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### EDITORIAL



*If you don't find Him, don't be disappointed!*

We are at the end of another year so soon. Somebody said no more teens! End of nineteen! Our Lord yearns that we grow in His word along with each passing year. “Be strong and do work”, the theme set for this year was so real to all of us at MVM family. While David meticulously hands over the charge to Solomon, he assertively tells who his God is and how to walk in His strength. (II Chronicles 28:9). If Solomon had taken David for his head

knowledge it wouldn't have sufficed him to take courage to take charge but what he saw in his dad David was he being surrounded by the presence of the Lord.

The foremost step that we find here is acknowledging God in our lives and to serve Him with utter devotion that is derived by a willing mind and not driven by half hearted compulsion to abide the law. David knows his God for sure; the God who searches every heart and understands every thought and desire! David weaves the relationship with God into the very life of the people in a very personal way.

When one desires to dwell in the presence of God one has to seek Him. Are we eager to seek Christ this Christmas season? Don't be disappointed if you don't find Him in the Carol service or at the Nativity scene! He would be found by those who acknowledge Him as their personal Saviour, Redeemer, counsellor, Everlasting Father; we can add on as we recognise His Lordship in our lives. David could avow the God of His heart that he commands Solomon “Be strong and do the work”. As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour lets seek His presence which is real and ever abiding as we step into 2020.

**Wishing you a Christmas abounding in God's presence and a victorious 2020!**

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### TALKING TO THE HEART

Dearly Beloved,

“But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.” **Galatians 4:4-5**

Wishing you a Christ centred Christmas and a New Year 2020 full of new Hope and Holiness!

One of the old saying goes like this. SOW a Thought, you reap an Action. SOW an Action, you reap a Habit. SOW a Habit, you reap a Character. SOW a Character, and you reap a DESTINY.

Many of us may try to understand what God is doing, but we must seek His grace to understand why God does what he does.

The great question of all time, challenging is the mystery of virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. How can we know that Jesus, the son of God was born of a virgin? Why it is so important to our faith?

St. Paul states so clearly in his Epistle to Galatians, FULLNESS of time! The first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ happened in the history at the fullness of time. The plan of redemption of the world was not a new idea but it was in the original plan of God who loves His creation with a passionate heart that none should perish and come under the judgment of the righteous God. All creation should be Restored, Reconciled and Redeemed.

When this divine plan was announced to Mary, her response was, “How can this be?”.

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.” – **Matthew 1:21**

“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.” – **Matthew 1:23**

“And the angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.” – **Luke 2:10**

Yes, it was something unnatural and impossible, that is when we understand we have a God who is almighty and He is a Lord of impossibilities. My sincere wish is, as you all may be involved in celebrating the joy of the birth of our Saviour and Lord; May our words and action be in line with the purpose of God in declaring His message of TRUE Freedom and Peace to all people. You are chosen to declare and demonstrate this truth to the World.

Let us ask now as to how we can celebrate Christmas to bring Joy to our generation and to the generations to come. Looking back at the birth narratives of the Lord Jesus, let us set the following priorities:

- Walking in the ways of the Lord, in the right Direction and Destination.
- Worshipping the Saviour in the right way, in Spirit and Truth.
- Witnessing through our changed and transformed lives of Redemption.
- Working sincerely and honestly to complete the Great Commission.
- Wonderful gift to the whole world to be presented irrespective of caste, colour and creed to all people at all times.

“Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.” – **Corrie Ten Boom**

May your heart be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the joy He brings to our lives. Have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Faith makes all things possible, Hope makes all things work, Love makes all things beautiful, May you have all the three in full measure.

In this issue we are focusing on “Presence of God”. The first coming of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ “Emmanuel” God with us has very forcefully and effectively echoes to all of his true followers. You are challenged and exhorted to spend time in experiencing personally the presence of the living God. Our prayer for you is to seek the blessings from the son of God - Joy, Love, Peace, Forgiveness, relationship, freedom, Deliverance, Healing, Sacrifice, Giving, Worship, Humility, Trust and Obedience.

From MVM we have so many things to thank God at the end of the year and during the Season of Christmas.

- For establishing the New Christ like Disciples in all our Mission fields.
- For the empowering and equipping of the Lives of Grass Root Church Planters (GRCP) from MVM Family.
- For the Enabling Grace of Emmanuel God who is with us all the time.

