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## FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK

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**Praise God.** I am happy to reach you through this last issue of Chalk and Chai 46:4 (Oct to Dec 2023). I take this opportunity to invite each one of you to the special event - the 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Conference for Teachers from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in Siliguri, West Bengal. This issue is a special one which includes more articles, messages and greetings from well-wishers former leaders and pioneers of ETF ministry. Special thanks to every one of them. I am grateful to each and every one of you who support and pray for the ETF ministry.

Through the themes of Chalk and Chai during this year, *“Education and Creation, Education and Fall, Education and Redemption, Education and Restoration*, we have been focusing on how these four acts of Creation narrative are integrated into the present education system and our responsibility as Christian educators. The theme of this issue, *“Education and Restoration”* and the theme of the upcoming 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Conference, *“A Call to Build and Rebuild”*, have aligned so beautifully!

All buildings are built with the same common components such as founda-

tions, walls, floors, rooms, and roofs, and involve many other accessories. The foundation is the most crucial work of building construction. Every component of a building has to utilize proper genuine materials and involve a variety of workers. Each category of the building has its own structure following certain restrictions and regulations. The buildings are used for several purposes. ***But all the buildings and structures on this earth are non-living things. They don't have life. They can be destroyed due to natural calamities or human - induced disasters.***

But the Bible says the people of God are God's house, the **'Building - a Growing Building with Life!'** “We are His house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself” (Eph 2:20-22).

### **Right Foundation**

It's a common scene and practice to observe, before any building construction work starts, one corner of the foundation to be laid is marked and piled with a few bricks to form a corner and people have a simple ceremony with a prayer and begin the work. The building work already started 2000 years ago

with the Cornerstone of the foundation as Jesus Christ Himself - The Word. Apostles and Prophets continued the foundation work. **Every one of us is a builder to build on the right foundation to grow as a building. We are called to help others to stack their building above us with the right foundation like Sky-scrapers.** A load of buildings depends on the foundation which is the strength of buildings.

Beautiful educational institutions with attractive infrastructures, comfortable desks for children, smart classrooms, good libraries, virtual labs, and facilities for various skill developments are essential to lay a foundation to build the career, skills, and knowledge of the students. But as Christian educators, we are called to build the lives of people and we have to be careful in picking up the building materials for the foundation for life. Fear of God is the beginning of wisdom and Jesus said, *“Those who hear His words and do them are wise builders (Mt. 7:24-27).* They have built their homes on rock-solid foundations (deep foundations as per the present technology!) The house stands firm when the winds howl, the rains and floods come. Those who hear His words, but fail to live by them are foolish builders (Shallow foundations!).

### **Renovation**

As a growing building, first, we have to build ourselves on the right foundation - a strong foundation, by obeying his word and in the fear of God. If not, when inspection comes where we have to be standing witnesses for God, our part of the building will be torn out and has to be started over. Then our lives need 'Renovation' to restore our witnessing life!

### **Renovation involves both interior and exterior.**

Right materials of good quality in right proportion have to be used to join the bricks, plaster the walls, and pave the floor and fix the doors and windows. Each work needs different kinds of tools and workmanship. Building maintenance is very important to retain and restore the functionality of any kind of building. It includes tasks such as cleaning, landscaping, electrical and plumbing system and time to time renovation. As God's children when we grow as a building, we are growing as His Temple and Spirit of God dwells in us. God's temple is Holy and Sacred and any kind of sinful practices, selfishness, and lack of faith in God and lack of obedience to God's word will cause damage to the building to leave the building useless.

As Christian educators, we are called to do renovation in the lives of others/ youngsters – to build and rebuild their lives with the fear of God, Character building, the right relationship with God, people, and careers. To do such renovation, our space, time, and energy have to be invested in the lives of people with Biblical principles as tools.

*If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved. If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple. (1Cor.3:12-16).*

## Restoration

We have a purposeful and meaningful life not only to grow as a building but build the younger generation along with us to grow as Kingdom people in this world. Bible says the builder is rewarded when we inherit the Kingdom of God. Like Nehemiah, it is our responsibility to restore the purpose of education to be holistic by renovating the broken walls in the education system through our professional and witnessing life.

The Bible has many insights about buildings projecting the triune God as the greatest architect and engineer of buildings. To build the Ark by Noah, the Tabernacle by Moses, or the Temple of Jerusalem by Solomon - In every construction we find Men and women who worked as laborers to fulfill God's plan. With a willing mind, they obeyed God's instruction. They carried out the exact pattern and structure for both the

interior and exterior. They used the materials and methods prescribed by God. When the people were needed to bring contributions, with willing hearts, they were moved to give generous offerings to the Lord. The Walls of Jerusalem rebuilt by Nehemiah was restored. They all accomplished the work assigned to them.

**God is interested in building and rebuilding people - He works in us - He wants to work through us to renovate and restore His people to grow as Kingdom People. God Bless you.**



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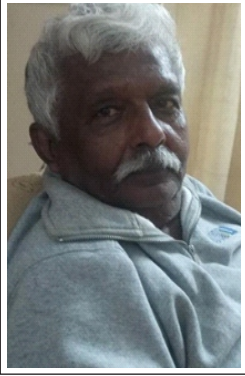
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## Greetings and Message

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#### Dear members of Evangelical Teacher Fellowship.

I greet you in the name of our Saviour God Jesus Christ, who has saved us from eternal condemnation by offering his life as a substitute on the cross of Calvary, an event unparalleled in history. He rose from the dead and his tomb is empty to prove as to who he is. Our theme for this issue of Chalk and Chai is “Education and Restoration” and theme for our Biennial National Conference is 'A Call to Build and Rebuild'. Please permit me to walk through these two themes as I think of what I know from God's word ; His plan for mankind.

God made the first couple Adam and Eve in his own image and placed them in a self-sufficient garden and to rule over the rest of creation. Instead of trusting the Creator, they thought they would exercise their freedom to choose. That was rebellion and sin entered human life and God wanted humanity (nations) unto himself. He called Abraham from a land of idol worshippers and promised to take him to a land which he would give his generation. Abraham trusted God and it was counted to him as righteousness. An old man and his barren wife were promised a child from whom the Messiah would come to bless all nations. As we see the story of the Messiah unfolded in history the Messiah was born of a virgin and suffered, crucified, dead, buried and rose again on the third day. His tomb is empty. All the apostles were witnesses to this fact. Peter in his message said “you through unbelief crucified the Messiah. If you confess your sin, He will **restore** you and give you the Holy Spirit to restore you who will be with you and guide you into all truth.” The ones who were in sin will be restored back to God and be transformed into His likeness so that we are building His kingdom restoring fallen mankind to himself. We are partners with the Messiah in restoring the image of God who are called to be his children. Education therefore must be an active process of building and training young lives with the help of God the Holy Spirit. So no other way of living would fit. That is why democracy promises for freedom to practise and propagate the Abrahamic faith and the Messianic kingdom. Jesus said that one who follows me must forsake himself take up his cross and follow **Me** Self-denial is a basic kingdom value for we are building God's kingdom not our own empires. Calling every man and woman (residents and colleagues) unto the kingdom to our daily God given responsibility. My wife, Hannah

shared the gospel with Lakshmi, the woman who helps in our home with cleaning. The one question that I would have to answer would be, “Did you talk about **Me** with Lakshmi?”

Along with Paul we should cry out “Woe unto me if I share not the gospel – for it is the power of God unto salvation.”

As evangelical teachers we should build our residents and colleagues alike into His kingdom restoring them to God the true owner.

Regarding the Biennial National Conference theme, “Build and Rebuild” we understand our God is the prime architect. He designed an ark to save Noah and his family from his judgement to come. King Solomon built a temple in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord which would attract people from every nation, because of the mighty acts of the Lord. Yet because of the breaking of the covenant by the people of God they were sent into captivity and the temple and its surrounding walls were in decay and disarray. God moved the heart of a Persian King who sent men to rebuild the temple and the walls. They did rebuild. The truth is that we are the temple of the Holy God and the Spirit of God lives therein and the one desecrates this temple will be destroyed says the Lord. Abraham the father of faith was looking for a city whose builder and architect is God. John the beloved saw Jerusalem coming down. Jesus declared I go to my Father to prepare a place for you (there are many mansions) I will come back to receive you. Peter in his second epistle says that the one who has this hope purifies himself for we do not know when he returns.

