose? Why did He choose him for the vast monumental project of making 'The Tabernacle'? Where did he get the training on craftsmanship? He would not have received it in the wilderness. Was he a skilled craftsman while making bricks to build the pyramid or the cities for the King of Egypt? We don't know.

Perhaps the skill set he had acquired in Egypt was suffice to serve the earthly king. But to construct Yahweh's dwelling

place, 'The Tabernacle', according to His Instructions, Bezalel needed the anointing of the Spirit of God. The instructions were highly detailed, descriptive, included different types of materials, involved accurate measures and a wide range of workmanship.

When Yahweh finished presenting the blue-print of His dwelling place to Moses, whom I suppose was deeply troubled about how to go about raising the magnificent project (Moses was an amazing leader but not a craftsman), He said "See, I have personally chosen Bezalel son of Uri, son of Hur of the tribe of Judah. I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him skill and knowledge and expertise in every kind of craft.....he is an all-around craftsman. Not only that, but I've given him Oholiab, son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan, to work with him. And to all who have an aptitude for crafts I've given the skills to make all the things I've commanded you: the Tent of Meeting, the Chest of the Testimony and its Atonement-Cover, all the implements for the Tent, the Table

and its implements, the pure Lamp stand and all its implements, the Altar of Incense, the Altar of Whole-Burnt-Offering and all its implements, the Washbasin and its base, the official vestments, the holy vestments for Aaron the priest and his sons in their priestly duties, the anointing oil, and the aromatic incense for the Holy Place—they'll make everything just the way I've commanded you"(Exodus 31:2-11; The Message)

We understand that God called Bezalel by name, filled him with the Spirit of God (the first person in the Bible about whom it is said as 'filled with the Spirit of God'!!), filled him with skills, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts to make artistic designs of Gold, Silver and Bronze, to cut and set Stones, to work in Wood and to engage in all kinds of craftsmanship. Over and above all these skills, he was a teacher to his fellow men and women too (Exodus 35:34).

Bezalel was thus a 'Craftsman' and a 'Teacher'. Craft is a skill or set of skills learned through experience. According to Johnson (1), every teacher is a craftsman or craftswoman as teaching involves knowing, planning, doing and reflecting. The duties of a teacher include performance in the classroom, engagement with learners, motivating students, designing novel assessments for students of different learning styles and abilities and evaluating. A Christian teacher does all these things as well as looks for opportunities to take students to Christ, mentoring and following them up as well.

Bezalel was given the exceptional skills to work with Gold, Silver, Bronze, Stone and Wood. The Message version says, 'They can make anything and design anything' (Exodus 35:35). As teachers, we have developed skills to teach students of different abilities and nature: brilliant, goal-driven, focused and disciplined (gold), a little lesser

qualities than the above mentioned (silver), hard noise makers who need to be brought to the track (bronze), who have a closed mindset(stones) and also who are soft and tender yet tough to make them shine (wood). We also have acquired skills to navigate through tough times, flexible to adopt quickly to changes and discernment to interact with parents, colleagues, leaders and the authorities of the organization.

Bezalel was gifted and filled with the Spirit of God to teach, lead and guide a large number of people to build the 'Tent of Meeting' where the presence of the God of the Universe dwelt among His people in the wilderness. It was also a place where the Israelites offered sacrifices and assembled as a community to listen to the voice of God and celebrated festivals. Like Bezalel, Christian teachers strive to make in their students a dwelling place for God.

We can say that every Christian teacher is a Bezalel, called by name, filled with the Spirit of God and with skills to do all kinds of work as craftsman, designer and embroiderer. Lord Jesus has endowed the believing teachers with wisdom to understand His instructions, discernment to solve many kinds of problems and multidimensional skills (Plan, Organize, Teach, Engage, Counsel and Mentor) to help learners not only to acquire knowledge, develop skills to face life's challenges and succeed but also to live a victorious Christian life.

Reference: 1. Johnson, A. (2017). Teaching strategies for all teachers. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.



