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21 Years of KSM Ministry

As we look back over the past two decades, our hearts are indeed filled with gratitude and thanks to our God who has led us thus far in the ministry of KSM. It was from a very small beginning with my wife Beulah and myself, the only two staff way back on 8th September 1983 to the present FIVE different ministries of evangelistic outreach, medical, prison, community development with once a year city-wide special gospel meetings in different district headquarters with 24 evangelistic and medical staff. Bellary was chosen to celebrate the event from 21st to 24th October 2004 at the John Hands Memorial CSI Church.

Celebrations in Bellary

It was our privilege to meet Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul K. Balmi, the Bishop of Karnataka Northern Diocese to have given us wholehearted support and encouragement in terms of arranging this celebration as well as encouraging five churches of CSI and its pastors of his diocese to extend their full cooperation. John Hand Memorial CSI church was fully packed on Sunday the 24th October. It was music by Kolar Methodist Youth and KSM staff, reports and God's word shared that evoked much appreciation from those who attended.

We deeply appreciate Rev. J. P. Kasturi the presbyter-in-charge and CSI Area Council

(Left) Sections of gathering of men and women at the special gospel meetings.



Rev. B. D. Immanuel bringing God's word at John Hands CSI Church, Bellary.

Chairman, the Secretary, Mr. Sathyendra Daniel, Treasurer Mr. Prabhakar, pastorate committee members and congregation for their support. Mr. David Sundaram the manager Warden of the Composite PU college of Martin Hostel and his team provided the accommodation for 15 members of our team. Mr. L. Pachua, IPS, the Additional Director General of Police through Mr. Pankajakumar Takur, IPS, the Superintendent of Police, Bellary

*(Right)
A congregation reading the scripture.
Rev. J.P. Kasturi,
presbyter-in-charge and area
chairman, Rev. B.
D. Immanuel,
Rev. Basapur
presbyter,
standing behind.*





(Left) Gospel songs by KSM team with Anitha Immanuel at the Keyboard, Kevin Immanuel playing the guitar.



Men and women break into small groups for prayer during morning Bible study.



(Left) Gospel music by Kolar Methodist Church youth



(Above) Display of Christian literature, cassettes and embroidery items by KSM staff for sale and congregation members buying them.



(Left) KSM team & Kolar Methodist youth with Rev. J. P. Kasturi and Rev. Basapur

made the stay so comfortable for the speakers. We thank them deeply.

Dr. Prabhu Das, Rev. B. D. Immanuel and pastor Aroop Kumar delivered the much needed and very anointed messages during the four evenings and two mornings on 21st to 24th October 2004 the evidence of which was seen when many expressed that they were blessed and many who came forward to re-commit their lives to the Lord. We are grateful to the Lord for God's servants and volunteers from different denominational churches who extended helping hand in organizing these special gospel meetings in Bellary City.

Our sincere thanks to all pastors and pastorate committee members of the various churches for their co-operation, support, fellowship,

hospitality and partnership in the KSM special gospel meetings in Bellary.

All Glory and Honor belongs to God! □

Apart from your prayers, we need your financial help for the building project of KSM Ministry. Your contributions and gifts will be very much appreciated which may please be sent to

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(Above) In the morning Bible study meeting Anitha Immanuel leading devotional action songs with Kevin Immanuel with his guitar. (Below) Participants for the morning Bible study at John Hands CSI church.



From the Executive Director's Desk



Dear faithful prayer partners and supporters
Seasons Greetings!

It is again my privilege and joy to share with you how the good Lord has enabled us to carry on the ministry programs during the last three months. We have detailed some of the highlights of the KSM outreach, medical, prison ministry and tailoring training programs under the community development programs held during September, October and November 2004 for your kind information so that you can join us in praising God for His wonderful help and guidance in the furtherance of the ministry with the gospel of Christ among non-Christians in 36 villages in Sakleshpura taluk of Hassan district.

As the Lord has been so good to us again, I am sure this report will bring joy to your hearts. As I write this letter I thank each one of you and pray that you will have the grace of the Lord's direction for your life and for your family to be used for His glory and for the blessings of many people.

□ **For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given**. □ Isaiah 9:6

The month of December is that time of the year when we are reminded of the fact that the year drawing to an end. In retrospect, we can see how wonderfully the Lord has led us through the past year. We do not measure our income merely in terms of the finances that have come in. All our well wishers and prayer partners are our treasures and we deeply appreciate your involvement in the KSM and IAM ministries.