So God in his love and mercy has restored us and given us eternal life. Let us be vigilant and live for him.

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# RESTORATION AND REBUILDING IN TEACHING

Recently, this July, we all admired the launch of the Chandrayaan – III mission to Moon by the Indian Space Department. The rocket goes into space with a great speed and puts the mission module into the orbit. From there it is to be transferred to the surface of the Moon. The rocket has to follow a predetermined path so that it reaches the right point in space at the right time with the right speed. But the unexpected disturbances like air gusts, change in weather conditions, deviation in the engine performance etc. could make the rocket to depart from its planned path. If unchecked, it could cause a failure. But the meticulously designed automatic guidance system continuously monitors the path of the rocket, measures the deviations and immediately applies the corrective measures and brings back the rocket to the original trajectory, without any human intervention during the flight.

Similar situation can happen in our spiritual life too, in the life of an individual, a family, a church or a nation. Once we fail to follow God's laws and to obey Him, we deviate from His plan. If unchecked, the deviation enlarges day by day and the situation ends up in *catastrophe*. The fellowship between God and us is broken, joy and happiness is replaced by hopelessness and gloom, victory becomes defeat. Bible is full of such historical events where individuals like Adam and Eve, several kings in Israel or Israel as a nation went away from

God's planned path and got into misery. In some cases the restoration took place and in other cases it didn't.

Our Heavenly Father, out of love, has provided means for us so that we can always come back to the God-planned life for us. Lord Jesus came down to the world for this very purpose of reconciliation, restoring the relationship with God which man had lost in the Garden of Eden [Lk.19:10]. He has given us the *responsibility* of continuing the restoration process [II Cor. 5:18]. We as teachers are called to use our profession for that purpose.

The young people whom we handle or guide are school or college students. They are taught to be good, morally right, loving, caring etc. Nobody tells them or advises them to go wrong. But external influences sow the seed of sin in their mind, just as the external disturbances deviate the rocket. Most of us would have come across instants where how media, mobile phones, peer pressure has spoiled the lives of many young people. God has placed us as teachers, to protect them from falling prey to the devil's plans, and restore them if they have failed, by our *influence* through the teaching ministry.

The book of Nehemiah is a great source of inspiration when one thinks of restoration or rebuilding. A good Christian teacher should have a good knowledge of that book and apply some of the



principles found in it so that the teacher serves as a good rebuild.

### PERSONAL LIFE:

The control and guidance system of the rocket should be in perfect state, so that it can work to bring the huge rocket back, when it deviates. So also our spiritual lives must be in tune with God's overall plan. Paul says that his aim is to please God [II Cor.5:9] before he talks about the ministry of reconciliation. Our *relationship with God* should be perfect, by daily spending time with Him in prayer and meditating on His Word, so that we can be used by Him to restore broken relationships and lives. We see Nehemiah as a man of prayer, praying frequently.

### BURDEN:

Nehemiah was sad to hear about the sorry state of Jerusalem's damaged walls. Immediately the *burden* of the broken city walls pressed on him and he *wept*. He *fasted* and *prayed*. We should have a similar burden for the lost young people, who sit in our classrooms. Having a burden for the lost is the main driving force for any mission. Nehemiah's burden had directed him to do all he could to complete the restoration of the walls. He was a man of prayer and obeyed God's law, but the driving force behind his ministry was his burden for the lost. This was the reason for our Lord Jesus crying for Jerusalem.[Lk. 13:34]

### ALERTNESS:

We should always be on the *lookout* for students who need to be restored. There may be a girl there in your classroom, a victim of domestic violence, or a boy with other issues who need to be counselled. Their facial expressions and lack of participation in the classroom activities can reveal their state of mind.

While teaching the subject, the Christian teacher should be on the lookout for such students who need their help. Before rebuilding the wall, Nehemiah was looking for the damages on the wall, so that he can plan a strategy to rebuild. [Neh.2:13-15]

### STRATEGY:

We see godly principles with which Nehemiah went about his ministry of rebuilding. He was successful in setting up a *team*, as he knew the fruitfulness of teamwork. [Neh. 3] Christian teachers should have fellowship with other Christian colleagues, which may not be possible always, especially in non-Christian schools.

Nehemiah had a strategy to *overcome the enemies*. [Neh. 4:9,13,14] As Christian teachers we face difficulty and opposition in our workplaces when we try to rebuild lives. We have to be careful and wise to do the right thing, and not lose our credentials and witness. Holy Spirit will guide us to manage the situation.

Ultimately, rebuilding and restoration of lives is the *work of God*. Lord Jesus came to this world as a human being, for the same purpose, and He will use us, if we commit our lives to serve him, and will give us the wisdom, strategies, protection that are needed to accomplish His mission through us, as Christian teachers.



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## GREETINGS

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Loving greetings, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the Leaders, Resource Persons and all the participants of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Conference 2023 of the Evangelical Teachers' Fellowship, being held at Siliguri, West Bengal from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for which, I understand from the General Secretary, Dr. Caroline Michael, that the selected theme is **"A Call to Build and Rebuild"**.

Let me recall the 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Conference 1989 held in the Union Biblical Seminary Campus, Pune for which our Speaker was Mr Trevor Cooling from ACT (Association of Christian Teachers), England. It was his first exposure to the so-called Third World and he found it very hard with loose motion and bad cold. He wanted to fly straight back home feeling that he was unable to cope with the task of being Speaker. I was Staff Consultant, at ETFI then. Somehow, we persuaded him with prayers, kneeling by his bedside, pleading with him to boldly face the challenge. The Lord worked in him and he then did serve very well; he also had the privilege of releasing the first book for the ETFI Resource Centre, namely, **'Teacher 's Challenge'**, a collection of learned articles on various aspects of education and teaching contributed by educationists and teachers all over the world. I had the privilege of being Editor for this important book; and also later for two other titles, namely, **'Teacher Speaks'**, in 1995 and **'The Making of a Christian Teacher'** in 1998. I am happy to report that the last-named book has been translated into the Mizo language and published by the ETF Mizoram for the use of teachers in schools and colleges in Mizoram. I hope and pray that the Lord will use this book to

Build a strong force of Christian Teachers and to Rebuild Mizoram in the field of Education and perhaps in other areas also. I would like to request all of you kindly pray about this new effort – a special ministry to, for, and by the Christian teachers in Mizoram.

May I remind all of you, long-term ETF members and all the participants of this Conference, that our permanent theme, which we implant in the ETF logo, is based on Acts 26:16 “I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you.” May we all commit afresh to fulfill this commission and vision of ETF as His servants and witnesses.

I would like to thank Dr. Caroline Michael, our General Secretary for her kindness and thoughtfulness in giving me this opportunity to send greetings to the Conference. Let me share with you that she has opened and has been using a Whats App group entitled ETF Mizoram through which we have been in constant touch with her as well as with other ETF members in Mizoram. It was she who showed appreciation for my translation of The Making of a Christian Teacher into Mizo in 2021 and she also arranged the Mizo translation in the form of a digital book, readily available for anyone interested to read it. We, as a Fellowship, are indebted to her for her wisdom and dedication in giving high-class leadership to all of us in the ETF at the local, state, and national levels.

Let us all be reminded through Nehemiah 2:18b : They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work. Here in Mizoram, ETF was growing and quite active in the last years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century with strong support from the Education Department of the State Government and some enthusiastic Coordinators; but for the last several years it appears to have lost its fervor although it continues to exist as a fellowship having occasional prayer meetings. We are now hoping, praying, and taking action to rebuild and revive and strengthen the ETF witness in Mizoram and the Lord is giving us new opportunities for service in unexpected and useful ways recently. It is our hope and prayer that the publication and distribution of the book, The Making of a Christian teacher (Kristian Zirtirtu Kaihhraina) book will be used and blessed by the Lord for this rebuilding action in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Your prayer support will be much appreciated.