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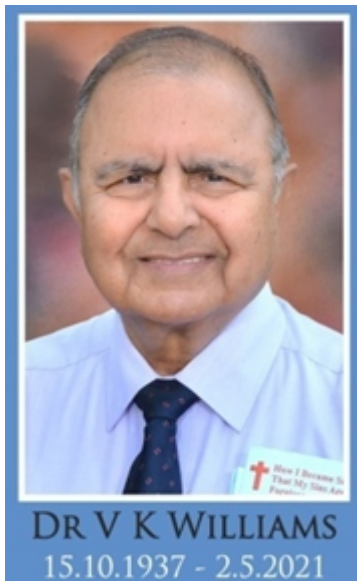
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A Tribute to

Dr. V. K. Williams

***“Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of His saints”***

Psalms 116:15

It is indeed extremely saddening and shocking for the ETF family to hear that within a period of six months, Dr. V.K. Williams went to be with the Lord following his son Mr. Jonathan.

The ETF family had the privilege of having Dr. V.K. Williams as the National President of ETF from 2009 - 17. He with his wife Dr. Neena Williams have been serving as a source of great encouragement and support to the ETF ministry. As a family and Mount Carmel community, they hosted the Biennial National Conferences for two consecutive years in 2011 and 2013 at their school, Mount Carmel, Anand Niketan, Delhi. Mount Carmel School, Anand Niketan and Mount Carmel School, Dwarka are Life Member Institutions of ETF. His presidential address during the ETF conferences always focussed on Bible based strategies to bring many teachers into the ETF fold. His vision-oriented prayer life and generosity towards the expansion of ETF ministry were always challenging, encouraging and motivating. Although Dr. Williams was the Director of Mount Carmel Schools, Delhi, as the President of ETF, he was a very loving and affectionate father to every one of us. I would like to highlight a few of the reflections of Mt. Carmel School fraternity and others in social media about his life and testimony.

- ▲ We had the privilege of watching Dr. Williams live out his life's mission all his life with all his heart.
- ▲ Much more than his words, we learned from the example he set.
- ▲ As strict as he was outwardly, he was inwardly soft-hearted...we are glad God gave us a small window into his life.
- ▲ We know you are at the place you always wanted to be in.
- ▲ I was blessed to complete my schooling under your guidance.
- ▲ The values I learnt at MCS inculcated by Mr. & Mrs. Williams still remain and have made me what I am today.
- ▲ We praise God for the life of our dear elder brother V. K. Williams, the legacy he has left behind, as a model and a bold servant of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ▲ Our Beloved Bro. V. K. Williams proved to be a very precious vessel to the Creator Lord Jesus Christ!!
- ▲ We praise God for the life and ministry of Dr. Williams and his burden for the children.

- ▲ The outpouring of love and affection is a testament of V. K. Williams sir's faithfulness to God's calling on his life.
- ▲ We praise God for his contributions to the nation and the church.
- ▲ A life that bore much fruit.
- ▲ You touched and shaped our lives in umpteen ways.
- ▲ You were a man of unparalleled faith and love for the Heavenly Father!
- ▲ Great mentor, teacher, true servant of the Most high, truly a man after God's own heart.
- ▲ Dr. Williams would always kneel down to pray.
- ▲ His great belief in our Risen Lord made him an outstanding pastor with a far-sighted vision to serve His people through the Word of God.
- ▲ He had faith, par excellence and achieved his vision to serve the nation by setting up infrastructure and providing education, charity and service for thousands for generations to come.
- ▲ He had a great influence over us, his fellow travellers in faith and this is something very few can boast.
- ▲ Great learner. Great teacher. Great human.

Finally, a few memories penned by **Mrs. Anjali Washington, Mt. Carmel School, Dwarka.....**

I have known Dr. V.K. Williams from a very young age. In those days we would meet for summer VBS in Behrampura, Ahmedabad. Great man of God, Bro. Bhakt Singh would share the Word of God and Williams Sir, along with many other servants of God would lead in worship, singing or translating. Those meetings left an irreplaceable print on my mind. Never had I seen such humility and servanthood. It was God's plan that after 25 years of my teaching experience, I got the opportunity to serve in Mount Carmel School under the leadership of Dr. Williams. We prayed and recollected the old days.