The true joy of Christmas is twofold; on the one hand it is the result of the relationship that we enjoy with our loving God, while on the other hand it is the relationship that we share with one another through Christ.

□ For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten son; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but should have eternal life. (John 3:16)

This often quoted verse of Scripture holds a wealth of meaning. The chief purpose of Jesus Christ entering the stream of human history was to reconcile man to God and man to his fellowmen, which is to heal and restore all broken relationships. He has given us the promise of life in John 10:10 □ I am come that they might have life and might have it in abundance.

At Christmas, we remind ourselves that we share God's love. He gave himself freely for the sins of mankind. God became a member of the human family. He finally gave His life for our salvation, so the best gift that you can give Him in this Christmas is the gift of your life for His service.

We see multitudes around us who are lost and who lead lives of despair and hopelessness. □ How can they believe in Him of whom they had not heard and how can they hear without a preacher and how can they preach except they believe? □ - Romans 10:13-15.

Let us meditate on these words and be challenged by the fact that He has given us His word totally and now depends on us to share His gospel of love to a lost world. The potential He has given us His immeasurable, but how much of it do we utilize for Him?

My wife along with our children Anitha and Kevin and KSM staff wish you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed, prosperous and Christ-centered New Year.

Yours in Christ's Mission,

□ **Rev. B. D. Immanuel**, Executive Director.

Do you care to invest in the lives of others?

We always talk about the "art of giving" during the Christmas season when we take time to focus on God's greatest gift to mankind. Our giving cannot be compared to His giving. His giving is unconditional, impartial, universal and is based on love. You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving. God's love is so very different. **GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE**. In other words the Lord's giving was out of love. The Bible also says "God loves cheerful giver". We might not be able to give the way the Lord gave but we certainly can give and master the art of giving.

It is time to take stock of our lives. Apart from our families, the Lord has used many people to invest in our lives to make us what we are today. We should always remember their contribution and thank God for them. Let us not keep the blessings to ourselves but share it with others. This year would you like to give a Christmas gift to people outside your family?

Here is an opportunity. You can give a Christmas gift to the people in the Koramangala Slum, prisoners in Mandya, Kolar, Tumkur, Bangalore Central and Open Air prisons through KSM - a gift of eternal value that will be remembered by them. You can sponsor the monthly medicine cost for the slum people or prisoners which amount to Rs.4000/- for the slum or for each of the prisons. You can also become a FRIEND OF KSM by contributing Rs.500/- every month to help us to serve these underprivileged, neglected and broken hearted people.

As an individual or as a family you can invest in the lives of others. What a glorious day it would be when people walk into heaven because of your faithful and cheerful giving! Please pray and do as the Lord leads you. Please be assured of our prayers for you. Have a very purposeful Christmas and a hope filled New Year!!

Yours in Christ's Mission
Rev. B. D. Immanuel

The Healing Power of Christ

The medical ministry of KSM is not only to the physical and health needs of the villagers, slum people and prisoners, but also it is a vehicle through which the gospel is taken to the remote parts of Karnataka. People in the villages or in the slums tend to associate ailments with supernatural causes rather than natural ones. They believe that their gods are offended or that they are under a curse. Therefore they visit witch doctors who after consulting the gods mete out some primitive treatment. Payment is made in the form of a

chicken, a goat or sometimes even a coconut, depending upon the nature of the illness. When this fails, they approach hospitals, almost devoid of hope.

On one occasion, while conducting the mobile clinic in Bellahalli village, the KSM doctor and nurse were approached by an elderly man with a tragic story. His son who had married a week earlier, had a bad fall at home and had broken his hip. They believed that this happened because of a curse from their god. He was taken to a witch doctor for

KSM Medical Ministry

Dr. Mary George engaged in a minor surgery on Mr. Zayaz Pasha, a Muslim from Koramangala Slum with nurse Mrs. Selvi assisting.



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A Testimony

The Lord brought me into the KSM Health Clinic in the month of September 2004 as a medical officer.

Three days we conduct mobile clinic in three different villages. Once in two weeks we go to treat prisoners in jails. During the last four years our clinic doctors have been treating patients who had nowhere to go because of their pitiful condition. We also go to a Muslim hostel twice in a week to treat the patients there. The Muslim authorities know that we are a Christian organization and therefore they had told our clinic staff that we should not share the gospel and that they would not allow any Christian track to come into their campus.