My best wishes and prayer for all the participants of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Conference is that, the Spirit of the Lord will empower you to build ETF witness where there was none before and also to rebuild where the witness is now weak and need rebuilding. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of our Father in heaven and the fellowship and empowerment of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

Your brother/uncle in His fellowship,  
**LN Tluanga**



## WHY DOES GOD OPEN OUR PROTECTIVE WALLS?

We build walls to safeguard valuable things and to protect ourselves from our enemies. We read in Jeremiah 5:22 that our Creator God has put a wall of sand to control the sea! (NLV).

God has placed walls of protection around His children. “Just as Jerusalem is protected by mountains on every side, the LORD protects his people by holding them in his arms now and forever” (Psalms 125:2 CEV). Psalm 91 portrays that Almighty God covers us with His feathers and His faithfulness is a protective shield. (V4 HCSB). This truth is revealed in the life of Job. Satan acknowledged God’s wall of protection around Job and everything he owned. (Job 1:9)

We, the educators and our institutions can be a blessing to our students and our nation only if we have God’s wall of protection around us. To be the salt and light in this sinful world, one should know the reasons for God breaking protective walls in our lives and the remedies.

### 1. God opens the protective walls, to test our faith.

Satan accused Job that he feared God and had been a man of integrity, because of God’s wall of protection around him, his family, and his property. He challenged that Job would curse God and leave his faith in Him if He removed His wall of protection (Job 1:9-11 NLT).

In response to Satan’s challenge, God removed His wall of protection around Job, so as to test and prove his faithfulness and integrity. Job not only lost all his possessions but also his ten godly children on the same day! Then he also lost his health. God allowed Satan to touch Job and made him suffer to such an extent that his wife, who was expected to comfort and console him in this worst situation, advised him to curse God and die. Instead, Job praised God!

(Job 1:12-2:10) He even confessed, “Even if God kills me, I will hope in Him”. (Job 13:15 HCSB). Finally, Job passed the test and the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, including another ten children through his wife!

If the protective walls in your life are broken, don't be discouraged. Continue to be faithful to our Lord and He will surely bless you more abundantly.

**2. God opens the protective walls to reform us.**

In Psalm 80 (HCSB), Asaph recollects the prosperous and glorious days of Israel in verses 8-11. But he laments over her pathetic condition in verses 12 and 13. "But now, why have you broken down our walls so that all who pass by may steal our fruit? The wild boar from the forest devours it, and the wild animals feed on it".

Why did it happen? Because of their disobedience to God. That's why Asaph pleads to God, "Revive us, and we will call upon Your name. Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!" (VV 18,19).

When we disobey God, He removes the protective walls around us and we lose our blessings. If your walls are broken, due to your disobedience to God, now is the time to repent and return to our Lord. He is ready to forgive and restore your life and institution to former glory. "Come and let us return [in repentance] to the LORD, For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us" (Hosea 6:1 Amp). **God's Promise:** Instead of shame and dishonour, you shall have a double portion of prosperity and everlasting joy (Isaiah 61:7 TLB).



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# Building a Better Nation Together



At the outset, I bring greeting from my wife Mony and the team of RIMI, USA and Mission India, Nagpur. I respect the leadership of Dr. Caroline Michael because of her passion and commitment to equip and empower teachers across India through the message of Christ. She invited me as a speaker for the upcoming 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Conference. Unfortunately, due to my prior commitments, I am unable to be there with you. However, I wish the best to all of you and pray that your gathering will be a time of learning, introspection, and renewed commitment to be better and more effective teachers to rebuild and restore the great nation of India and beyond.

Every born-again Christian should be committed to the call of God to “build and rebuild” (Jer. 31:4). God guaranteed the people of Israel that He will bring them from captivity and restore them to their homeland. He assured them that He will bless them by His everlasting love. Israel will be rebuilt spiritually and physically. There will be joy, dancing, and abundance.

Education is the means to rebuild and transform our society. It is a process of accelerating learning and acquiring knowledge, values, and virtue. It influences the development of better people and society. In the Christian context, education must be coupled with the kingdom values of Jesus Christ in order to make an eternal impact.

Let us consider some of the important ways we can build and rebuild our people and communities.

## 1. Better Teachers

Teachers impart knowledge and values as role models. Most of our teachers are wonderful. Yet we can continue to learn and grow to be more effective teachers. Today there is a gap between teachers and students. We must pour our lives to build the next generation of transformational leaders with intellectual, spiritual, and moral capacity. Teachers are called to be creative and innovative in order to restore and rebuild our broken society. C. S. Lewis remarks that, “The task of the modern educator is not to cut down

jungles, but to irrigate deserts.” Almost 25% of India is still illiterate. This must be reversed. This can be done only with teachers who are passionate and have a servant heart to change lives.

## 2. People of Integrity

Integrity is antithetical to the spirit of the current age. Integrity is being honest and consistent. It means my words match up with my deeds. Joseph was respected, honored, and became the second in command in Egypt because he was a man of integrity. Teachers play a huge role very early on developing this virtue in the hearts of their pupils. C. S. Lewis said, “Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.”

## 3. Compassion for Brokenness

Compassion is a attribute of God. We know Jesus had compassion when he saw the crowd because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Today we live in a broken society and broken people are in our homes, churches, workplace, and in our neighborhood. Without genuine compassion, we cannot rebuild and restore people and society. Ministry is the result of God-given compassion. If we are not moved to action, our compassion is not genuine, but simply pity on people or situations. Nehemiah was not a priest, but an ordinary believer with power in the king's palace. When he heard about

the brokenness of the wall and the people in Jerusalem, he was moved with compassion, which led to courageous actions. Compassion is a attribute of God. We know Jesus had compassion when he saw the crowd because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Today we live in a broken society and broken people are in our homes, churches, workplace, and in our neighborhood. Without genuine compassion, we cannot rebuild and restore people and society. Ministry is the result of God-given compassion. If we are not moved to action, our compassion is not genuine, but simply pity on people or situations. Nehemiah was not a priest, but an ordinary believer with power in the king's palace. When he heard about the brokenness of the wall and the people in Jerusalem, he was moved with compassion, which led to courageous action.

## 4. Confidence in God

As children of God, we must have absolute trust in God. We must believe in the promises of God. He said to the people of Israel, “I will build you up again and you will be rebuilt.” What God said he would do for His own reputation, he did in a spectacular way. Great men and women who transform the world, were people of great confidence in God. Mother Theresa touched millions of lives. Hudson Taylor rescued millions from darkness to light. Amy Carmichael gave hope to thousands of girls. All of them were able to do mighty things, not because of their abundance of resources, but by their confidence in God.

## 5. Imago Dei

Everyone is created in the image of God. We must believe this fundamental truth in order to build and rebuild. God

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created male and female in His own image and likeness. We must value every person whether people are poor, rich, Brahman, untouchable, black, white, etc. Unfortunately, in this broken world, there is much injustice and discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, age, sex, and religion. The Manipur violence against innocent Christians reminds us this evil is still strongly prevalent in our society. We must teach our children and youth to value and respect all people equally, in order to build a better society.

### 6. Transformational Leaders

They serve as a catalyst to help others recognize their God-given assets, what God has already entrusted to them and to identify ways to put these assets to use as a good steward in the service of others. We need courageous risk takers who will see societal brokenness as an opportunity for transformation by collaboration. Nehemiah collaborated with many people, including the king, in order to rebuild the broken walls of Jerusalem and transform lives. India needs transformational leaders who are godly, courageous, passionate, humble, and willing

to risk their lives for developing a better society.

Let us sincerely respond to the call of God to build and restore our broken systems and societies with godly, sustainable, and effective programs. Nelson Mandela argues, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Educators have a significant role to play in instilling this vision in our young generation so that they will grow to become powerful transformational leaders with genuine compassion, servanthood, integrity, clear vision, commitment, and communication. Jesus commanded us to be salt and light through our words and deeds in order to be a better nation together so that our Father in heaven will be glorified (Matt. 5:13-16).



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Education is seen as an organized system and a formal process; teachers are seen as professionals in the system. Instead of getting into the discussion of defining education and the role of teachers, I would like to focus on the overall purpose of education, whether it is formal or informal. The purpose of education is the life transformation of students.

