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*“He came to that which was His own, .....*”

*“He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him, yet to all who received Him to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:11-12)*

*Dear prayer partners and supporters in God’s Mission,*

*It gives me great pleasure to greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*Christmas means Joy in Heaven and Peace on Earth. In the month of December we celebrate Christmas. Events of the nativity indicate that praising God is very much part of the celebration. The hosts of angel, when appeared to the shepherds, proclaimed the Good News of the birth of the Savior, and praised God. After seeing the babe in the manger, the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for the things they had heard and seen.*

*Praising God reverberates through the Bible culminating in Revelation’s Alleluia Chorus before the throne of God. In Psalm 117, the invitation to praise God is to all*

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*nations, all people, and all ethnic groups everywhere. Praise is a mark of the community. How wonderful it will be if people in our neighborhood are made known that we go to Church every Sunday, primarily to praise God and glorify our Heavenly Father. How wonderful it will be when they come to know through our act of praise that primarily we are a worshipping community. The act of praising Him implies the closest fellowship with Him. It means that we not only experience Him but enjoy Him.*

*In Psalms 117, the psalmist exhorts us to praise God for two reasons. First, for His merciful kindness which is great towards us. It is great towards us, collectively and individually. As the body of Christ we have experienced His merciful kindness, and as individuals too. His great merciful kindness is seen in His*

*identification with His people. The incarnation story is the story of His total identification with man. But it does not stop there. He continues to identify Himself with us whenever we are in need, in our struggles, trials and aspirations. Yes beloved, you and I*



*are not alone in our commitment to live for Him. He is with us and identifies Himself with us.*

*Second, we praise God for His faithfulness which endures forever. He is faithful in keeping His relationship with us and in fulfilling all His promises. We can totally depend on Him. He will never leave His people nor forsake them. No wonder the hymn writer says “Great is His faithfulness ... there is no shadow of turning with Him, He changes not, His compassions that fail not, as He has been, He will forever be.”*

*There is close connection between praise and sacrifice. The writer of the Hebrews reminds us, “Here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him, let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.*

*Beloved, let us make this season of Christmas a time to truly praising God keeping in mind that it must result in offering ourselves, without any reservation, unto God, Almighty who gave His Son for us to make His masterpiece.*

## KSM

*Chairman, Board of Trustees,  
office bearers and staff wish all our  
supporters, friends and well-wishers*

*A Blessed Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year*

We in KSM wish you a blessed Christmas and the Joy and Peace of it throughout the New Year.

### **Visit to Germany**

It is with great joy and deep gratitude to God that I share with you what the Good Lord continues to do during my itinerary ministry in Germany from 25th October to 20th November 2005. With God's help and through your fervent prayers I could see His Heavenly blessings upon my itinerary ministry in Germany.

I was invited by the Crossroad Prison Ministry organization at Huckeswagen and Indian Allianz Mission (IAM) jointly, to take part in the International Prison Ministry Conference at Waren, East Germany from 27th to 20th October and thereafter to carry on my itinerary ministry in Germany prepared by the IAM. I am highly privileged to take part in the International Prison Ministry Conference in Waren, Germany. About 150 to 200 selected prison ministry leaders from 13 countries in Europe, Africa, Austria, Latin America and Asia were brought together for intensive studies and discussion on subjects of integration of released prisoners, their families and prison system in each country with Biblical discourses. This was organized and sponsored by the International Christian Charitable Prison and Rehabilitation ministries (IACPR). During the Conference the participants had lively fellowship, exchange of ideas and experiences and discussions on relevant issues and developments.

The object of this Conference was to involve various social institutions such as welfare associations, academic institutions, victim support organizations and churches. Christians would want to contribute answers to the concept that man is loved by God in spite of his human nature and that he is capable of change, regardless of his limitations or failures. We must never give up. The speakers included Dr. Koepsel, European Union representative for Human Rights and of former Justice Department, high officials from Waren and Pastor Holmer.

It was a time of much learning and rich fellowship. Acquainting myself with all the participants was very exciting gave me a rich experience. It was a real taste of heaven! IACPR prepares and motivates

indigenous leaders to reach the prisons in their respective countries for Christ.

All the teachings in this conference were based on God's Word, the Bible. It is obvious that all those who attended the conference knew Jesus personally, believed in God's Word and lived by its teaching. Meal times were good opportunities to talk with my new friends from 13 different countries.