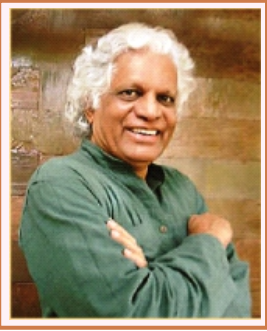
Hearing the Word from a true servant of God was a blessing and privilege. Here in Dwarka, we would wait to meet and greet sir. He was dependable, trustworthy, caring, understanding, strict but loving too and most of all, a prayer warrior, always on his knees. I always mentioned to my family how sir would be on his knees even when he was not well. We emulate his way of going on our knees when in prayer. His boldness and perseverance to preach Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world will always be remembered and followed.

Hebrews 13:7 says, “Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct”.

I am sure that sir is with his Saviour and the Lord would have said: 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' (Matthew 25:21).

On behalf of the ETF family, we express our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Neena Williams, all the family members and the Mount Carmel Fraternity. Our prayers are with each one of them. May God's peace and comfort abide with everyone.

Caroline Michael, Gen. Sec. and ETF Family



A Tribute to
Dr. Ken Gnanakan

ETF is grieved along with all our friends as we lost our dear Friend and well-wisher Dr.Ken Gnanakan, ACTS group of institutions, Bangalore. His friendship guidance and support was a source of great encouragement to ETF ministry. He was very much part of our Vision and Mission. The Kachuaa Christian School at Kachuaa, Uttar Pradesh and Timpany School at Vishakapatnam , Andra Pradesh are life Member Institutions of ETF.

On behalf of the ETF family, we express our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Anupa Gnanakan and all the family members and the ACTS Community . Our prayers are with each one of them. May God's peace and comfort abide with everyone .



A Tribute to
Mr. Simon

Our beloved brother Mr. Simon was born on 30-04-1963, good at education, pursued M.A M.A. B.Ed., joined duty as teacher on 03-12-1988 .He was living in Tuni, Andra Pradesh and he a very good and he was an active teacher. His wife was retired from Health Department recently. They were blessed with two daughters and one grandson .The eldest daughter is married and working as a Doctor and the younger daughter is pursuing her Bachelor's degree. Bro Simon joined ETF during the vibrant leadership of late Mr.G. Babu Prasad Garu. Since then Mr.Simon was actively involved in ETF ministry at Tuni and encouraged every fellow members towards God. His sudden demise is a great loss to his family and ETF Family. Continue to pray for the family members.

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A Tribute to
Mr. V. Vijayakumar

Our beloved brother Mr. V.Vijayakumar was born on 1.12.1974 ,good at education, pursued M.A (Eng) M.A. (History)B.Ed., joined duty as teacher on 15.8.1998 .He was living in Tadepalligudam and working as a teacher in MPPs Government school at Pentapadu Mandal . He was actively involved in organising ETF programs many and encouraging many teachers to be a part of ETF. He was one of the main pillars for the formation of the ETF local unit at Tadepalligudam in West Godavari District which is a functioning local Unit under the leadership of Mr.Samuel Raj and Mr.Nagu for the past two years. On behalf of ETF family we pray for the comfort of his wife Mrs.Krupa Rani working as a teacher in a government school and his children.

ETF News - Nandyal Local Unit -AP

Report by Mr. Paul Devakumar



Praise God. As a break through after lock down the Nandyal local unit to organise a one day retreat on 5th April 2021 in Good Shepherd E.M.School under the leadership of Mrs. Jessy Paul and team. Prof. Sambaiah, HOD of English Dept., JNTU, Pulivendula shared the word of God. About 30 teachers attended the program.



Praise God. The Nandyal local unit also organised a one day retreat on 13th April 2021 in Kadapa about 90 kms away from Nadyal under the leadership of Mrs. Jessy Paul and team. Prof. Sambaiah, HOD of English Dept., JNTU, Pulivendula and Bro. Bala Chandra Reddy, Good Shepherd E.M.School shared the word of God. About 40 teachers including Mr. Sunderasan, Principal, St. John's English Medium School, Mydukur, Kadapa district attended the program. ETF was introduced and a few teachers have become ETF members.

*Some people inform
Some people reform*

*But there is only one teacher
who transforms
he is none other than.....*

"JESUS A MODEL GURU"

Speakers

Bro. E Bala Chandra Reddy
B.Sc., B.Ed (Biology Asst.)