The greatest opportunity for the teachers is being in the center of the life of students, the next generation during their formative age. Though the next generation is advanced in using digital and social media, there is more opportunity for them to learn and develop. How to transform the life of the next generation? This has been a great challenge for the current generation of teachers.

If we like to see the transformation in the next generation, we need to have the same approach that Jesus had towards us. Where else we can go, except to

Jesus, our LORD? In Matthew 11:29, we read the invitation of Jesus to learn from Him.

“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Jesus is the role model for us. If we reflect on Philippians 2:6-8, [who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.] we can see three key principles that Jesus demonstrated.

### 1. Surrendering to God's PURPOSE

Jesus is the evidence of God's love for the whole world. (John 3:16, Romans 5:8) Jesus was conscious of the purpose for which He was sent into this world and

therefore, He surrendered to God's purpose.

It is very important for us as teachers to recognize God's purpose for our life. We need to ask following these questions: Why has God placed me in this role? What is He trying to fulfil through me in the place where God has kept me? I like to challenge us to script God's purpose for us. I call God's purpose for our life as our Personal Vision.

Unless we keep our eyes on God's purpose for our life, we cannot understand the process through which He has been taking us.

## 2. Surrendering to God's PROCESS

The process for Jesus was to become man, emptying His position in heaven, becoming man and a bond servant; this was a tough thing to embrace. Surrendering to God's purpose may be easier; it is harder to surrender to God's process. Often, it is very difficult for us to understand the process through which God is taking us.

Apostle Peter who preached so strongly on God's purpose (Acts 2:23) to Israelites, could not understand the process of God when he was taken from the Israelites to gentiles! In Acts 10, we read the process that God took Peter through a vision and his refusal to follow God's command.

Preaching to Israelites was Peter's comfort zone; it was hard for Peter to get out of it. When God wants to take us out of our comfort zone, He takes us through His own ways. His ways are not our ways. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

The prayer of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:39 & Mark 14:36) shows the pain Jesus had gone through while surrendering to His father's process: the separation from His Father's presence for a while carrying the sins of the world in the cross of Calvary.

God's process for us may be so intensive that we would like to get away from it. We may understand the purpose of God but not be willing go through His ways, the process!

We also read in the scriptures the process, Mary, the mother of Jesus had gone through. Being in Eastern culture, we can easily understand the stigma of an unmarried woman being pregnant and the possibilities of the fiancé's rejection and the humiliation. Despite all these, when she had the words of the Angel,

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him

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the throne of His father David. Luke 1: 30-32

Mary had understood the purpose and the process God had set before her; her only question was how this would happen!

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35

When Mary heard these words, she surrendered herself to the purpose, process and power of God. Are we willing to go through the God's process, though operating beyond our comfort zone?

### 3. Surrendering to God's POWER

Jesus knew the power of God will be demonstrated at the CROSS! Therefore, He stripped Himself of all privileges and rightful dignity to yield to the process, His Heavenly Father was taking Him through.

### What is the power of God?

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Romans 1:16

Because of Jesus's obedience, submission & surrender, the POWER of GOD is going to be exhibited on the life of everyone who believes. Sometimes we

tend to do things in our own strength. Peter tried it!

Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for your sake."

Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for my sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times. John 13:37-38

Though Peter failed miserably and later wept bitterly for his denial of Jesus, he was not fully aware of the process through which Jesus was leading him. As we read in John 21, the focus of Jesus was making Peter to follow Him in love.

The above detailed three principles, "Surrendering to God's purpose, process and power" must be undergirded by His love. Bible constantly reminds us of His love.

"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you. Jeremiah 31:2

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus! (Philippians 2:5 NKJV)

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, (Philippians 2:5 NASB)



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Greetings to you in the most powerful and sweetest Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to everyone !

At the outset, we both wish you all who have decided to attend the Biennial National Conference -2023. May our Lord and Saviour richly bless you and use you all mightily among the students , teachers and others.

There are 3 building blocks of relationships with man and God we learn from the Life of Abraham as depicted in Genesis chapter 18.

1. Show hospitality
2. Close communion with God
3. Obedience to God and encourage others to Obey

Firstly, we see that while he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day, he lifted his eyes and beheld 3 men who were standing by him. He ran towards them, met them, bowed himself to the ground and requested them to rest under the tree. He brought water to

wash their feet, and then took 3 measures of flour to make bread for them and asked his young man to cook a tender and young calf. Sarah, his wife without grumbling, kneaded that flour and made cakes out of it and Abraham served these with tender beef curry. That is real hospitality.

Our Bible commends us to be hospitable through several scriptures. “Be hospitable to one another without grumbling” (1Peter4:9). “Distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality”(Romans 12:13b). “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels”. (Hebrews 13: 2)

If we want to build and rebuild our Lord's Kingdom, be hospitable to one another. The first thing is to open your home and make it a haven of rest, relaxation , refreshment and to find out their personal, physical and spiritual needs and try to meet those needs individually or collectively as a group of teachers.

Secondly, we read in Genesis 18: 17a “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?” This shows the intimate relationship with our Lord so much that our Lord wants to share His secrets with us, His creation. As teachers and mentors, our relationship with our Lord and with His Word should be SO STRONG that our Lord Himself wants to share the future plans with us. “The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him”(Psalm 25: 14).

How is our time with the Lord and with His Word? Do we spend quality time with our Saviour and with His Word? Unless we are saturated with the Word of God, we cannot be proper guides, leaders, teachers or mentors. Let us introspect this aspect in each of our lives.

Thirdly, the Lord commends Abraham saying, “For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord to do righteousness and justice”(Genesis 18:19). Here we see that Abraham won the trust of our Lord that he would command His children and his household to walk in Godly ways. True, he did it faithfully. God said, 'circumcise your children and all those who were born in your house' . He readily obeyed even though it was a painful thing to undergo. He first obeyed and he made others obey. That we see in his son Isaac's life.

Greatest demonstration of obedience by Abraham is seen when he surrendered to implicit obedience without asking a single question even when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only

beloved son. And he did it willingly, trusting God completely. Our duty as teachers and kingdom builders, we need to obey and guide others to obey all our Lord's commandments.

On the contrary we see a bad example in life of Priest Eli, who did not bring up his children in the fear of God. Our Lord says, “If you love ME, keep My commandments” (John 14:15). The greatest of all commandments stated by Jesus is “Love God and love your neighbour as yourself” (Mark 12: 30-31).

So in a nutshell, we can build, rebuild, restore and renew relationships with God and man by these 3 vital qualities:

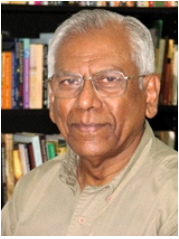
- (1) Show hospitality
- (2) Have close communion with God and His Word
- (3) Obey God , and lead others to obey

Let us introspect where we have fallen short and rectify ourselves to be effective relationship builders in God's Kingdom and become His Mighty witnesses.



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## Greetings to the ETF on their 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Conference)

I consider it a great honour to be writing this word of greetings to you all on your 46th anniversary – I was keen on being with you all in Siliguri, but I had to change my plans because something else came up. My association with ETFI – as it was known in the beginning of the movement – started with writing its constitution along with the late Dr G Devapaul in the REC (now NIT), Warangal. I have been at some of your annual conferences and have had the joy of interacting with many of you.

I want to draw your attention as Christian teachers to the first commandment that God gives to the human pair in *Gen.1:28* – to be stewards of His creation and to work for human flourishing - (This is the best way of interpreting this verse). I have often wondered how it would be if Christian students considered their studies as qualifying them for obeying this commandment. I have also given considerable thought to what it would be like if Christian teachers had looked at their profession as equipping their students towards the same end. I am not complaining but have lately begun to think as to how we have come to read the Bible only for *therapeutic* – what we can get out of God – and for *utilitarian* – how to get God to do things for us – reasons. Please do not get me wrong – the very breath that I breathe in the 81<sup>st</sup> year of my life comes from Him; we also know that our personal and corporate salvation is a free gift of His grace, worked out through the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have come to the above conclusion because we seem to have a strong theology of *redemption* but a rather weak theology of *creation*; obviously, I do not mean that we believe in a purposeless, unguided, impersonal, evolutionistic beginning to the universe. What I mean to say is that we are not beginning to take God's creation seriously in our study and work. We fail to realise that the scope of salvation in Christ is not limited to humans but embraces the whole of creation – *Col.1:19,20; Eph.1:9,10*. The Bible ends, not with a reference to heaven, but with the renewal of all creation – *Rev.21:1-5*. The Church, beautifully dressed as the Bride of Christ, comes **down** to rule over God's new creation – *Rev.22:5* – in other words, our stewardship will continue into the new creation as well.