During the conference, a few select participants were given 10-15 minutes to share what the Lord is doing through their ministry in their own country. I too had a chance of reporting using KSM ministry documentary film, what the Lord has been doing in the ministry of 6 prisons, villages and slums in Karnataka. It was refreshing experience to hear from the select few from the 13 different countries what God has been doing in their own respective ministries. Praise God for the mighty work of the Holy Spirit in these countries through the prison ministry.

### **Preaching Itinerary in Germany**

Indeed the Lord has blessed all the efforts of Bro. Hanspeter Kerkenberg the IAM Chairman and Members, Bro. Georg Fischer, Bro. Wolfgang Jordan and Karola Müller and the Crossroad Prison Ministry center in Germany, who organized 26 days of preaching itinerary in different churches, assemblies and mission centers from 2nd to 20 November 2005. I could see the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of the people who came to hear the Word of God and learn what the Lord been doing in India through KSM. Many experienced great joy and peace in their hearts. I had a fruitful time of discussion and prayer time with individuals, small groups and even with pastors and their wives. Many were challenged to involve themselves in God's mission through their churches and through God's missionary organizations. Praise God for His faithfulness.

I returned to Bangalore on 22nd November and I thank the Lord for the wonderful experience in my visit to Germany. I thank my staff, for taking care of the ministry here while I was away. In everything we give the Lord all praise and glory for using us in His ministry through KSM and IAM.

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

## **GIVING Cheerfully...**

God loves a cheerful giver! In the month of September, one evening, we received a phone call from a man of God who loved the Lord and His ministry of reaching the un-reached in India, particularly, in the State of Karnataka. He is a retired IAS officer from Mizoram, who served the Government of India in different capacities as an honest, upright and kind hearted officer. He wanted us to visit him and his wife at his home. When I visited them, he told me that over the years, he had been receiving the KSM newsletter was reading about the different ministries of KSM and that they were praying for the KSM ministries. He had involved himself on different occasions in KSM ministries. I praise God for this man and woman of God, who are committed to the Lord and to the Gospel cause.

He explained that he read about the urgent needs of KSM ministry, especially the needed funds for the rebuilding project of KSM Health and Community Development Centre at Koramangala Slum. To show their response, his wife and he donated Rs.50, 000/- towards the rebuilding project of Slum Clinic.

I was filled with praise and thanked the Lord for this donation and for the kind gesture of this retired IAS Officer and his wife. Praise God for answering our prayer, which we have been doing from the last six years.

God indeed honors the giver for His ministry by rewarding him adequately. Today the Lord has given us precious gifts of men, women and children who are sharing lovingly, faithfully, liberally and sacrificially over the last 22 years to meet the different needs of KSM ministry. Let us remember whatever we have done in His name, will never be in vain! (1 Corinthians 15:58).

# FREE HEALTH CHECK-UP CAMP

## AT SUJANANAGAR SLUM IN KAVALBYRASANDRA, BANGALORE

We are thankful to the officials of World Vision, Bangalore branch who invited the KSM Medical team consisting of Dr. Indrani, Sr. Selvi Rufus, Sr. Sheela Ganesh, Sr. Jayanthi, Bro. N. A. Paul, Bro. K. Y. Kamble, Mrs. Beulah Immanuel, Bro. H. T. Mathai, Bro. M. Prasanna under the leadership of Dr. Mary George to conduct the free health camp for the men, women and children of Sujananagar slum in Kavalbyrasandra in Bangalore, which was flooded after the heavy rains in the month of October. The doctors, nurses, evangelists, KSM office staff and volunteers conducted health check-up for about four hundred men, women & children. Free medicines were provided by the World Vision organization.

KSM medical and evangelistic staff also ministered at the free health check-up camp through gospel songs which brought great blessings to all who gathered.

The glaring fact at this Sujananagar slum was lack of hygiene, insanitary living condition, open drains, stagnant water with swarms of flies and mosquitoes. During the health talk I stressed on the importance of clean environment and they were told how insanitary conditions can lead to diseases. Briefly they were told about common infective diseases and how they can be prevented by adopting simple measures. Most of these people were suffering from respiratory infections, gastroenteritis and also skin infections. I stressed on the need for personal hygiene. Good nutritious food was missing for these slum people. Practical tips on how to obtain them by cheap and simple measures was told. The need for regular antenatal check-up for pregnant ladies was emphasized. Need of immunization and nutrition for the pediatric age group was emphasized. ORS sachets were

distributed and ladies were instructed how to use them.

