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"For the sake of the Gospel..." 1 Cor. 9:23

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Sincere gratitude for the wonderful leadership of Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos as the President of KNS for the last 7 years

Hearty Welcome to our New Diocesan Episcopa and the President of KNS Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios



Independence Day flag hoisting at Chintamani Campus



Foundation Stone Blessing of New School



Village Visit

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Editorial

"The church exists by mission just as fire exists by burning"

– Emil Brunner.

The church is rooted in the concept of the Missio Dei – Mission of God. The church is not an end in itself; the church is sent to the world to fulfill the mission of God. As disciples, we have been sent as missionaries to share the Gospel. It is essential to know the will of God and live a life accordingly.

Mission is not only preaching the Word but also to live according to the Word of God. It is important to live the Gospel. The church has a great responsibility to continue the mission of God. May our Lord God help us to be a part of this great responsibility of mission.

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'Navajeevana' welcomes the new Secretary of KNS

Rev. Thomas Mathew P.

May the leadership of Achen be a blessing to the
Karnataka Navajeevana Samithi.

'Navajeevana' bids sincere gratitude for

the valuable leadership of

Rev. Sabu Thomas

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MESSAGE

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I am very happy to learn that the KNS Mission is publishing a news letter titled "*Navajeevana*". The mission work of KNS wide ranged to proclaim gospel to more than 200 villages in the Kolar and Chikaballapur districts of Karnataka and in the Madanapally Taluk of Andhra Pradesh. The contribution and concern given by Late Mr. T. E. Thomas and Dr. C. A. Thomas are appreciable and commendable. This is our true motivation for mission.

We become participants of the ministry equipped by the Spirit into Christ's own way of being. That is, Christ draws us into His own life for the salvation of the world. Before Christ ascended back to the Father He said to His disciples: "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:21-22). The church is the result of God's mission. And more than this, the church is swept up by the Spirit into the purposes of the *missio Dei*. Jesus continues... "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:23). Christ's ministry of reconciliation is to be continued by His Spirit-filled followers sent out into the world. The church is created by and carries forward God's own mission. *We* are the missionaries – the church as a whole. Our very existence is an existence on mission, wherever we may be. We have our being as church *in* the commission which is laid upon the whole body to be Christ's witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Mission is not what we do, it is who we are.

This news letter "*Navajeevana*" be a medium through which people know about the activities and mission work of KNS. I appreciate and congratulate the Missionaries, the Editorial Board and Board of Management of KNS for publishing this news letter.

With Prayers and Blessings

Yours in Christ's Ministry

Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa

14th July 2016
Mar Thoma Bhavan
Chennai



From the Secretary

Rev. Thomas Mathew P.

Greetings from KNS mission in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I'm very glad to address you through this news letter 'Navajeevana'. May the Lord God Almighty use this medium for the expansion of His Kingdom. I consider the opportunity to serve in the KNS mission as a missionary as well as the Secretary of the mission as a great privilege and honour. I remember with gratitude the visionaries who served the mission in the previous years. I thank God for the wonderful lives of the pioneers of this mission. May the Lord help us to follow their footsteps.

We are privileged to have the leadership of Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios as the president of KNS. I hope that thirumeni's experiences and knowledge will be a blessing to the activities of the Diocese and to KNS in particular. Let's thank God for the leadership of our previous president Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos for his leadership as the president of KNS for the last 7 years. Rev. Sabu Thomas achen served as the Secretary of KNS for the last 4 years. His service to the KNS mission is remarkable. The service of other missionary achen, Evangelists and the Board of Management is considered valuable.

The motto of the mission is 'for the sake of Gospel'. Whatever we do is for the sake of the Gospel. We are living in a world where people are getting more and more selfish. People are limiting themselves to their own spaces. There is no space for others or even God. In the time of 'selfie', we need to look onto the other side and see the realities of life and the world. We need eyes that see the cry of our brothers and sisters. The restoration of the 'Image and Likeness' of human is our mission. It is God's plan also. So the theme 'for the sake of Gospel' has its relevance today also. Let God be our main focus. Let His will be our primary motto.

The KNS mission is serving the community and the church with the support of many well wishers of the mission. The mission can influence the community in many ways. The mission can do many things for the welfare of the communities here as well as for the growth of the church and the glory of God. I request you to continue your support to the mission. Let the name of the God be glorified.

May God bless us all

With prayers

Sd/-

Rev. Thomas Mathew P.