If this is the purpose for which God created us humans, then our study and work assume tremendous importance and significance. The Bible is not reduced to the level of a *religious* book but is seen as a book of all *reality*. We have replaced *Gen.1:28* with the great commission of *Matt.28:18-20*, instead of viewing both as part of one brilliant plan of Almighty God. My prayer for the ETF, as you celebrate this anniversary, is that your members will see the teaching profession as a calling from God towards the fulfilment of His brilliant, combined commandment.

From  
**Desperation**  
to  
**Restitution**



**Lalchungnunga**

Adviser, ETF Mizoram

**Luke 19:1-10**

It is not always a pleasant thing to have quite an amount to be taken from our income as an Income Tax, even though out of a sense of responsibility as faithful citizens, we know we are to pay the tax annually. The people of Israel in the time of Jesus' earthly ministry were so averse to have to pay taxes to the unwanted Roman authorities who they looked upon as oppressors. That was why they hated their fellow Israelites who were in the service of the Roman Government in the collection of their taxes. They hated such persons all the more when they usually got more than their dues by fraud, which they knew. That was why Mr. Zacchaeus, the "Tax Commissioner" at Jericho was so distasteful to them. The city being rich in natural resources was an ideal place for locating tax-collection office and for corruption. So, Zacchaeus was like a social outcast among his people. He was wealthy but not happy. He had much but was lonely. It could be that the Holy Spirit spoke to him earlier that he wanted to see Jesus who then was famous as a Man of God who accepted sinners, tax collectors and prostitutes. There must be something for him in the popular Rabbi. Jesus planned to pass through Jericho at noon time on his way to Jerusalem. Zacchaeus was so desperate that he did not care about what the people would think of him perching himself up there on the fig tree. He would have no chance to meet the Man of God passing through his town. But what, if he could only see him from the branch of the tree.

Luke does not tell us how it was that Jesus "reached the spot" where Zacchaeus was climbing on the tree, "looked" up and saw Zacchaeus in the tree. It may be that the attention of the all-knowing Son of God, who does never overlook the desperate soul's need of men and women was drawn to him, and he "looked up" and saw him. Zacchaeus, who only expected to have just a glimpse of him walking pass, had no time to do or say anything to him when their eyes met. Jesus took the initiative and called him by name and asked him to come down immediately. "I must stay at your house today," he said. This was much more than Zacchaeus' expectation. The one who had only wanted to "see" now was going to "host" him. He quickly came down and gladly welcomed him into his home. The general reaction of the crowd was usual. They never understood the mission of Jesus and the purpose of his coming to the world.

We are not told what kind of conversation went on between Zacchaeus and his great guest. Earlier, when a rich young and religious ruler met Jesus but refused to obey his instructions to part with his wealth and follow him, Jesus had made a remark

how it is so difficult for the rich man to enter the kingdom of God. Did Jesus say the same thing to Zacchaeus as he had said to the young ruler? If he did, then the response of Zacchaeus was so different. He stood up and said to the Lord, "I give half of my possessions to the poor (whom he had exploited), and if I have cheated anyone out of anything (which he may have often done), I will pay back four times the amount (which was far more than the law demanded)." What a transformation! What a restitution!

Jesus confirmed the change in Zacchaeus saying, "Today salvation has come to this house, because, this man, too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." This statement of Jesus has many implications. The meaning of salvation in this context is the liberation of a man from the enslavement of his ill-gained possessions. I recently heard one preacher telling about the family of his friend. They used to be poor earlier. They then become rich, by what means he did not clarify. When visited, the wife of the man told him how he longed for the time they were poor. There are many rich but lonely people because they are in the prisons of their ill-gained possessions. Zacchaeus was by blood the son of Abraham as a naturally born Israelite. But now, he was a new-born son of Abraham, which can mean he accepted Jesus as his Saviour and Lord and could now part with his possessions. He was led from desperation to transformation and then that led him to the power to make restitution. What made all these possible was the presence of Jesus Christ in his life. The man who only wanted to see Jesus, experienced him and the power of His words, and got the spiritual privilege of being the son of Abraham, the father of faith. True repentance leads to restitution of the wrong already done.

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### The INFLUENCES of a Teacher

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### The JOY of a Teacher

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# EDUCATION AND RESTORATION



We all know that Education is a platform in which youngsters are equipped and made future-ready. The fact that education offers knowledge and skills can never be denied. Children possess the right to a safe, inclusive, and quality education, to be educated in life in a secure and nurturing environment in order to lead productive and fulfilling lives. With access to quality education, children become lifelong learners, transform their communities and experience life in all its fullness. It is a known accepted fact that present-day education doesn't fulfill all the needs of the students.

## Flaws in the Present Educational System

We know that the trend of the modern system of education is all about the rat race to be ahead of others. Education these days has become a commercial commodity. As we know personality development, moral conscience, and ethical standards are not given more importance and present-day education is more money oriented in nature rather than imparting holistic learning to the students. As we know present-day education mostly believes in bookish knowledge and cramming which is insufficient. It mainly focuses on a rank-

based system and not on overall development. Indeed it does not play a significant role to develop the future of the youth. Students are judged as good ones only by their academic performance. The relationship between teacher and student nowadays lacks friendliness and respect. Moreover, the covid 19 virus and the online education that followed have almost crippled the learning process. The halt in education and school closures has resulted in a devastating domino effect with far-reaching impacts on families, communities, and the whole of society.

## Faith in God of Restoration

As children of God and as Christian educators, we have a greater responsibility to bring restoration in modern present-day education because we believe in a God of Restoration. First, He wants us to restore our relationship with Him. Secondly, we need our God of

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# His work on the cross and His victory over sin and satan restores and brings salvation to innumerable souls.

Restoration to work in our life each and every day. Thirdly we know our God can restore what is broken. He is a God of possibilities. He is always good, deeply in love with us, and has a plan to heal and restore us. He will restore in His timing, in His ways, and with His purpose in His mind when we wait in faith. “For I know the plans I have for you “declares the Lord “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”- Jeremiah 29: 11. This is a beautiful prophecy of the restoration of Israel. Let us take these words to our hearts as we ask God for our own restoration. God can mend broken relationships, restore lost possessions, renew poor decisions, and heal health that has taken a negative turn. God can straighten crooked paths and set the right messed-up things in our lives. Let us derive hope by reading the word of God every day. Jesus Christ is our only hope for restoration - His work on the cross and His victory over sin and satan restores and brings salvation to innumerable souls. Let us implore God to restore unto us the joy of salvation and uphold us with His free spirit as David, the psalmist pleads.

## Future with the Restored Education System

Not only do we have faith in God who has restored us, He has called us to rebuild and restore others. We serve the God of restoration who has promised us restoration in all required aspects of life. We are making progress but there's more to be done. Through our teaching, the purpose of education has to be restored. Focus has to be given to applied knowledge that prepares students in all aspects of life. As we know, it can be accomplished by creating a perfect combination of academics and extra-curricular activities along with teaching in the area of mindfulness and spiritual awareness to make the students better individuals. The uniqueness of the child ought to be focused so that they can excel in their area of interest. A syllabus should be based on the knowledge of practical life so that the students can learn and know about health, discipline, character formation, moral values, citizenship rights, duties, and day-to-day life activities. This can be accomplished by committed and dedicated Christian teachers who lead a prayerful witnessing life following the standards of the Scripture.

May the Almighty God use us as instruments of **restoration** to liberate the present younger generation from all kinds of demonic holds, deviations, and distractions and **rebuild** them for the Kingdom.