Following are some of the statistics of patients treated at this free health camp at Sujananagar slum during those two days.

Geriatric	32
Adults	184
Adolescents	24
Respiratory	129
Vague complaints	83
Worm infestations	47
Dental	100
Acid peptic disorder	30
Skin related problems	28
Cataract	26
Pregnancies	9
Gastroenteritis	30
Essential Hypertension	15
Postpartum	4
Eye infection	1
Alcoholism	1
CSOM	8
Dog bite	2
Obesity	1
UTI	1
PCOD	1
Injury	6
Gynae	3
Menopause	1
Mentally retarded	1
Vaginitis	2
Physically challenged	1

### Assessment:

The area lacks health care in whatsoever form and people depend on GPS in the surrounding areas. Thus basic health care needs have to be met on a regular basis. Health awareness campaign has to be organized more often.

### Recommendations:

1. As is obvious by the incidence of cases, majority of them suffering from

respiratory problems, which probably started as allergic condition and in most cases leading to secondary bacterial infection. Almost all the walls and roofs of the houses were moist and full of fungal growth due to heavy flooding. Living condition needs to be improved.

2. Patients in all age groups have poor oral and dental hygiene. As is obvious by the high incidence of cavities. A dental camp needs to be arranged at the earliest.

3. In geriatric age group most are suffering from senile cataract and eye related problems. Hence an eye camp needs to be organized at the earliest to address this problem.

4. A complete health check-up exclusively for school children is needed where the following measures are planned.

- a. Distribution of Vitamin A
  - b. Deworming
  - c. Complete health check-up
  - d. Checking the immunization status
  - e. Hepatitis –B vaccination
  - f. Health talks on personal hygiene, dental hygiene and nutrition.
5. Antenatal check-up and screening of pregnant ladies can be done, providing them with iron and calcium supplements.
6. Immunization awareness campaign and immunization of children below 5 years.
7. Health talks on nutrition, hygiene and environmental cleanliness in different pockets of the area.

*Dehydrated patient from the Koramangala slum admitted at KSM Slum Clinic. Dr. Mary George, nurses Selvi Rufus, Jayanthi and helper Savitha busy treating him.*





*Dr. Indrani examining a Muslim patient with Mrs. Beulah Immanuel helping.*

**Long term recommendations:**

An acute need of regular and quality health care is felt in the area

Mobile clinic can be run here on a twice-a-week basis to begin with, and all basic health care needs can be taken care of. A small fee can be collected and drugs can be dispensed at a low cost.

It is rightly said that a healthy society is a wealthy society. As far as health care goes, anyone would agree that despite global efforts the third world, especially India, continues to be heavily affected by diseases. Government has not been successful in providing uniform health care to all its



*KSM nurses Selvi Rufus, Sheela Ganesh and evangelists in the Camp.*

Hence women receive little or no attention in many such families. Not only mothers, but girl children and senior citizens are also the neglected lot. The care and attention they

receive is a lot less than what their male counterparts receive and this is true in all fields, be it education, politics, employment or health care. Such biases in health care have been disastrous.

The need of the hour is better health care and all round status for women. Women in slum and rural India constitute a majority of the poor in all societies throughout the world. Apart from physical factors, many social factors are also responsible for their problems. Among the poor classes, women are less healthy than the men. There are health problems arising due to



*Dr. Mary examining a woman patient from Sujananagar Slum*

psychological and physical reasons largely due to increasing violence against them. Thus problems like

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## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT at Koramangala Slum and KSM Mission Centre**

**Tailoring Training**

It is common to see school-drop-out girls and women from the Koramangala slum in depressed and hopeless living conditions. Generally no one takes interest to do something for them to earn their living. Women are often beaten by their drunken husbands. To check such atrocities KSM and IAM have been striving to improve the living conditions of the underprivileged in Koramangala slum and in the villages around KSM mission centre. KSM and IAM aim to

bring about social and economic change among the school dropout and unemployed women in the slums and villages. It has initiated self employment schemes for these under privileged women offering a six month tailoring training course. KSM has resource people who organize and conduct the awareness and training workshops with the involvement and participation of the Community. Several programs are implemented in the slum and villages

with the assistance from supporting agencies. Under the leadership of Rev. B. D. Immanuel, our Executive Director, KSM plans to take up many more such projects to help the underprivileged to lead better lives.