Salient features are Governing Body meeting of MVM, Church Based Theological Education (CBTE) cohort meeting at Chennai and Shalom Centre. Dedication of Resource Centre of CBTE at Shalom Centre in Yavatmal. MVM Mission challenge meetings in Mumbai and Pune. In all these attempts we could see the Joy

of New Life vibrating in each one's lives with the passion for Missions. I sincerely thank all of you dear prayer partners and supporters for your continued encouragement.

This year by the time you receive this we would have dedicated a new Prarthana Bhavan at Mukhed, District, Nanded. In all our Mission fields the new generation followers and disciples of Christ are so excited to cheerfully declare to their neighbours about the transformed lives through Jesus the Saviour.

We continue to seek your partnership in the Gospel. We wish and send our words of blessing upon you and your families.

**Yours for the sake of Christ and Maharashtra,**

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## **DEPARTMENTAL STORIES**

### **MISSIONS**

God has been good all through this year especially in the last few months; the half yearly assessment of ministry was done in September '19 through **DPPP (District Praise Prayer Planning) and LPPP (Leaders Praise Prayer Planning)** meetings. The missionaries gathered together in different regions under Superintendents; each area ministry was reviewed, praise and thanksgiving to Lord was offered for blessed activities and planning and supplication was made for the next six months.

Few senior missionaries and leaders had an exposure visiting to GEMS ministry at Bihar. They had a fruitful trip in third week of Sept. '19. They had the privilege of visiting various institutions and mission fields. This exposure and listening to the missionary and Bro. Augustine Jebakumar and Bro. Rajesh Duthie helped our leaders to envision and revitalize the mission for Maharashtra.



Many believers **confirmed their faith** in Christ in the last three months. In September '19, 99 believers confirmed their faith in Christ from three mission fields Shudhagad, Vikaswadi and Koshimbla villages. In Thane district, 20 believers from Jawahar field and 26 believers from Tukwada base confirmed their faith in Christ. In Mukhed and Barali villages in Nanded district few believers and 18 believers from Vidharbha region confirmed their faith in Christ.

A family retreat was organised for believers from five villages surrounding Chiroli Church, Chandrapur from 2nd to 3rd November '19. Around 180 believers as family participated and were encouraged by resource persons. Emphasis on family relation was the core part of the retreat and was beautifully portrayed through three families from the Bible – Noah, Moses and Mary-Martha. Focus was on what to flee from and what to pursue to lead a Godly family. It was a very fruitful family retreat where many families committed to be the aroma for God. Family retreat was also conducted at Tukwada village on 24 Oct. '19.

**Children Bible Club (CBC)** was conducted at many mission bases during mid semester vacation in October '19. Children participated in the three day programmes and learned new songs, Bible stories, games and activities. Along with the Gospel, they were taught good morals to lead a life, pleasing to God, Family and Society. Hundreds of children participated and were blessed by the CBC program. The new kids joined the regular Sunday schools conducted weekly by the missionaries.

In Chandrapur, by the initiative of our senior missionary and the support of Dayanand Foundation; **Child Protection Awareness** program was organised at three schools around Chiroli base. In this a video was shown depicting the children being abused especially the girl children. Around



500 children from these schools were given awareness about the malice in the society; there were suggestions from the audience to show this video even to parents to bring the awareness to them as well.

The work among the women believers is the strength and driving force for the minister of God as well the ministry. Without any doubt they are the major forces in growth of spiritual awakening in every field. Retreats are conducted every month in all the bases by our sisters regularly among small and big groups; regular prayer, health awareness, counselling are often done to strengthen the believers. WIN (Women Impact Network) groups are growing in leaps and bound exponentially.