Testimony

Evg. B.K. John, Melur

Glory to God. I was born in a poor family in a small village near Sirsi, North Karnataka. When I was 14 years old I came in the faith of Jesus Christ by the work of Dr. M. T. Xavier. My parents also started to believe in Jesus Christ. I'm the elder son of the family. When I completed my BA Degree I decided to join KAS. But my father's wish was different. I was forcefully joined for the Bible study in Hoskote in 1995 by the recommendation of Rev. Kuruvilla Philip. In 1996 I started to work in Talaguppa as an Evangelist under the Chennai- Bangalore Diocese. In my 20 years of service, I worked in Siddhapura, Hubli, Ankola, Beersandra and Devanahalli. Now I'm Melur in Sidlaghatta. My wife is Nathal and I have 2 daughters Stephy and Steeza. Stephy is studying for B. E 1st year and Steeza in 9th Standard.

In 2006, while I was working in Ankola I got a heart attack in the month of August. But God saved me. In the month of November, I came to St. John's hospital Bangalore for a checkup by the influence of Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius, Rev. Dr. K. M. Samuel and Rev. K. Y. Jacob. After the checkup Dr. Kiren Varghese told me that I have 90% block and angioplasty must be done immediately. While hearing that I felt very sad because just one year ago my wife had to undergo laparoscopy. For that I had taken a loan and spent for the surgery. That night I prayed to God to take away my life. Next day morning K. Y. Jacob and Dr. Kiren Varghese told me not to be afraid and God had heard our prayer and they would do the operation for me. At that time my children were very young. It could have been the 10th year of my death. But by the Grace of God and the prayers of the believers, I'm before you. I and my family cannot forget the Grace of God we experienced in our life. I request your valuable prayers for my family and the ministry here.

News from Chinthamani Mission

1. Started Five Village Tuition centres for needy children in Sugatur, Murugumalai, H Cross, Srinivasapura and Kyalnoor. Around 130 children are attending the same.
2. We enrolled 120 children in Navajeevana Vidhyanidhi programme. A participatory programme of parents and mission to help the children in their education.
3. Balvikas has added 15 new children in the academic year. 4 children passed S S L C in first class.
4. Navajeevana Girls' Hostel started this year with 9 children. Last year 5 children of the hostel passed S S L C in first class.
5. 3 new members were added to the church at Chintamani.
6. Mr. James from Srinivasapura has joined Hoskote Bible institute for training.
7. Mr. Joshua is studying first year B D at Dharma Jyothi Vidhyapeeth Faridabad, Delhi.

Prayer Request and Needs

1. Ruth 10th class, Sam 8th Class and Esther 6th class become orphan after their mother's death on 25th July 2016. They are the members of Chintamani Church.
2. Sugatur Village we have 6 families. They are 24km far from Chintamani church. They need a church at Sugatur. For land around 10 lakhs needed.
3. 5 Believers' children are seeking admission for professional courses.
4. Six of our believers are in need of houses. One lakh for each house.
5. Legal problem facing in Chintamani and Murugumalai land.
6. Renovation of Murugumalai Church and Kyalnoor church. The cost around 4 lakhs each.

Mission News from Rayalpad

1. Vacation Bible School:

Rayalpad Mission Centre Vacation Bible School was held from 18th of April from 23rd of April at Rayalpad Shalom Mar Thoma Church. Around 350 children participated in this VBS and Evg. Mr. Vasanth Paul served as a Director. Rev. Bejoy Daniel (Hoskote Mission Director) was the Chief Guest for the final day programme.

2. Jatra (Convention):

Rayalpad Mission Centre Convention was held on 30/04/2016 and 01/05/2016 at Rayalpad Shalom Mar Thoma Church. Around 250 people participated in Jatra and Rev. Mathew Chacko (Shivanapur Mission Missionary) achen was the Chief Guest and also celebrated the Holy Communion Service.

3. Seekers Meeting & Baptism Service:

The first seekers meeting was held on 20/05/2016 and Second meeting as well as Baptism service was held on 27/05/2016 at Rayalpad Shalom Mar Thoma Church, 6 families were baptized on that occasion. Rev. J. Chinnadore conducted the Holy baptism service.

4. New Church Consecration Service:

The New Church Consecration was held on 21st May 2016 at Madanapalli. Our Diocesan Episcopa Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Thirumeni administered the Holy Consecration Service.

5. First Telugu Holy Communion Service:

The first Telugu Holy Communion Service was held on 22nd May 2016 at the new church at Madanapalli new Church. Rev. J. Chinnadore celebrated the Holy Communion service.