Dr. M Sambaiah,
M.A., M.Phil, Phd, Asst. Prof.,
HOD Department of English, JNTU Pulivendula

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Exclusively for Teachers

Date: 13-04-2021 (Tuesday)

Time: 09:00am to 04:00pm (Lunch Follows)

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Day 1 ETF EC

Praise & Thank God for:

1. The involvement, prayer support, financial support and help and commitment towards the ETF ministry of all the EC members. The EC meeting held on 5th June 2021 via Zoom and the useful deliberations.

Pray for:

1. More new members from different parts of the country to take leadership in EC to carry out their responsibilities with a commitment in the extension of the ETF ministry in their region and state.
2. The families, ministries and health of EC members.
3. The proposed EC meeting during August/October 2021.

Day 2 Finance

Praise & Thank God for:

1. Sponsors and donors of ETF who support the ministry financially.
2. Many new individual and institutional life members and new members joined .

Pray for:

1. God to continue to bless the sponsors and donors.
2. Many teachers to become the members of ETF to support and pray and institutions to be introduced to ETF ministry from different parts of the country.
3. Enabling all the EC members/ local unit leaders to submit their quarterly financial statements regularly in the months February, May, August and November.
4. Financial needs of ETF will be met.

Day 3 ETF Publication Trust

Praise & Thank God for:

1. Enabling the members of the Editorial Board of Chalk and Chai (CC) to publish and the Chennai team to dispatch the CC issues without any delay .
2. All people who are blessed by the magazine, people who contribute articles and advertisements.
3. The team involved in the entire process from printing to posting Chalk and Chai.
4. The ETFPT meetings held on 5th and 6th June 2021.

Pray for:

1. That God will provide the recruitment of teachers/administrators in institutions for recruitment advertised in CC.
2. The editing work, DTP work , work related with the mailing list of CC and other office concerned work, printing and dispatching of CC will be carried out smoothly and perfectly without any time delay.
3. Receipt of the magazine by all addressees on time and without any loss.
4. The efforts undertaken for the registration of CC at Chennai.
5. ETF Study Centre at the ETF office at Hyderabad will be accessed by many teachers to get benefitted by the resources available.
6. ETF publications to be available as E-Books.

Day 4

ETF Website /Introduction meetings/One day retreat /Seminars / JTL workshops /Integrated program with Educational institutions and churches/Conferences

Praise God

For the ETF Website which helps many people to know about the ministry updates globally.

Pray for:

1. Many integrated programs of ETF and UESI in the country.
2. Auxiliary Staff Partner Training Conference/ Principals and Administrators' Conference / Prayer conference to be planned periodically in different parts of the country.
3. State level programs, special programs of ETF and Joy of Teaching – Learning (JTL) workshops to be organized by ETF in different states of India in respective vernacular languages
4. Plans to reach the Christian teachers serving in remote areas to strengthen their fellowship and equipping them in their work.

Day 5 National Conference

Pray for:

1. The upcoming 22nd Biennial National Conference to be held from 14th to 16th October 2021 in Scripture Union campus near Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
2. Many delegates from different parts of the country to participate to get enriched , encouraged and equipped spiritually and professionally.

- The financial needs of sponsoring institutions and individual teachers to be met.
- Favourable condition to prevail to conduct the conference, safe and comfortable travel and good health for all who plan to attend the conference including the resource persons, and the conference organising team.
- Printing of souvenir, Conference proceedings and all the related financial needs.

Day 6 Andhra Pradesh

Praise & Thank God for

- A.P. State council members and their leadership and the new members and local unit fellowships.

Pray for:

- The Local units to get strengthened and JTL workshops to be organised in the following places :
Good Shepherd English Medium School(LMI) -Mrs. Jessy Paul and team, **Nandyal**, Mr.Saibaba **Anakapalli**, Mr. David Vijayakumar and Prof.Sagar, **Narasapur**, Dr.Theophilus, Prof.Bulli Babu and Prof.Samuel Pradeep – **Vishakapatnam**, Mr.Venkatarao and team –**Tuni**, Dr.Israel Raju and team – **Guntur**, Mr. Samuelraj and Mr. Nagu – **Tadepalligudem**, Mr.Ravikumar and team – **Gajapathinagaram**, Mr.Victor Samuel –**Srikakulam**, Prof. Arun Kumar- **Anantapur** and Prof. Vijay – **Ongole**
- JTL workshop to be planned in the following institutions:
SPG college of Education(LMI) and Member Institution (MI) Holy Cross Girls School, **Nandyal**; Adarsh Degree College(LMI) and Timpany School (LMI) **Vishakapatnam**; Emmanuel English Medium School(MI) **Anakapalle** and St.John's English Medium High School, (LMI) **Mydukur**.