Every day in my prayer, I pray for prisoners, Muslims, Hindus, palliative care patients, prostitutes, poverty stricken people, people who are unemployed, orphans, the disabled, the blind and those in various other types of crisis situations. After I started my work at KSM, after visiting the Muslim hostel my burden for Muslims increased and I started praying that God should open a way to share the gospel and show them the love of our God and Savior Jesus Christ. I never knew the rules laid by the Muslims.

Once when all the patients were examined, one Muslim Kannada lecturer asked me about the life after death in Christianity.

I knew this was truly from the Lord opening a way for us to share the gospel so that God's word will show them the truth and set the captives free. Immediately I told him about the word of God and explained that everything is written in the Bible. He wanted me to bring the Bible so I told him that I would give it to him the next week. We took the Kannada Bible the following week. The lecturer came and asked if we had brought the Bible and when we gave him the Bible he was very happy. Before giving the Bible to him, the Holy Spirit had taken control of myself and I started sharing the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from I John, II John, III John and told him also to read Revelation. As I was sharing about the Lord more than twenty people gathered and they were listening about Jesus, which I never realized. Suddenly one person from the group was very upset and he started telling that what I was telling was wrong and God can never come in human form.

As I was praying, I completely depended on the Holy Spirit to guide me. The Lord led me in an amazing way. The sister who was with me thought

that we may not go out of the campus. Lord filled me with so much of courage that I never got scared but boldly spoke about the Lord. I patiently listened to the person who was very furious and told him, Sir, my God tells us not to fight but to show always His love for all people. You are telling that Bible is wrong but I am not going to say that your Koran is wrong. Whatever I am speaking is not my philosophy or my theology. I am speaking to you on the basis of what is recorded in the Bible. My God says not only we speak but also we have to put it in practice. Anyway the eternity will prove who is right and who is wrong. Then I handed over a Bible to him.

There was a pin-drop silence and everybody dispersed and the person took the Bible left that place. The following week he came and told me that he is reading the Bible. After that one more person asked me for an Urdu language Bible. Bro. Paul provided me with an Urdu Bible, which I handed over to the person who asked for it.

I want to give all glory and honor to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ because He is in full control of everything and in His time He will finish His work. I really thank God for this opening in this Muslim hostel.

- Dr. Anuradha Shankar

Freedom within prison walls

**KSM-Crossroad
Prison Ministry**

KSM reaches out to the long forgotten prisons. Many of the prisoners who are so assuaged by guilt and despair, hear about God's unconditional love for the first time. We have successfully established a rapport with the superintendent of Bangalore, Tumkur, Mandya, Kolar, Belgaum and Bidar prisons and we are able to visit these prisons on a regular basis. Bibles and gospel literature are distributed free of cost. Each such visit proves to be immensely fruitful and innumerable number of lives are being touched and transformed and there is so much to tell!

We were particularly moved by the prison ministry. To completely comprehend the extent of the work done for the last eight years, we pondered for a few minutes what the life of a prisoner was like. Confined within the four stone walls, the only human touch the prisoner gets is a kick in his ribs each morning. We imagined a prisoner's hopelessness being transformed to joy on hearing of a forgiving God, whose love was unconditional.

Visit to Kolar Sub-Jail

On the pleasant morning of 13th October 2004, we as a medical team and evangelists, drove towards Kolar on the beautiful Madras Road leading out of Bangalore City. The countryside looked beautiful with fresh green vegetation on either side of the road after the good rains. After driving for one and half hours we

reached Kolar Town and drove straight down to the E.T.C.M. Hospital. At the hospital two more doctors and two nurses joined our team and we proceeded straight to the Kolar Sub Jail which was just a 10-minute drive from the Hospital.

At the jail we had to wait for sometime before the small door was opened for us. The jail was surrounded by huge strong walls, electrified on the top. The prison authorities welcomed us and led us through two other doors before entering a fairly large open courtyard. On one side of the courtyard there stood a housing block consisting of cells with tiled roof and a long verandah where all the inmates were waiting for us, some of them seated and the rest standing. On the other side of housing block was their kitchen and pantry. On the western side of the courtyard a few tables and chairs were arranged for us.