6. Shalom Girls Hostel:

Shalom Girls Hostel was reopened on 01st June 2016 and this year 11 students are studying in their respective classes.

7. First All Night Prayer:

The first all night prayer was held on 17/06/2016 at Madanapalli new church and around 60 people participated in this meeting.

Prayer Request

1. Pray for Mr. Reddeppa who is suffering from cancer and is admitted at Kolar Hospital.
2. Pray for Mr. Narayanswami who is undergoing treatment at Bangalore Hospital after a fall.

News from Sidlaghatta Mission

1. VBS : During the summer vacation VBS's were conducted in 5 centres under Sidlaghatta Mission viz. Sidlaghatta Ebenezer MTC, Sonnenahalli St. Pauls MTC, Dibburahalli Bethlehem MTC, Bellutty Krista Sannidi MTC and Gormadagu Ebenezer MTC. Evg. James Varghese, Evg. Vasanth Paul, Mr. Lokesh N, Mr. Anand N and Mr. Manjunath served as directors of these VBS's. During the visit of Makarios thirumeni, thirumeni spent some time with the children at Sidlaghatta VBS and interacted with them. This was a blessing to the children. More than 700 children participated in these VBS's.
2. Jathra : This year's convention was held from April 22-25 at Sidlaghatta Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church. Evg. Purushotham (Nandhyal Mission) was the main speaker. Missionary and Evangelists gave leadership to different meetings. Many people rededicated their lives. The Jathra concluded with a fellowship lunch.
3. Baptism of new Believers: 45 people were baptized on 2016 May 23 at Dibburahalli Bethlehem Mar Thoma Church. The Diocesan Episcopa Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios led the services.
4. Mar Thoma Grama Jyothi School: By the Grace of God we were able to buy and register one acre of land in Dibburahalli for our Grama Jyothi School. The foundation stone laying service of the school was laid on May 23, 2016 by Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa.
5. A new Balawadi has been started in Sonnenahalli St. Pauls MTC with 30 children and 2 teachers.
6. Evg. Santhosh P. G. has been transferred from Melur to Vijayapura and Evg. B. K. John is appointed as the new Evangelist of Melur.
7. Mr. Sugu John Chandy, President of 'Light the Candle International' has donated 2 bikes for the mission.
8. The hostels are reopened. This year there are 11 students in Sidlaghatta Navajeevana Boys Hostel and 19 students in Melur St. Thomas Sneha Bhavan Girls Hostel.
9. A group of 50 members of Marthahalli St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church visited the Mission under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Sabu Philip on July 31st. Achen led the Kannada Holy Communion service at Sidlaghatta Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church.
10. 25 pupils were granted to our Bala Vikas Kendra in Dibburahalli. Now the total strength is 125.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the construction work of Dibburahalli Mar Thoma Grama Jyothi School
2. Pray for the newly baptized believers.
3. 12 members need new houses and 15 members are in need of house repairs.
4. 4 Students studying in professional courses need education support.
5. Pray for the compassion projects.

Upcoming Events

1. KNS Annual General Body Meeting on 18th August 2016 at 2 pm at Beersandra Mar Thoma Centre. The President of KNS Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathew Mar Makarios will preside over the meeting.
2. Group Marriage at Sidlaghatta Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church on August 20th at 11 a.m. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios will solemnize the marriages of 5 pairs.
3. Holy Communion and First Communion Service on 21st August 2016 at Sidlaghatta Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church.
4. Baptism of new believers at Sidlaghatta Mar Thoma Church
5. One day retreat for Seekers at Chintamani on August 22nd.
6. Chintamani Mission Jatra (Convention) will be on 30th September to 2nd October 2016. Rev. Dr. K.M. Samuel (Ankola) will be the main speaker.
7. One day Retreat for Village tuition children at Chintamani
8. Two days camp for believers' children and youths at Chintamani.
9. Evangelists' retreat every month in Chintamani, Rayalpad and Sidlaghatta.
10. KNS Evangelists and Missionaries meeting in September.



Baptism at Dibburahalli



Evangelists with New Bikes



Reception of New Diocesan Episcopa at Sidlaghatta



Thirumeni with VBS Children



VBS at Rayalpad



Women Empowerment Centre



Madanappalli Church Consecration



Madanappalli Church Consecration

46th KNS Anniversary

On

26th January 2017

At

Sidlaghatta Mission Campus

Chief Guest: Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios

*Please Pray,
Support & Participate*

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