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In ancient days, people used to boast of their homes as sincerely built (“sine” in Latin means “without”, “cera” means “wax”) because many people used wax as cementing material.

Everything on the outside looked fine but this eventually did not last long and melted away.

As teachers, what are we building our lives upon? What is the wax-like unwanted things in our lives? Is there genuineness in every area of our lives? Let us retrospect ourselves.

Friends, it is time to throw away the wax-like fake things from our lives - false humility, subtle pride, craving for material things, jealousy, workaholic nature etc....

Let us rebuild with cement - that is God's Word. When a chemical reaction happens, impurities are removed, new bonds are formed, and thereby new compounds appear.

This is what happens when we buy a house. Before we occupy the house, we remove certain things, change certain things, and repair certain things.

In Jude 1:20, we read, “But you dear friends, must build up your lives ever more strongly upon the foundation of our holy faith, learning to pray in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit.”

Psalms 127:1 says, “Unless the Lord builds a house, the builders' work is useless.”

We should be like Nehemiah - channels of rebuilding. He saw a problem and prayed and God gave him the solution.

When we see brokenness, hurt, lovelessness, or anger among students, let us direct them to God the builder. He is sure to rebuild them into beautiful human beings.

Like the popular kids TV show, “Bob The Builder”, let us declare:

“God the Builder, Can He fix it?  
God the Builder, Yes, He can!”



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## Joy of Teaching Learning Workshop - Uttar Pradesh

Praise God for the two days Joy of Teaching - Learning workshop held at Mount Carmel Christian Academy, a life member institution of the ETF in Chhutmalpur, Saharanpur District in Uttar Pradesh on 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. About 28 faculties attended the workshop which includes 19 from Mount Carmel Christian Academy and 9 from Good News School, Choli. Dr. Caroline Michael was the facilitator. My special thanks to all the hospitality care and timely help rendered by Mr. Samuel Yesudass ,Correspondent and Mrs. Benella Paul ,the Principal of the school.



## ETF, Mizoram - Report by Dr. Lalsangliani, Secretary, ETF, Mizoram

On 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, The ETF Mizoram elected 13 Office Bearers and 15 Executive Committee Members. The ETF Mizoram felt the need to help develop and revive the education system in the state. It was a partnership Training program of ETF with Samagra Shiksha Mizoram / School Education under the Government of Mizoram to conduct training for the teachers and the School Management Committees and School Management and Development Committees in all the eleven (11) District Headquarters and some town areas of Mizoram. All the expenditure was borne by the Samagra Shiksha Mizoram and

the ETF members participated as the Resource Persons. The theme of the training program was, *"Social Transformation through Education"*.

The following topics were dealt with under the theme:

- 1) Role and responsibilities of SMCs and SMDCs
- 2) Education and social change
- 3) School administration for social transformation
- 4) Teachers for social transformation
- 5) Education – Policy and Administration for social transformation
- 6) NEP2020 for social transformation

The training programs were held in the towns and District Capitals of Mizoram as follows :

- 1) 26.11.22 – Ngopa, Saitual District
- 2) 30.5.23 – Kolasib, Kolasib District
- 3) 7.6.23 – Champhai, Champhai District
- 4) 8.6.23 – Khawzawl, khawzawl District
- 5) 11.7.23 – Hnahtial, Hnahtial District
- 6) 12.7.23 – Serchhip, Serchhip District
- 7) 20.7.23 – Keifang, Saitual District
- 8) 28.7.23 – Mamit, Mamit District

The ETF Mizoram is planning to organize the same training program in the remaining towns and the District Headquarters of Mizoram namely Lunglei, Saiha, and Lawngtlai Districts

Our Patron Member Dr. L.N. Tluanga translated the book, *"The Making of Christian Teachers"* in Mizo (Kristian Zirtirtu Kaihruaina) which was published by the ETF Mizoram. This book was released at Hnahtial Horeb Hall by one of our Advisers Mr. F. Lallura on 11.7.'23



### **Day 1 ETF Executive Committee (EC) and Central Council (CC)**

#### ***Praise & Thank God***

The EC and CC members from different parts of the country.

#### ***Pray***

1. The EC and CC meeting to be attended by all the members
2. The EC and CC members to take leadership to carry out their responsibilities with a commitment in the extension of the ETF ministry in their region.
3. The families, ministries and health of EC and CC members.

### **Day 2 Finance**

#### ***Praise & Thank God***

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

#### ***Pray***

1. God to continue to bless the sponsors and donors.
2. Many teachers to become members of the ETF to support and pray and institutions to be introduced to the ETF ministry from different parts of the country.

### **Day 3 ETF Publication Trust**

#### ***Praise & Thank God***

1. The authors of articles in every issue of CC and their life and ministry and all who are helping as a team in the publication-related works.
2. The attempt and planning to translate the articles published in the Chalk and Chai in vernacular languages is progressing well.

3.The ETFPT Members and the editorial board members of Chalk and Chai

### **Pray**

1. God's grace and guidance for the recruitment of teachers/administrators in institutions that have advertised in CC.
2. The editing work, DTP work, work related to the mailing list of CC and other officials 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 addresses on time and without any loss.
- 4.The EC and CC members who have taken the responsibility of doing the needful regarding the translation of articles published in Chalk and Chai
5. Financial needs of ETFPT will be met.

## **Day 4 National /Regional/State/Local level ETF programs**

### **Praise & Thank God**

- 1.The ETF Website helps many people to know about the ministry updates globally.
- 2.The ETF JTL programs and ETF intro meetings are held in different places.
- 3.The follow-up and fellowship with the delegates who attend these programs.

### **Pray**

1. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Conference of ETF to be held from 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Siliguri West Bengal: Many delegates to participate from different parts of the country. Safe travel and health to all the delegates and resource persons from different places; For the proceedings of the conference; Conducive climatic condition; Financial needs to be met. The GB meeting to be held during the Conference.
- 2.Many integrated programs of the ETF with UESI /Educational institutions in the country.
- 3.Principals and Administrators' Conference / Facilitators Training Workshop to be planned periodically in different parts of the country.
4. State-level programs, special programs of the ETF - seminars/workshops/one-day retreats to be organized in different places under the leadership of EC and CC members to build the ETF ministry.
- 5.The prayer network using the Praise and prayer diary will be enhanced in educational institutions, among individual ETF members and ETF local units.

## **Day 5 Andhra Pradesh**

### **Praise & Thank God**

- 1.State council members and local unit members and partnership of Institutions with ETF.
- 2.Active local unit in Good Shepherd English Medium School(LMI) .

## Pray

1. The local units at, **Narasapur, Visakhapatnam, Tuni, Guntur, Anantapur, Ongole, Tadepalligudem**, and other places to get strengthened.
2. JTL workshop to be planned in SPG college of Education(LMI) and Member Institution (MI) Holy Cross Girls School, **Nandyal**, Adarsh Degree College(LMI) , Catherine group of schools (LMI), New Life English medium School (LMI) and Timpany School (LMI) in **Visakhapatnam**, Emmanuel English Medium School(MI) **Anakapalle** and St. John's English Medium High School, (LMI) **Mydukur**
3. Open doors for ETF ministry in **Rajahmundry ,Vijayawada** and other places.

## Day 6 Bihar

### Praise & Thank God

The partnership of many Life Member institutions in Bihar with the ETF.