### **PRAISE POINTS**

- Blessed District Praise Prayer Planning (DPPP) meeting in all the four regions of MVM mission fields.
- Vilas Kotharkar, 40 years of Jairampur and Vilas of Kased village; Madhuri and Leelabai Gedam are delivered from Demon possession.
- Indira Dhanraj Kumare, 35 years of Shankar Hetti village is healed from swollen legs. Archana healed from red patches on her body.
- Prabhakar Kannake is freed from his mental sickness and believing in Jesus Christ. Poornima Madavi healed from kidney ailment.
- Suman Jalinder Urade is healed from blood pressure and sugar. Rushi Latelwar, 66 years healed of swollen leg after four painful months.
- Malatabai Bhujang Kudmethe, ICT student is having good response for Gospel in her ministry.
- God`s protection on Mainabai Marathe family from snake bite during their sleep. The snake was over their blanket.
- Parshuram Madavi got seedlings for his agriculture field freely as he helped other in their needs.
- Ashok Rangari family from Asgaon village and Chakuli Chaudhary from Parsodi believing in Christ.
- New four people are coming for worship in Ajaypur base and prayer restarted again at Sis. Abha Kedari house in Chichpalli village.
- Suwarna Meshram healed of T.B. and now attending church on her own. Deepali is healed from stomach ache and Shobha Thikare from back pain.
- Gaya Shyamkule fell down while getting down from bus, but God protected her from injuries.
- Anubai Meshram being sick thought that she will face loss in her business. But God blessed her business and she was able to get profit from it.
- Sandhya Dongarwar though anemic during her pregnancy had a safe delivery by the grace of God.
- New believers Dasar Parihar and Rambandh Ghoke joined the fellowship at Mahalgaon base in Gondia district.
- Ambadas Lengure saved from a Tiger attack while passing through dense forest to his home and Jayashree Marathe, Nirmala Kinake, Pushpa Dhore and our Missionary Bandu Marathe were saved from snake bite.

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Bro. Chokhaji is suffering from mental sickness and missionary Savita Bajirao Talandi suffering from thyroid.
- Salvation of Keshav Gedam, Balinder and Anita Shende, Reena Shende are ready to confirm their Faith in Jesus Christ.
- Good life partner for Miss. Niruta Pendam, 30 years of Chappalwada. Noel Mahure preparation for NEET examination.
- Sis. Shalu Tur to have good relationship with her husband and their salvation.
- For deliverance of Master Nikhil Chowdhary, Shahebrao Kove, Reeta Madavi and Dipali Shubam from the power of evil spirit.
- Shital Netaji Jengathe, Manoj, Rajita and Chandrakala Madavi to be blessed with a child.
- Salvation of Pramod Gedam, Rupali, Fakira, Pravin, Sanjay, Pankaj and Rakesh Thakre.
- Healing of Master Hasin Pundlik Nikure from Asthma and Malan Latkar from Epilepsy.

- Salvation of Kishor Yengantiwar family, Kishor Marathe and Jayshree Marathe. Ashok Nikode's family is backsliding in their faith.
- Narendra Marathe and Raju Nagoshe to be freed from alcoholism and Bro. Durgaraj miraculous healing from Lung Cancer.
- Master Lalit Meshram, 15 years is suffering severe depression, pray for his deliverance and salvation.
- Komal Shende for her safe delivery and Meenakshi Gedam, Kunda Meshram, Vikas Veladi's wife to be blessed with a child.
- Chokkakar family, Rajkumar, Sandhya, Sagar Phule to be ready for confirmation of Faith in Jesus Christ.
- Healing of Suman Uprikar having pain from waist to feet and not able to walk. Uprikar and Shivankar families to come for worship.
- Adkine family's six members to confirm their Faith in Jesus Christ.
- Geeta Surpam having tumor in her uterus and Suwarna Meshram is suffering from Tuberculosis.
- Completion of Church construction at Mukhed village in Nanded district, need of finance assistant to complete the project.
- Preparation for Christmas programs in every mission fields, especially for event organized by believers to invite their non-believing friends and families to share the message of purpose of Jesus Christ's birth.
- Urgent need of Bi-cycles, Harmoniums, Tablas, Carpets, Emergency lights, Communion vessels, Two-wheelers for elder missionaries and female missionaries.
- Need of place of worship and building at Mahalgaon in Gondia district and Parsodi in Bhandara district.
- Recovery of missionary Niketan Wankar from leg injury in accident, complete healing of Rev. Prakash Tode from cyst in his brain which is reducing by the grace of God.

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

### **Oasis Tribal Girls Home**

The Oasis Home for the tribal girls is being a blessing to the under privileged girls from mission fields. 48 girls are experiencing Lord's love, grace and spiritual power in their day to day life. The girls are doing well in their studies overcoming hurdles and difficulties as they are adapting to the new cultural environment.



TWR (Trans World Radio) conducted a Bible quiz for the girls in grade 9 to 12. Ten girls participated in this event. The girls were encouraged to receive the trophy as winners. Pastor Jacob Selwyn and Pas. Gladly from Good Samaritan Church, Madurai visited the home on 7th August '19 during their brief visit of mission field. A gift hamper was presented to each girl by the guest as token of their love and present for memorizing Psalm 136.