When the prison officials arrived we began our programme with our team leader, thanking the prison authorities for giving us the opportunity to visit the Kolar Sub-Jail. He then highlighted that the purpose of our visit was to extend medical aid to the inmates and to bring the message love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This was followed by two Kannada gospel songs by our team, which received applause of the inmates. Then one of our members spoke for 10 minutes,

educating the inmates about the deadly disease AIDS, highlighting the sin behind this disease and the preventive measures that should be taken to avoid this disease. After which our team leader shared the word of God about the greatest love God has given us through His only Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the abundant and healthy life that is freely available to any one who walks in His ways. The message concluded with a word of prayer.

The inmates were then informed that such of those who needed medical checkup could form three rows and each of our three doctors would examine them individually following which the nurses would distribute medicines free according to their requirements as prescribed by our doctors.

As the medical team was busy in the medical camp, a few of us mingled with the inmates distributing tracts and gospels and also sharing the word of God to individual prisoners and to groups. While we shared the love of Christ and the forgiveness that is available to every repenting sinner, we could see hope and cheer come on their faces. They said the confession prayer willingly. Many expressed their happiness over our visit and for having spent so much time with them and given medical attention as well.

The medical checkup concluded at 2.00 p.m. and in the meantime we

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*(Below)
Gathering of prisoners.*



(Right) Mr. H. T. Mathew talking to a prisoner sharing the Gospel.



36 villages in Sakleshpura Taluk of Hassan District Receive the gospel

It is once again our joy and privilege to recount the wonderful happenings during our outreach ministry in 36 villages of Sakleshpura taluk of Hassan district. We thank you for your prayers and encouragement, which has strengthen and enabled us to venture further in the ministry.

Six KSM evangelists and volunteers loaded our jeep with hundreds of new testaments, gospel



Bro. Thomas, KSM driver-cum-evangelist sharing the gospel with villagers and distributing gospel tracts.

packets, tracts, sound system and other items and traveled to the villages in Sakleshpura. People in these villages were generally interested in the gospel and in hearing more about the Lord Jesus. Apart from open-air preaching the team members spoke individually to the villagers, making house-to-house

Bro. Kamble, driver-cum-evangelist, engaged in personal evangelism among the villagers.



visits. Although these interior villages did not have transportation facility, we experienced Holy Spirit's leading just as Paul was guided in His missionary journeys. We sold many new testaments, gospel packets and cassettes and also distributed tracts to these non-Christian villagers.

But in one village some religious outfit consisting of young people suddenly became aggressive and confronted the team with foul language, snatching away a good amount of gospels, cassettes and tracts from the hands of outreach team planning to burn them. They tried to gather other members of their group and were contemplating to damage our jeep and perhaps manhandle the team. Their idea seemed to be to create fear in us so that we would not venture to visit any village in their area. Unfortunately for them they were not able to contact other members of their group even over their cell-phones. They went away on their motor bikes, with warning to us that we should not move from that place. God's wisdom prevailed upon the outreach team members, we quickly went away from that place to other villages and continued our work. We praise God for His protection.

Although the trip was tedious and strenuous, we enjoyed every part of it. We thank the Lord for His people in Sakelsapura who provided

Bro. Abraham, a volunteer from local CSI church sharing the gospel with the villagers.



KSM Outreach



KSM outreach team and KSM jeep.

generously for all our needs. Continue to pray for the outreach work that would be carried out in Chikmagalur and Shimoga districts. Please pray for our outreach team. It is our sincere prayer that the Lord may work in the hearts of those who heard the gospel. □

Freedom within prison walls (from page 5)

could talk to many of the prisoners and share the Gospel. They had many questions and many requested us to pray for them. In general they were all very hungry to hear the word from the Bible. We then thanked and bade good-bye to the prison officials for their kind help and cooperation.

We then returned back to the ETCM Hospital Campus. At the Hospital we were taken directly to their dinning hall. The hospital staff welcomed us and served us piping hot lunch, which was simple but a sumptuous meal after our tiring prison visit. After lunch we drove back to Bangalore in a pleasant warm afternoon sun, praising God and rejoicing for the many souls and bodies that have been touched and seeking God's abundant grace to continue in their lives.