Day 7 Bihar

Praise & Thank God for:

- The leadership of Mrs. Kavitha Juliana

Pray for:

- Need for Christian PGT teachers for Science and English in Bethel Mission School(LMI), **Kishanganj**
- Christian Principal and teachers for Emmanuel Mission Public School(LMI) **Patna**
- JTL workshop to be organized at Nav Bharat Mission School (LMI), **Purnea**, Harvest Mission Schools (MI) and Rodem International School in **Katihar** and **Araria** and GEMS Polytechnic College (LMI) and GEMS English School in **Ratanpura**, **Aurangabad** and other places.
- Open doors for ETF Ministry in Assembly of God School, **Bettiah**

Day 8 Chhattisgarh

Pray for:

- Praise and thank God for the progress of the Blaze academy (LMI) School building construction, **Ganjpara** and God's provision for mission minded efficient Christian teachers to work in their school and for the financial needs.
- Local unit to form in Life Academy (LMI), **Awaspura** and Blaze Academy
- JTL workshop to be conducted in St. Thomas School, **Dhondi**
- Open doors for ETF ministry in IMST English Schools

Day 9 Delhi and Haryana

Praise & Thank God for:

The leadership rendered by Dr. Abhi Sethia

Pray for:

- ETF meetings to be organized periodically in different places in Delhi.
- The JTL workshop to be organised in Faith academy (MI), Good Samaritan School (LMI), Jasola, and other schools in Delhi.
- The ETF members at Mt. Carmel School (LMI) **Anand Niketan** and Mt. Carmel School **Dwarka**
- The opening for ETF ministry in Haryana

Gujarat

Pray for:

- The need of committed and efficient teachers to teach higher classes at FMPB St. Thomas English School (LMI) **Jawda**.
- Pray for the needs of St. Stephen's English Medium School(LMI) **Selemba** and ETF local unit to function there.
- JTL workshop to be organised in Angel School **Vyara**.
- New contacts and open doors for ETF ministry in **Ahmadabad**, **Baroda**, **Surat** and other places.

Day 10 Himachal Pradesh

Praise & Thank God for:

The new member institution - Rainbow School and the Children's Home **Manali** under the care of Ms.Lalsangliani

Pray for:

- ETF prayer cell to start at Day Star School, (LMI) **Manali**.
Pray for the need of Maths teacher in the school.
- Open doors for ETF ministry in C.N.I. St.Thomas School, **Shimla** and other educational institutions under the diocese of Amritsar.

Jharkhand

Praise & Thank God for:

The leadership of Mr. Joseph Ponraj.

Pray for:

1. JTL workshop to be organised in FMPB St.Thomas English School (LMI) **Pandanbhita**, Shalom School (LMI) **Madhupur**
2. Open doors for ETF ministry in Bethel Mission School **Dumka** and other educational institutions.

Day 11 Karnataka

Praise & Thank God for:

The leadership of Mrs. Vinnie Thomas and team at **Bangalore**

Pray for:

1. The local units at Indira Nagar , St. John's School and other places to function regularly and many teachers to participate.
2. ETF to have open doors in **Hubli** and **Coorg**.
3. The State Conference of Karnataka to be organized.
4. JTL workshops to be conducted in many institutions in Bangalore and other states.
5. State Council to be formed in Karnataka.

Day 12 Kerala

Pray for:

Many teachers to be associated with ETF and open doors for ETF ministry in educational institutions in Kerala.

Madhya Pradesh

Praise & Thank God for:

Open doors of ETF Ministry in many places in Madhya Pradesh.

Pray for:

1. JTL workshop planned in the following Schools :
Ideal School, **Bhopal** , Pothen School **Indore**, Sideras School (MI) **Borkhedi** and Teresa International school **Panpur** and Jolly Memorial Mission School **Ujjain**.
2. The needs of Nayajeevan School, **Datia**

Day 13 Maharashtra

Praise & Thank God for:

1. The leadership of Mrs.Flora Bawadekar and team **Solapur** ,Rev.Kulothungan **Nagpur**, Mrs.Betsy Annie Koshy **Pune**.