Medical Health check-up was done for the girls with the help of St. Joseph Hospital. Some girls were given medicine to overcome nutritional deficiency. Ms. Ragini Authkar, 7th grade is diagnosed with cancer in her right leg above ankle for which she has been undergoing treatment. Due to deterioration in her health, she has gone back home and continuing Ayurvedic treatment for lack of fund. Uphold her in your prayer and pray for her healing.

The senior kids under the guidance of Sis. Jotshna Kudmethe are learning handicrafts and tailoring. The handicrafts made by the girls are sold and the proceeds are used for the development of the home.

We are thankful to God's people who have regularly visited to encourage the children and also blessed the children with gifts. Pray that the children commit their life to accept Christ as their saviour and be a Salt and Light to their family and community.

## The Rural English Schools: Agape, Navjeevan And Shalom

We thank God for the smooth functioning of three schools of MVM in the rural parts of Yavatmal, Nagpur and Chandrapur district. Children are growing in confidence and it is always a joy to hear these kids interacting in universal language with confidence.



On Independence Day, flag was hoisted in three schools by dignitaries. The guest emphasised on the struggle for independence and encouraged the students to value the freedom. In Agape English School (Chandrapur district), free notebooks were distributed by the guest. Drawing and colouring competitions were held and children exhibited their talents through speech, dance and other activities.

Teachers' Day was celebrated in the schools. The senior children took the role of teachers on that day for the lower section; they honoured the teachers through token of love and appreciation for their endeavours. On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, fancy dress was organised for Kindergarten section. Children dressed beautifully for the events. Grandparents Day was celebrated in schools with the aim to teach the students to love and respect their elders. Many children invited their grandparents and were felicitated by them through gifts as token of love. A grandparent shared that he never ever felt this happy in his life and this was the first time he felt so honoured and loved. From 26th to 30th August and from 3rd to 7th September, Value Education Week (Mission Week) was conducted by Scripture Union at Shalom English School where the children learnt new songs; Bible verses and good Values were imparted through Bible Stories.

## TRAINING

### Movable School of Evangelism:

MVM in the recent years has emphasised much on empowering the believers to take Gospel to their community. To achieve this goal, it has partnered with various organizations that has the same vision and inducted few different programmes.



From Chiroli Church, Chandrapur 12 active believers were able to complete the course taught through **Mobile School of Evangelism** (MSOE) for the year of 2018-19. Through their practical ministries, 30 new people were added into the Church and three new Bible study groups were started in their villages. The graduation was held on 3rd November 2019, Mr. Netaji Jengathe and Mrs. Gayabai Kasture shared their experience and empowerment in the Word of God to equip their own people. All the believers will minister as Suvartiks among their own people and community.

**David C Cook Sunday school Curriculum Teachers'** training was held on 31st October 2019 at Navjeevan Center, Lonkhari. 20 missionaries from MVM mission fields took active participation in the training. The resource persons taught this course very systematically. The curriculum is child centered and covered every aspects of child life, according to the age group.

**Maharashtra School of Evangelism** (MSE) students are improving in their learning after the completion of orientation period. For their spiritual nourishment, the students are encouraged to memorize the Bible verses and conduct full night prayer every month with other activities. Along with the regular curriculum, they are learning basic computer course and other skills for enhancement in their ministry.



**Trans World Radio** (TWR) in partnership with MVM had translated the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of Apostle in Korku tribal language. Our missionaries helped them in translation and recording the scriptures in Korku language by lending their voice. On 5th November 2019, we had distributed 42 Radio kits with scriptures to the people at Dharamdoh, Chikhalada. They were very excited to listen to the Word of God in their

own mother tongue and glorified Jesus Christ. The pre-recorded program in Warli language in partnership with **FEBA** is progressing with the help of believers and missionaries from Thane district.

## **M. KIDS HOME**

**Happy Home** for missionary kids in **Amravati and Shalom Centre, Yavatmal** is functioning smoothly for the glory of God. We thank for their spiritual and physical growth; the children are doing well in their education as well. One of the M-Kids Anugraha Barele who met with an accident and fractured leg is recovering. Another M-kid Joshua participated in a district level Weight Lifting competition organised in Yavatmal from his school team. Virendra Sidam, Abhishek Mohekar and Anugraha Barele are preparing for their tenth board examination and Sakshi Tekade is preparing for her Twelfth board examination in February 2020. Pray for these children.



