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SIX MORE PASTORS EVANGELIST FOR GOD'S WORK IN INDIA

It is with great joy that I write this editorial. All fired up after my mission trip to Tumkur, Karnataka, India with Lip Yee, Pastor David Tham and Pastor Patricia Johnson. We had a week of intensive training covering the Church Planting Institute (CPI) modules in Kannada language. This culminated in the ordination of six NLRC pastors-evangelists on 29th August 2014.

NLRC Shah Alam under the leadership of Pastor Joshua Lee and Pr David and their partnership with Pr Pat have stepped up to a fresh spiritual father's anointing into making disciples, planting churches in India. She has been working tirelessly over the last thirteen years in establishing, connecting and training with our Karnataka field representatives, Pastor Jose and Pastor Jyothi.

Rev Jeremiah Yap and I had also deliberated and strategized on the continuing impact of NLRC planting churches to 'Bless the Nations' and reach the unreached people groups with the gospel of truth and freedom – in this context, the Kannadiga people totalling some 45 million in India.

This issue is dedicated to give a brief introduction of the six new pastors-evangelists, who are leading four new churches – NLRC Devanahalli, NLRC Tumkur, NLRC Holenarsipura and NLRC Golahalli in the Indian state of Karnataka. They are now integral to the family of NLRC group of churches.

Thanks Lip Yee for assisting me document this entire issue.

All praise and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ for His expansion in missions and church planting "to all nations".

Blessings,
Rev Lawrence Chen
Group Executive Pastor

MISSIONS IN KARNATAKA

Extract from Report by Pastor Jose Thomas

Pastor Jose Thomas' ministry in Karnataka began in 2001. He identified a group of people who are rejected by society and have not heard the gospel. These are the "Dalits" – people ostracized by society in the Indian caste system.

The ministry started in slums and villages with open-air evangelistic, preaching, teaching meetings. With the help of local churches, faithful brothers and sisters went into villages sharing powerful testimonies. Moving in the anointing of the Holy Spirit, they witnessed many cases of healing and deliverance. Many people were convicted and came to Christ. Local pastors were designated to do follow-up and



visitations. At their request, training of pastors, leaders, women and youth were conducted.

The ministries grew and more new believers were added to the fellowship. Small churches were started. Small pieces of land were bought and churches constructed.

Approaches to Ministry

- **Village Ministry**
Evangelistic gospel meetings, screening “The Jesus Film” (1) in local languages, medical clinics when there were doctors in the team. In towns and surrounding villages in Davangeri, Hosadurga, Tumkur, Devanahalli, Kolar, Bangarapet, Chickballapur.
- **Children’s Ministry**
Hostel for orphans – training for spiritual growth
- **Women’s Ministry**
Equip women in ministry prayer groups, fasting, educating women in family life, women’s conference
- **Youth Ministry**
Youth conferences for college students
- **Pastoral Ministry**
Teaching and training seminars for pastors and church leaders. Pastors’ conferences for different denominations and institutes to focus on unity and to build God’s Kingdom minded people

Future Challenges

- Reaching the unreached areas with the Gospel. Visit villages and teach them to grow in the Lord
- Youth - to equip them in the Word and disciplined lifestyle on God’s principles
- Village women - educating and training self help groups
- Widows – help those who are neglected; especially the young widows with little children, who have lost their alcoholic husbands

1 “The Jesus Film” was inspired by Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade, in 1979. It has been translated into over 1,220 different languages and dialects. Since 1979 more than 200 million men, women and children worldwide have indicated decisions to follow Jesus after viewing the film.

INTRODUCTION OF NLRC PASTORAL TEAM IN KARNATAKA

By Lawrence & Lip Yee Chen

In June 2013, a NLRC mission team visited Karnataka and were introduced to the pastoral team and their partners in the mission field. We met in Bengaluru. Karnataka has a population of 64 million (2014) .

Then we went on to visit and share the love of Jesus in their congregations. The villagers were very responsive to the Word of Truth that was shared. Many came to know the Lord as we ministered in Devanahalli, Kolar, Bangarapet, Golahalli. It was amazing. Even our driver, Bro Sina, answered the altar call and accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour at Bangarapet.

Thumbs up for the Lord!

Introductory meeting with pastors in Bengaluru







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