Pray for:

1. The local unit at **Solapur** to be strengthened and many new members to join.
2. JTL workshop to be organised in the following places:
Shalom English School (LMI),**Kolambi**,**Yuvatmal**, Agape English School, **Chandrapur** and Navjeevan English School, **Kamptee** under Maharashtra Village Ministries(LMI), The Ambassador High School(MI) **Vasai East**, Bombay Teen Challenges Academy **Badhlapur West** and Gyanankur School **Pune**.
3. Good leadership and mission minded efficient teachers to be appointed in

- Yardy English School **Umri** and YCLT English Medium School **Yavatmal**
4. Pray for the open doors for the ETF ministry in **Pune, Mumbai and Amaravathi district**
5. Special programs by ETF to be arranged for Mission India Theological Seminary (LMI) **Nagpur**
6. The state conference of Maharashtra to be planned.
7. State council to be formed in Maharashtra.

Day 14 North East – Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura

Praise & Thank God for:

The encouragement rendered by Mrs.Nirupama and team **Diphu**

Pray for:

1. The functioning of ETF prayer cell at Mt. Calvary School (LMI), **Diphu, Karbi Anglong Dt.** and in Makunda Christian High School(LMI), **Bazaricherra, Karimganj Dt.,Assam**
2. JTL workshops to be organised in the following places: Many institutions in Karbi Anglong district, Ruth Foundation English School ,**West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh** and Thomas English School(MI) , **Purbahanpara ,Tripura** and Antioch School (MI), in **West Tripura**.

Day 15 Manipur, Nagaland

Praise & Thank God for:

The new members in Manipur and Nagaland

Pray for:

1. Many institutions in **Mao in Manipur** to become members/ life members of ETF.
2. JTL workshop to be organized in Baptist Mission Schools, **Imphal**, St. John's English School, **Nambal** and Bethany Christian College, **Manipur**
Open doors for ETF ministry in **Nagaland** under the leadership of Dr.Husca Ayemi

Day 16 Mizoram

Praise & Thank God for:

1. Dr.L.N.Tluanga, **Aizawl**, for his prayers, encouragement and involvement in ETF ministry.
2. The local unit functioning at Aizawl under the leadership of Dr.Lalzarmawii and Dr. Hmingthanzuala.

Pray for:

1. ETF Local unit to start in the Mizoram Christian College
2. Many institutions under Presbyterian Church in Mizoram and other places to become part of ETF.

Day 17 Meghalaya

Praise & Thank God for:

The leadership of Mrs. Wellorich and team and encouragement from ETF members in NEHU, **Shillong**.

Pray for:

1. The local unit at Anderson Hr. Sec. School(LMI), **Nongstoin** to function regularly.
2. JTL workshop to be conducted in Anderson Hr. Sec. School **Nongstoin** and Seven Set School **Shillong**.
3. ETF local unit to be formed in Shillong and in NEHU.

Day 18 Odisha

Praise & Thank God for:

The leadership and involvement of Mr. Kubera Paricha

Pray for:

JTL programs to be organised , the need of good committed Christian teachers / administrators in the following schools and financial needs of these schools to be met:

El Nissi Mission School(LMI) **Dharamgarh** and Adoni Public School (LMI),

Daspur, Kalahandi Dt,

Navjyoti Vidyalaya(LMI), **Khariar Road**, Anand Niketan School (LMI)

Lamtaput,AG Mission School (MI) ,**Chandpur**, Manna Wisdom School

(MI),**Bhubaneswar** Shepherd English School (MI), **Kuarmunda** ,IMST English

School, **Malkangiri and Balimela** , Asha Kiran ,**Lamtaput** and Elmachsi

Mission School **Kalahandi Dt.**

Day 19 Punjab

Praise and Thank God for:

Mr. Seenivasan **Moga** for his encouragement.

Pray for:

1. All the schools under the CNI diocese of Amritsar be influenced by ETF ministry.
2. For open doors of ETF ministry in Jalandhar and other places.
3. For the Christian teachers at Sacred Heart School, Moga to be witnessing servants for God

Rajasthan

Praise God for

Mrs. Mercy Nelson ,**Jaipur** for her encouragement.