On reaching Bangalore, each of us proceeded to our respective homes with joy ringing in our hearts and praising God for the beautiful day and the opportunity He had given us to share the greatest gift the Lord has given to this world - His only Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

□ Report by Mrs. Mercy Karl

TAILORING TRAINING

Very good progress has been made in the tailoring department by imparting tailoring skill to 18 school drop-out girls and unemployed women from the Koramangala slum and 45 from the Kothanur Narayanapura, Naganahalli, Hegdenagar, Thanisandra and Byrathibande villages around KSM Mission Centre. All of them are eager to learn the trade and get employed in garment factories to earn for themselves and for their families. 18 trainees from Koramangala slum and 45 trainees from KSM mission centre will be recognized and will be given

certificates during the special Christmas function that to be held at KSM Mission Centre on Saturday the 11th December 2004. Most of them have shown interest to know about the living Saviour Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes they go with our staff to visit the homes in their respective villages to tell others how much they are benefited by learning the tailoring trade.

KSM medical team and evangelists play an important role in improving the lives of poor people in the Koramangala slum and in the villages around KSM mission center, leading the patients and ladies in the tailoring class to experience Jesus in their lives. Please

KSM Community Development Programme

stand by us and our ministry and in your prayers.

- Mrs. Matilda Prabha
& Mrs. Salma
Tailoring teachers



(Above) Tailoring trainees in Koramangala Slum with their teacher. (Below) School dropout girls and unemployed women from the villages around KSM Mission Centre being trained at the KSM tailoring training centre.



(Above) Tailoring trainees in a game of musical chair at KSM Mission Centre. (Below) Lemon and spoon race.



(Below) Tailoring trainees with their teacher Mrs. Matilda Prabha.



Praise God For ...

- 1 God's faithfulness to us and to the KSM ministry from the last 21 years.
- 2 Effective and fruitful special gospel meeting held in Bellary city from 21st to 24th October 2004.
- 3 The successful outreach programme in 36 villages in Sakaleshpura taluk of Hassan district.
- 4 Effective and fruitful evangelistic medical ministry in Kolar prison on 13/10/04, villages and in Koramangala slum.
- 5 Hundreds of outpatients being treated at both the KSM clinics and for their healing and the gospel shared.
- 6 Provisions of finance from God's people for the special gospel meetings, outreach, medical, prison and tailoring training programmes.
- 7 Job-oriented tailoring training programme for school-drop-outs, unemployed slum and village girls & women through community development project and for the good response to the gospel from these trainees.
- 8 For many Christians and non-Christians who responded to the gospel committing their lives to Jesus Christ and taking follow-up lessons.
- 9 The Lord's continuing provisions and guidance as we see His hand in every part of the KSM work.
- 10 Fruitful preaching ministry of Rev. B. D. Immanuel at John Hands CSI Church in Bellary and at Mission conference held at South Asia Institute for Advance Christian Studies (SAIACS).

Pray and Share ...

- 1 For those whom we reached with the gospel so far in the state of Karnataka especially in Hassan district.
- 2 For the forthcoming outreach programme during the month of December 2004.
- 3 Upholding the KSM staff in the challenging evangelistic, medical, prison and community development ministries.
- 4 Needed funds for different KSM ministries, rebuilding of KSM clinic and tailoring training centre at the Koramangala slum, for the second phase building project – Director's quarters, chapel, residential doctor's quarters, evangelistic and health workers' training centre at KSM mission centre at Kothanur Narayanapura.
- 5 For the prison ministry in 8 prisons in Karnataka.
- 6 Lord's faithful people who continue to pray and support His ministry through KSM & IAM.
- 7 For special Christmas Season ministry programmes on 11th December at KSM Mission Centre on 17th December at Bangalore Prison, 18th December at Koramangala Slum and on 22nd at Tumkur prison.
- 8 Good health for the KSM staff and their families.

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*Chairman, office bearers, Board of Trustees
and staff*

wish all our supporters, friends and well-wishers

*A Blessed Christmas
and
A Happy New Year*

The Healing Power of Christ (from page 4)

treatment, and having not got any relief, the man took the KSM doctor and nurse to his home. Papaiah, the patient, was unable even to get to the mobile clinic!

After examining him, the doctor asked him to be admitted to a larger hospital with better facilities for proper treatment. They shared the gospel with the family, prayed and gave treatment for temporary relief.

There are many who suffer in the world, bound by rituals and blind belief, bogged down by superstitions living in acute darkness. The medical ministry not only heals them physically but gives them an opportunity to meet Jesus, who can heal them spiritually as well. □