

## **India Newsletter**

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## NOVEMBER 2023 - JANUARY 2024

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! Romans 11:33

Greetings the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Do appreciate all your prayers for our mission work in India and also for our family. The Lord has been good in the past year and as well as still continues to show His mercy in the New Year. Hope all is well with you and church family. I have been really busy with the mission activities and also during the past Christmas season holding special meetings.

The Mission Activities are as follows:

For the Month of November, 3rd to 4th Fasting Prayers at the mission church of Sathenpally. By the Grace of God, few months ago the mission church was able to complete the compound wall and sunday school room. Pray for the pastor and his family. On 11th and 12th Special fasting meetings were held at the mission of Mangela; and on 15th & 16th church meetings were held at Kothamadipadaga.

During the month of December, along with the Christmas meetings the various mission places, On 9th & 10th Fasting prayers were held at Dharmapuri Church; Special meeting on 16th Dec., at Ellaram church, and on 22nd special gathering was held at Hazipur, as a result many souls were encouraged.

During the month of January 2024, a special meeting was held at Rompally. Please pray for oneness of spirit among the church Elders / Deacons in the church. On 13th Jan., fasting prayer was held at Asifabad Church. Pray for Pastor Pawan as well as his wife who has been sick very often.

From 1st Dec. to 22nd Dec. At Life Gate Tabernacle, special Christmas meetings were held in the homes of the church members. After the Covid, we could see several attending the meetings in good numbers. These meetings were indeed a great blessing since any of the relatives of the family and friends could attend. Good preaching and meditation on the birth of Jesus, singing carols and fellowship dinner brought closeness among the saints. The Story of the Birth of Jesus does not grow old but brings back the joy that was offered in all mankind. As usual we had Christmas Worship Service on 25th Dec. with Guest Speaker Bro. Samuel Karan; Watch Night Service on 31st December with good singing, preaching and many making commitments to the Lord. On 1st January, we had New Year Worship Service with guest speaker Dr. T. Henry Sunder; we had "Love-feast" (fellowship meal) for the whole church after the New Year Worship Service.

Holy Convocation Meetings were held at our Head Quarters in Kakinada from 9th to 11th January 2024. The Guest Speakers for the meetings were Bro. P. A. Swamy (Main Speaker), Bro. Manith Paul (Youth Speaker), Bro. Sudhakar Babu (family speaker) and Bro. G. Jaideep Kumar (Kids ministry). There was a gathering around 2500 in the evening and for the morning and afternoon sessions there were around 2000 (who came from all our mission churches and boarded for all these three days of meetings). Special songs, music and Chain Prayer (that is prayer during the three days 24/7, people took turns praying in groups for the meetings) was very helpful for the meetings. On the last day, 17 were baptized and several saved (during the three days, a many came forth to make decision). Thanks for all your prayers and do continue to pray the mission work and upcoming during our summer season (Mar-May).

On 21st January, Sis. Daisy Samuel John Aunty (my mother's younger sister) was called to Glory at the age 91 years. She lost her husband within a few years of marriage and raised all her five children with good faith, trusting the Lord will guide, protect and provide every need. She truly was a great witness all her life time; singing, preaching, witnessing to everyone (as she travelled in train, bus, auto, rickshaw, as well as during her daily morning walk). She loved the Word of God, Church and saints of God. Though she worked as a teacher in a school until her retirement of 60, she continued to minister to the Lord all her life time. It is very interesting

to note that Aunty passed away, exactly on the same day she lost her husband, 59 years ago.

On 26th January, being the Republic Day of India and national holiday, we had "Youth Retreat" for three of our churches in the city of Hyderabad. Youth Boys and Girls along with many elderly people attended the Youth Meeting at Shalem Church, Thukkuguda. The Guest Speaker Bro. B. Moses preached the Word of God and there was a question & answer session to the afternoon (so that the youth can interact). There was a good attendance around 250 from our church, Life Gate Tabernacle (Safilguda), Jehovah Nissi Church (NFC Nagar) and Shalem Church (Thukkuguda).

Pray for the upcoming Regional Meetings at Elim Church, Dandepally from 20th to 22nd February. Do pray that many souls will be saved and baptized. These meetings are for the entire region of Telangana area mission churches. Also pray for guest speakers, Bro. P. A. Swamy, Bro. Manjith Pual and Bro. Adams Parmee. The preparations have started a month ago and many volunteers have been working every week.

In Christ Jesus,

Bro. Robert Emmanuel Missionary to India

Pics of Holy Convocation 9th to 11th January 2024, LGT Christmas Mtgs etc...