Pray for:

Open doors for ETF ministry in Fellowship Mission School **Jaipur. Udaipur** and other places.

Day 20 Tamil Nadu

Praise and Thank God for:

The support, encouragement and partnership rendered by all the life member institutions, T.N. State council members, local leaders and other institutions in building up ETF ministry in various places of Tamil Nadu.

Pray for:

JTL workshop to be conducted in the following schools and the needs of the schools to be met:

1. Shalom Matriculation School (LMI), **Pavoorchatram** - Dr. C.K. Rajasingh
2. Kings and Queens Residential School(LMI) **Arakkonam** , Santhosh Vidhyalaya, **Donavur**
3. Local unit members **Tambaram and Chennai** Dr.Adella Paul, Mrs.Lydia Devasagayam ,Dr.Jayalatha
4. The delegates from Lady Doak College(LMI),**Madurai** in ETF conferences to involve in ETF ministry.

Day 21

Pray for:

1. Local unit in **Coimbatore** – Dr.Santha Prabhuraj, Prof. Annie Crystal and Mr. Benjamin and team
2. Open doors for ETF Ministry in **Nilgiris** district.
3. The Following local units to be formed and to be active:
Vellore Prof. Noah and Prof.V.D.S.Chandrasekar, Bishop Heber College, **Trichy** - Prof. Joseph Paramasivam, **Thiruthani** - Mr. Emmanuel Premkumar and **Thiruvallur** - Mr. Jeyakumar Jesudas and Mrs. Rosaline.

Day 22 Telangana

Praise and Thank God for:

New members from other parts of the state. The support and encouragement rendered by St.Peter Model School (LMI),Hyderabad , Vijayalaksmi Memorial School - **Siddipet Dt**, Word and Deed School (LMI) **Hayath Nagar** and for chain prayer network and weekly Bible study **Kharim Nagar**.

Pray for

1. The local unit at **Hyderabad** Mrs. Kasturi Samuel and team to be active and many new members to become part of ETF and local units to be formed in many places of Hyderabad.
2. Pray for open doors for ETF ministry in **Khammam, Warangal, Adhilabad and other places**.

Day 23 Uttarakhand

Praise and Thank God for:

The Leadership of Mr. Andriyas Singh

Pray for:

1. The local unit at Grace Academy to be strengthened and needs of the school to be met.
2. JTL workshops to be organized, the needs of the following institutions met and local units to be formed :
Khrist Jyoti, Academy (LMI) **Dehradun**, Khrist Jyoti, Academy (LMI)

- Rudraprayag**, Mount Carmel Christian Academy (LMI) **Gulabrai** Khrist Jyoti, Academy **Haridwar** - all these schools under Bharat Susamachar Samiti (LMI), Shishya Public School and New Theological Seminary, **Dehradun**.
3. Pray for the open doors for ETF in Moravian Institute and Shifa School, Dehradun and in other places .

Day 24 Uttar Pradesh

Praise and Thank God for:

The Leadership of Dr. Silas Dayal Sharma ,Mr. Samuel John and Mr.Vipul John and for many institutions which are introduced to ETF ministry.

Pray for:

1. The JTL workshops to be organised in the following institutions:
Kachhawa Christian School(LMI)**Mirzapur**, Emmanuel Church School (LMI), **Utraula**, Thelma David Memorial School **Varanasi**, Mizpah Christian School **Orai**,Lucknow Christian College **Lucknow**
2. The needs to met and local units to form in St. Thomas School (LMI) **Bhadohi** and True Light English School(LMI),**Varanasi**
3. Open doors for ETF ministry in the following Institutions:
W.H. Smith Memorial School **Varanasi** , Christ Church College, **Kanpur**, St.Thomas School **Ballia**, Jamuna Christian College and School, **Allahabad**, Isabella Thoburn College **Lucknow**, St.John's College,**Agra**, Kulpahar Christian School ,**Kulpahar**, St.Xavier's School Khaliabad and GEMS English School **Duddi** and James Harvey Memorial School,**Nawabganj**

Day 25 West Bengal

Praise and Thank God for:

The encouragement rendered by Rev. Sathyamoorthy, Ms.Deki. O.Panlook and Mr.Vasant Abraham