## Pray

1. Christian teachers for in Bethel Mission School (LMI), **Kishanganj**
- 2.Christian administrators and teachers for GEMS English Schools (LMI) at Dehri on Sone, Aurangabad, Ramdihra, and Darbhanga and Emmanuel Mission Public School(LMI) **Patna**
3. JTL workshop to be organized at Nav Bharat Mission School (LMI) , **Purnea**, GEMS Polytechnic College (LMI) in **Aurangabad**, Advent Christian Church Mission - St.Xavier's High Schools, **Khagaria**
- 4.ETF Ministry to get introduced in Assembly of God School, **Bettiah**

## Day 7 Chattisgarh

### Praise & Thank God

The ETF ministry getting introduced to Good Shepherd School, **Mahasamund**, Chaatisgarh

## Pray

1. The needs of Blaze academy (LMI) **Ganjpara** and God's provision for mission-minded, efficient Christian teachers and administrators to work in their school and for the financial needs of the school to be met.
- 2.The local unit to be strengthened in Life Academy (LMI) , **Awaspura**
3. JTL workshop to be organised in St. Thomas School, **Dhondi** and IMST school

## Day 8 Delhi and Haryana

## Pray

- 1.ETF meetings to be organized periodically in different places in Delhi
- 2.The JTL workshop to be organised in Good Samaritan School (LMI) and Faith Academy (LMI)



- 3.The need for recruitment of Teachers in Faith Academy
- 4.The ETF members at Mt.Carmel Schools (LMI) at **Anand Niketan** and **Dwarka**.
5. The opening for ETF ministry in Haryana

### **Gujarat**

#### **Praise & Thank God**

- 1.New contacts - Navapada English School,Tapi Dt. and St.Andrews School,Kachchh Dt.

#### **Pray**

1. The need for committed and efficient teachers to teach higher classes at FMPB St.Thomas English School (LMI) **Jawda**, Angel English medium School (LMI) **Vyara** and teachers of Ashirwad Sewa Kendra Trust,**Valsad** ,St.Stephen's English Medium School(LMI) **Selemba** and the ETF local unit to function in these schools.
2. JTL workshop to be organised in the Nava pada and English school and St.Andrews School
3. New contacts and open doors for ETF ministry in **Ahmedabad, Baroda and Surat**.

### **Day 9 Himachal Pradesh**

#### **Pray**

1. The need of teachers in Day Star School, (LMI) Manali.
- 2.Rainbow School and the Children's Home in **Manali** under the care of Ms.Lalsangliani
- 3.Open doors for the ETF ministry in C.N.I. St.Thomas School, **Shimla**, and other educational institutions under the diocese of Amritsar.

### **Ladak, Jammu and Kashmir**

#### **Praise & Thank God**

Net work program and open doors for ETF ministry in Leh , Ladakh and Kargil districts.

#### **Pray**

Mission-minded teachers to serve in the mission schools in these places

### **Jharkhand**

#### **Praise & Thank God**

Open doors for ETF ministry in **Hazaribag**.

#### **Pray**

1. JTL workshop to be organised in FMPB St.Thomas English School (LMI)

**Pandanbhita**, Rural Christian Primary School, **Barharw** and Shalom School (LMI) **Madhupur**

- 2.The needs of GEMS English School at Garhwa and Koderma to be met.
- 3.Open doors for the ETF ministry in Bethel Mission School, **Dumka** and Gossner College, **Ranchi**.

### Day 10 Karnataka

#### *Praise & Thank God*

- 1.The support and involvement of many members in **Bangalore and Mysore**.

#### *Pray*

1. The local units at Indira Nagar , St. John's School (LMI)and other places are strengthened.
- 2.Open doors for the ETF ministry in **Coorg and Hubli**.
3. JTL workshops to be conducted in many institutions in Bangalore and Mysore
- 4.JTL workshop to be organized in Grace Public School(MI) in **Shimoga**

### Day 11 Kerala

#### *Pray*

Open doors for ETF ministry in many educational institutions.

### Madhya Pradesh

#### *Praise & Thank God*

Open doors of ETF Ministry in many places in Madhya Pradesh

#### *Pray*

- 1.JTL workshop to be organized in Ideal School, **Bhopal**, Sideras School (LMI) **Borkhedi** and Teresa International school **Panpur** and Jolly Memorial Mission School **Ujjain**.
- 2.The needs of Navajeevan School, **Datia**
3. Appointment of Christian teachers and administrators in the schools under Care For India

### Day 12 Maharashtra

#### *Praise & Thank God*

The partnership of MVM schools(LMI), Dr.Yardy English School (LMI)and Mission India (LMI) Theological college with ETF.

#### *Pray*

- 1.The local unit at **Solapur** to be strengthened and many new members to join.
- 2.JTL workshop to be organized in Shalom English School (LMI), **Kolambi**,**Yavatmal**, 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 **Badlapur West**

3. Good leadership and mission-minded efficient teachers to be appointed in Dr.Yardy English School **Umri** and YCLT English Medium School **Yavatmal**
- 4.Open doors for the ETF ministry in **Pune Mumbai and Amravati district.**
5. Special programs by ETF to be arranged for MI Theological (LMI) **Nagpur**
- 6.The state conference of Maharashtra to be planned and state council to be formed.
- 7.Appointment of Christian teachers and administrators in the schools under Care For India

### **Day 13 North East – Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura**

#### **Praise & Thank God**

The partnership of Mt. Calvary School (LMI), **Diphu, Karbi Anglong Dt.** and Makunda Christian High School(LMI), **Bazaricherra, Karimganj Dt., Assam** with ETF.

#### **Pray**

- 1.JTL workshop to be organized in Ruth Foundation English School(LMI), **West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh**, and Thomas English School(MI) , **Purbahanpara, Tripura**, and Antioch School (LMI), in **West Tripura.**
- 2.Open doors for ETF ministry in many educational institutions in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, and Tripura

### **Day 14 Manipur and Nagaland**

#### **Praise & Thank God**

ETF ministry is introduced to Nagaland Missionary Movement

#### **Pray**

1. Peace has to be restored in Manipur and the educational institutions to function normally.
- 2.God's protection to prevail in all the educational institutions and churches in different parts of Manipur.
- 3.Many institutions in **Mao in Manipur** to become members/ life members of the ETF.
- 4.JTL workshop to be organized in Baptist Mission Schools,**Imphal**, St. John's English School(LMI), and Bethany Christian College (LMI) **Churachandpur** and Shemrock School, **Dimapur**, Nagaland

## Day 15 Mizoram

### *Praise & Thank God*

1. Dr. L.N. Tluanga, **Aizawl**, for his prayers, encouragement and involvement in the ETF ministry .
2. ETF Local unit in Aizawl is getting strengthened.
3. New innovative programs held in Aizawl.

### *Pray*

1. Open doors for the ETF ministry in Mizoram Christian College and other colleges.
2. Many institutions under Presbyterian Church in Mizoram and other places to be a part of the ETF.

## Day 16 Meghalaya

### *Pray*

1. The local unit at Anderson Hr. Sec. School (LMI), Nongstoin and Pariong Presbyterian Hr. Sec. School, **Pariong** to be strengthened.
2. JTL workshop to be organized in Seven Set School and EGF teachers at Shillong and Pariong Presbyterian Hr. Sec. School, Pariong.
3. Many members in NEHU to get involved in ETF

## Day 17 Odisha

### *Praise & Thank God*

The partnership of many educational institutions with the ETF.

### *Pray*

1. JTL programs to be organized, the need of good committed Christian teachers/administrators in the following schools:  
El Nissi Mission School (LMI) **Dharamgarh** and Adoni Public School (LMI), **Daspur** and Elmachsi Mission School, **Kalahandi Dt**, Navjyoti Vidyalaya (LMI), **Khariar Road**, Anand Niketan School (LMI) and Asha Kiran (LMI) in **Lamtapat**, AG Mission School (MI), **Chandpur**, Manna Wisdom School (LMI), **Bhubaneswar**, Shepherd English School (LMI), **Kuarmunda** IMST English Schools, **Malkangiri and Balimela**.
2. Appointment of Christian teachers and administrators in the schools under Care For India

## Day 18 Punjab

### *Praise & Thank God*

The open doors for the ETF ministry in Chandigarh Baptist School

## *Pray*

- 1.All the schools under the CNI diocese of **Amritsar** to be influenced by the ETF ministry.
- 2.Open doors of ETF ministry in **Jalandhar** and other places
- 3.JTL workshop to be organised in Sacred Heart School(LMI), **Moga**.

## **Rajasthan**

### *Praise & Thank God*

The ETF ministry is introduced to the Rajasthan Glorious prayer Mission School, **Udaipur**.