The kids of **Happy Home – Yavatmal** sang a Marathi song by playing traditional instrument Harmonium, Tabla in a meeting attended by leaders and board members. They participated in the Mission week organised in the school. Every morning in the dawn prayer at 5am, the children participate along with MSE students and staffs. New staff has taken responsibility of warden and Missionary Umesh and Reema Khandekar continue as Home Parent. There is a need of sport equipments, water filter, literature in English especially for kids, CD-DVD religious as well as documentary for exposure.

## **TESTIMONIES of Believers**

### **His protecting grace!**

Sis. Vaishali Santosh Bhavne, 35 years old is a believer from Naleshwar village in Chandrapur district. She went to her relative house in Govardhan village and stayed back for a night. At around mid-night, she started walking in her sleep and went into the field. There she fell into a well and once she realised that she had fallen into a well, in panic she started shouting for help by holding the pipe of motor pump to save herself from drowning. In all this she never stopped praying to God in Jesus' name. Fortunately a farmer heard her cry for help and with the help of other villagers took her out of the well. She was miraculously saved without any injury. Praise God for His protecting grace!

### **His healing grace!**

Bro. Hemanth Hivare, 28 year old is from MulMilvani village, Raighad district. He was suffering from severe stomach pain and was admitted in the hospital for 10 days. But he had no remedy from pain though, he tried traditional medicine. There was no relief and his health started deteriorating. He was shifted to a reputed hospital in town and underwent treatment there as well. After sometime, he returned home. His health condition became even more pathetic and was bedridden. In the meantime one of the believers shared about Jesus Christ, the healer and brought him to church by lifting him along with his bed by eight people. Many felt he won't survive, but nonetheless prayed for his healing with oneness. The evil spirit inside the man started shouting loudly begging for mercy and urging to let him go. Others prayed for Hemanth's forgiveness from sin and instantly he felt deliverance from his situation. The following Sunday he came on his own foot for prayer and started trusting God. The villagers opposed him for his faith, but he and his wife without any fear regularly attend the prayer. Few of the villagers started believing after witnessing a transformed life. Even the villagers who opposed him were amazed by his new found faith. All glory to God!

### **By His compassion!**

Sis. Bharathi Wagh of Jawhar field, Thane district was childless for many years. The missionaries and the church were diligently praying for her. After two years, she is blessed with a baby boy. Another Sis. Sumitra Pawar was blessed with a baby boy, but he was not keeping well. The doctor lost hope, but the church prayed for him by faith. All glory to God, he is now doing well.

## Church Dedication

We glorify God for the newly constructed church in Mukhed village in Nanded district. The ministry in this area was started in the year 2013. Around hundred believers participate in weekly worship and the believers grew in number after they were back to their native from their laborious months in factories and brick kilns. Around 50 believers have confirmed their faith in Christ and many more are ready to confirm their faith. Earlier the church was meeting in a rented place constructed with tin sheets. The congregations along with Church donor Bro. Stalin Lawrence and family contributed towards the construction of this building built in an area of 60 x 20 sq. ft. The church was dedicated for the glory of Lord in the august presence of Rev. S. Retnamony, Exec. Secretary, Mumbai Regional Conference, MCI, Mr. Stalin Lawrence, MVM leaders, missionaries from nearby fields and congregation. This is the fourth church inaugurated for the glory of God in Nanded district from the ministry begun.



## Christmas appeal letter

Dearly Beloved in Christ!

Greetings to you in the Matchless Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

The missionaries of MVM have been blessed to lead the people from remote villages of Maharashtra who were in darkness and tormented by peace-less life to the Prince of Peace – Jesus Christ. Many have found the peace in Christ through miraculous healing, deliverance from evil spirit and thereby transformation in their spiritual life. Hundreds of believers have confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ through confirmation of faith. During this season of Joy, as you prepare along with the family for celebration of birth of Jesus Christ, we invite you to partner with our missionaries by blessing them with your sacrificial offering and prayer. We are around 195 of us serving in different capacities all over Maharashtra and India. Your partnership in gifting them for this Christmas would be a great blessing to them.

May God bless you and your family with the promise of God as in Proverb 18:16  
“A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.”

Wishing you a blessed and meaningful Christmas and a Soul winning New Year 2020!

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