Pray for:

1. JTL workshops to be conducted in the following institutions:
Assembly of God Mission School(LMI) **Jaigaon**, Grace Ashram **Alipurduar** Corner Stone School(LMI) **Purba Satali**, Bidhan School **Durgapur**, Wheaton School(LMI) **Siliguri**, Dr.Graham's Homes and other schools **Kalimpong**
2. The needs of St. John's Public School **Burdwan** and Bidhan School, Durgapur to be met.
3. Open doors for ETF ministry in C.N.I Diocesan School **Durgapur**

Day 26 Christian Educational Institutions

Pray for:

1. God's protection and provision for the following Christian Educational Institutions:
All the educational institutions under Mizoram Presbyterian Church ,C.S.I. and C.N.I. diocesan institutions, Baptist mission schools, Methodist mission schools, , ECI church Schools, Schools under missionary organizations like

- IMS, FMPB, Vishwavani etc. and mission schools under Christian NGO and individual Christian educators in different parts of the country.
2. God's provision of trained and committed Christian teachers and administrators and good strength of students in these schools.
3. Holistic growth of children through cultivation of moral, social and ethical values with spiritual insights.
4. God should enable all the board members /administrators/ teachers of all Christian educational institutions to serve the Lord as witnessing servants faithfully without any selfish attitude to bring up the institutions to greater heights for the glory of God.
5. Removal of all kind of evils like mal practices ,crave for money, position, caste issues, bribe ,child abuse and any kind of unethical and immoral activities prevailing in Christian educational institutions.

Day 27 Career excellence and Job opportunities

Pray for:

1. Qualified and trained Christian teachers to get good job opportunities in schools and colleges.
2. Christian Teachers /Research guides involved in higher education and research work.
3. The health and family needs of the teaching community and also for their life model to the students.
4. The fear of God to prevail in the life of authorities who are involved in the appointments of staff and admissions of students that they will avoid all kinds of evil and illegal considerations
5. The conduct and valuation of examination scripts at all levels to be done with integrity and for God to be honoured and glorified in all aspects related to results of Christian educational institutions and grades and marks achieved by Christian students.

Day 28 Pandemic Implications

Pray for:

1. God's grace and mercy to remove the virus Covid-19 completely from the world.
2. The financial needs to be met in teachers'/students' families.
3. The Christian educational institutions are well equipped with resources to meet the demands of present day especially for the required facilities to both faculties and students in mission schools in remote areas for learning through on line classes.
4. Safety of teachers and students and support staff in the educational institutions when they reopen and for the smooth functioning of examinations.

Day 29

5. The comfort and peace in the families who have lost their loved ones and

pray for their timely needs to be met. The healing touch of God on those who are hospitalised and quarantined.

6. The health issues of teachers and students because of on line classes - head ache, stress in the eyes ,stress in mind and other needs and anxieties.
7. The emotional needs of teachers, students and parents who are getting adopted to the new system of teaching and learning through on line classes
8. Students at all levels of education to be blessed with good health, good mindset to study, freedom from anxiety ,fear ,complex, depression and suicidal attempts.
9. The Christian parents to accept God's will and purpose in their family with respect to the future and career of their children.

Day 30 Protection of Christian educational institutions

Pray for:

1. For the deceitful implications of the new education policy not to affect the teaching – learning community
2. The government at the centre and state levels to favour Christian schools and colleges as granted in the constitution of India.
3. The Christian teachers, educators and Principals of Christian institutions to stand firm in their faith to face the challenges.
4. God's protection and wisdom to integrate the Truth from Biblical perspectives even in theory subject teaching.
5. God's grace to abound in the education system protecting the younger generation from learning facts that are not true and correct.
6. God to take complete control of present situation to protect the educating and learning community from all harms and threats they may face from different directions expected and unexpected.

Day 31 Revival among Teachers through ETF ministry

Pray for:

1. Many teachers to be added into the fellowship of local ETF so that unity among the Christian teachers gets strengthened.
2. Many local units to be started in many Christian educational institutions in different places in India.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Teachers from other faiths working in the mission schools to know the Truth and excel in their work.
6. Christian teachers working in government sectors and secular institutions to get strengthened by Chalk and Chai magazine and ETF programs to be witnessing servants in their working place.



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