## *Pray*

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

## **Day 19 Tamil Nadu**

### *Praise & Thank God*

- 1.The support, encouragement, and involvement of many members and Life Member Institutions in the ETF ministry in various places of Tamil Nadu.
- 2.The leadership of ETF members in various places in Tamil Nadu

## *Pray*

- 1.The need for committed Christian teachers to work in Shalom Matriculation School (LMI), **Pavoorchatram**, Santhosh Vidhyalaya (LMI) , **Dohnavur** and Fermont Nursery and Primary School (LMI) in **Nagavedu** and Samaritan School (LMI) in **Yelagiri**
- 2.Local units in **Tambaram, Chennai, Coimbatore**, Lady Doak College(LMI), **Madurai** and Bishop Heber College (LMI), **Trichy** , Voorhees College , **Vellore** to get strengthened.
- 3.Open doors for the ETF Ministry in **Nilgiris, Dindigul, Ramnad** , **Salem, Arakkonam and Thiruvallur dt.**
- 5.JTL workshop to be conducted in Kings Mat. Hr.Sec.School ,Vellore , Redeemer MHSS (LMI) **Chettikulam**, Ida Scudder School (LMI), **Vellore** and Concordia School, **Vanniampadi** .

## **Day 20 Telangana**

### *Praise & Thank God*

- 1.The partnership of Life member Institutions in the state.
- 2.The prayer network in Karimnagar
- 3.The partnership with Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) South Asia

### *Pray*

- 1.The local unit at **Hyderabad** to be strengthened and many new members to be involved.
- 2.Pray for open doors for ETF ministry in **Khammam, Warangal, Adilabad**, and other places
- 3.Recruitment of mission-minded teachers to work in the Aletheia Banjara School in Nalgonda Dt.

## **Day 21 Uttarakhand**

### *Praise & Thank God*

The partnership of many Life Member Institutions with the ETF.

### *Pray*

- 1.The local unit at Grace Academy (LMI) to be strengthened and needs for the recruitment of teachers and administrators of the school to be met.
- 2.JTL workshops to be organized in Khrist Jyoti schools in **Dehradun, Rudraprayag, Haridwar** (LMIs), and Mount Carmel Christian Academy (LMI) **Gulabrai** all these schools under Bharat Susamachar Samiti (LMI), Shishya Public School (LMI) and New Theological Seminary and Shifa School in **Dehradun**.

## **Day 22 Uttar Pradesh**

### *Praise & Thank God*

JTL workshops organized in Mount Carmel Christian Academy, **Chhutmalpur** on 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1st July 2023

### *Pray*

- 1.The JTL workshops to be organized in, Kachua Christian School, **Mirzapur** Emmanuel Church School (LMI), **Utraula**, Thelma David Memorial School **Varanasi**, Mizpah Christian School (LMI) **Orai**, Kulpahar Christian School (LMI), **Kulpahar**.
2. God's provision for mission-minded, efficient Christian teachers and administrators to work in in Mount Carmel Christian Academy(LMI), **Chhutmalpur**, St. Thomas School (LMI) **Bhadohi** and True Light English School(LMI), **Varanasi** .
- 3.Open doors for ETF ministry in W.H. Smith Memorial School **Varanasi**, Christ Church College, **Kanpur**, St.Thomas School **Ballia**, Jamuna Christian College and School, **Allahabad**, Lucknow Christian College and Isabella Thoburn College, **Lucknow**, St.John's College, **Agra** , St.Xavier's School, **Khalilabad** and GEMS English School **Duddi** and James Harvey Memorial School, **Nawabganj**.

4.Appointment of Christian teachers and administrators in the schools under Care For India

### Day 23 West Bengal

#### *Praise and Thank God*

Life Transforming College International in Siliguri for becoming the Life member institution.

#### *Pray*

1.JTL workshop to be organized in Corner Stone School(LMI) **Purba Satali**, and Wheaton School(LMI) **Siliguri** ,Grace Ashram **Alipurduar**, Dr.Graham's Homes and NMSI Shadhu Sunder Singh Memorial School and other schools in **Kalimpong** ,C.N.I Diocesan School, **Durgapur** and St. John's Public School **Burdwan** .

### Day 24 Educational Institutions and Tentmakers

#### *Praise and Thank God*

- 1.The missionaries, missionary organizations, and Churches that initiated education in different parts of the country.
- 2.The Tentmakers serving the Lord in mission-run educational institutions as well as in secular educational institutions in all states.

#### *Pray*

- 1.For divine direction for those awaiting opportunities to serve as tent makers within God's plan for their lives.
- 2.For God to equip all the frontline ministry workers with His Holy armor.
- 3.Vision that honours Jesus Christ. Priority of the institutions to be more focused on Godliness while striving for excellence.

### Day 25 Christian Educational Institutions

#### *Pray*

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, Lutheran Church Schools, Baptist mission schools, Methodist mission schools, ECI church Schools, Schools under missionary organizations like IMS, FMPB, Vishwavani, etc., and mission schools under Christian NGOs 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 the 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 and function as people of virtue with fear of God to maintain Christian ethics in the management.
- 5.The commitment of Christian educational institutions to ethical practices and adherence to applicable laws and regulations.
- 6.Removal of all kinds of evils like malpractices, craving for money, position, caste issues, bribe child abuse, and any kind of unethical and immoral activities prevailing in Christian educational institutions.

### **Day 26 Special Education and Religious Unrest in the Nation**

#### ***Praise and Thank God***

Special Schools for physically, visually challenged, and mentally challenged children, spastic children, Day care centers and tuition centers, deaf and dumb schools and colleges, schools functioning for children affected with Leprosy, AIDs, Dyslexia, and Slow learners, Autism, and adult education and education for Trans genders run by Christian NGOs and missionary organizations and individuals.

#### ***Pray***

- 1.Christian special education teachers working among differently-abled children and adults to be greatly encouraged and strengthened.
- 2.India to return to being secular as per the constitution
- 3.People of all religious faiths live in peace and harmony in our communities.

### **Day 27 Career excellence and Job opportunities**

#### ***Pray***

- 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 role 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 honored and glorified in all aspects related to the



results of Christian educational institutions and grades and marks achieved by Christian students.

- 6.The illiteracy in India to be removed and adult education to be encouraged.
- 7.Many young teachers to become tent makers to serve the Lord in mission schools in remote areas

### **Day 28 Threatening Situations and natural calamities**

#### **Praise & Thank God**

God's grace and mercy which has enabled the functioning of Schools and Colleges in the country.

#### **Pray**

- 1.God's grace and mercy continue to remove any kind of virus and protect people from natural calamities.
- 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 the present day, especially for the required facilities for both faculties and students in mission schools in remote areas for learning through online classes.
4. Safety of teachers and students and support staff in the educational institutions when they reopen and for the smooth functioning of examinations.
- 5.The admission strength to improve in Christian schools.

### **Day 29 Personal Needs**

#### **Pray**

- 1.The comfort and peace in the families who have lost their loved ones /their possessions and pray for their timely needs to be met. The healing touch of God on those who are hospitalized and sick.
- 2.The health issues of teachers and students because of online classes - headaches, the stress in the eyes, the stress in the mind, and other needs and anxieties.
- 3.The emotional needs of teachers, students, and parents who are getting adopted to the new system of teaching and learning through online classes
- 4.Students at all levels of education are blessed with good health, a good mindset to study, and freedom from anxiety, fear, complex, depression, and suicidal attempts.
5. The Christian parents 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

1. For the deceitful implications of the new education policy not to affect the teaching-learning community
2. The government at the center and state levels favors Christian schools and colleges as granted in the constitution of India.
3. The Christian teachers, educators and Principals of Christian institutions 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 abounds in the education system protecting the younger generation from learning facts that are not true and correct.
6. God to take complete control of the 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:

1. Many teachers are to be added into the fellowship of local ETF so that unity among the Christian teachers gets strengthened.
2. Many local units are 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. ETF has to develop access to reach even unreached schools in villages and remote parts of India
5. Many teachers get mobilized to make mission trips to unreached places.
6. Teachers from other faiths working in the mission schools to know the Truth and excel in their work.
7. 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.
8. With prayer and soul burden, the teachers reach out to the younger generation who are addicted to drugs, smoking, alcohol, and perverted in thought, word, and action and lead them to Jesus Christ for deliverance from sin and bondage. Personal Evangelism to be enhanced among teachers and students.



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