KSM tailoring department was proud at the completion of one more batch of 6-month tailoring course. 34 school dropout girls and unemployed women have completed their training during the first week of December 2005 and were recognized with certificates at the Christmas function held on 10th December at KSM Mission centre and on 17th December 2005 at Koramangala slum in the newly rebuilt KSM Slum Clinic and



*(Left) Tailoring students in the running race at KSM Mission Centre. (Below Left) Tailoring Training students, in bun eating race.*



*(Above Right) Mr. N. Nagaraj, Asst. Commissioner of Police and Mr. Manoj Kumar, KEB Engineer, Bangalore, being received by Rev. B. D. Immanuel for the Christmas function in front of the newly rebuilt Slum Clinic.*



*(Right) KSM Slum Clinic staff presenting special Christmas song. Anitha Immanuel on keyboard and Kevin Immanuel with guitar.*



*Gathering in the hall of first floor of newly rebuilt slum clinic.*



*Pastor Nixon Solomon bringing Christmas message in Tamil and Bro. N. A. Paul interpreting in Kannada.*



*Mr. N. Nagaraj, ACP, giving away the prizes and certificates to the tailoring trainees with Teacher Salma assisting*

Tailoring Training Centre. Mr. L. Pachau, IPS, the Additional Director General of Police and Mr. Nagaraj, the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Bangalore were special guests of honour. We are glad to report that all the tailoring trainees who completed their six months training from non-Christian backgrounds and they have secured jobs in different garment factories nearby. Tailoring training department has now taken in new batches for the training. Along with these women, some of our clinic contacts gather for a time of Bible study and prayer at the tailoring training centre. KSM medical team and evangelists play an important role in improving the lives of poor

leading the patients and the tailoring trainees to experience Jesus in their lives and the hope of an eternal life. Please remember our ministry in your prayers.

*– Report by  
Mrs. Janet &  
Mrs. Salma  
Tailoring Teachers*



# KSM CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

A KSM get-together was organized on the 10th of December 2005 for the medical and evangelistic staff, Board members, KSM well-wishers and their families. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, in spite of the drizzle and cloudy weather.

The message of God's unconditional love, through the gift of His son, Jesus Christ, was conveyed through music by the Bangalore Mizo Christian Fellowship Choir and the KSM Staff and by the preaching of the Word by Rev. Dr. Ashish Christpal, Principal, SAIACS (South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies), Bangalore. This brought great blessing to those present. KSM doctor, Dr. Mary George read the Scripture for that evening.

Mr. L. Pachuau, IPS, the Additional Director General of



*Dr. Ashish Christpal, Principal, SAIACS, bringing God's message.*



*(Above) Rev. Dr. F. Hrangkhuma, Professor SAIACS presiding over Christmas programme.*

Police, Lokayukta, was the Special Guest who presented the certificates and awards to the tailoring students who had successfully completed their



*(Above right) Dignitaries on the stage (LtoR) Dr. (Mrs.) Mary George, KSM Doctor, Dr. Ashish Christpal, Principal, SAIACS Bible College, Rev. Dr. F. Hrangkhuma, Professor, SAIACS, Mr. L. Pachuau, IPS, Additional Director General of Police, Lokayuktha, Rev. B. D.*

*Immanuel, Anitha Immanuel on the keyboard, Kevin Immanuel with his guitar.*

*(Right) Mr. Prem Karl, involved in KSM Prison Ministry, leads the gathering in prayer.*



*A section of KSM friends gathered at KSM Mission Centre.*



*(Above) KSM Medical & Evangelistic staff presenting a few Christmas songs. (Below) Bangalore Mizo Christian Fellowship young people presenting a few Christmas songs.*





*A section of KSM supporters, prayer partners and friends at Christmas fellowship dinner.*



*(Left) A section of the gathering.*



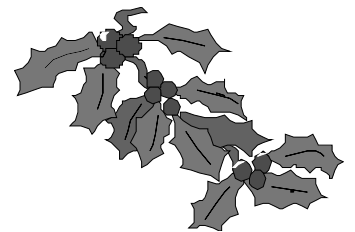
*(Right) Special guest with Rev. B. D. Immanuel at dinner time.*

*Mr. L. Pachau, IPS presenting the awards and certificates to tailoring training students.*



six months training. Rev. Dr. Hrangkhuma, professor from SAIACS presided over the function. while Rev. B. D. Immanuel was the master of ceremonies. This Christmas get-together concluded with Christmas fellowship dinner.

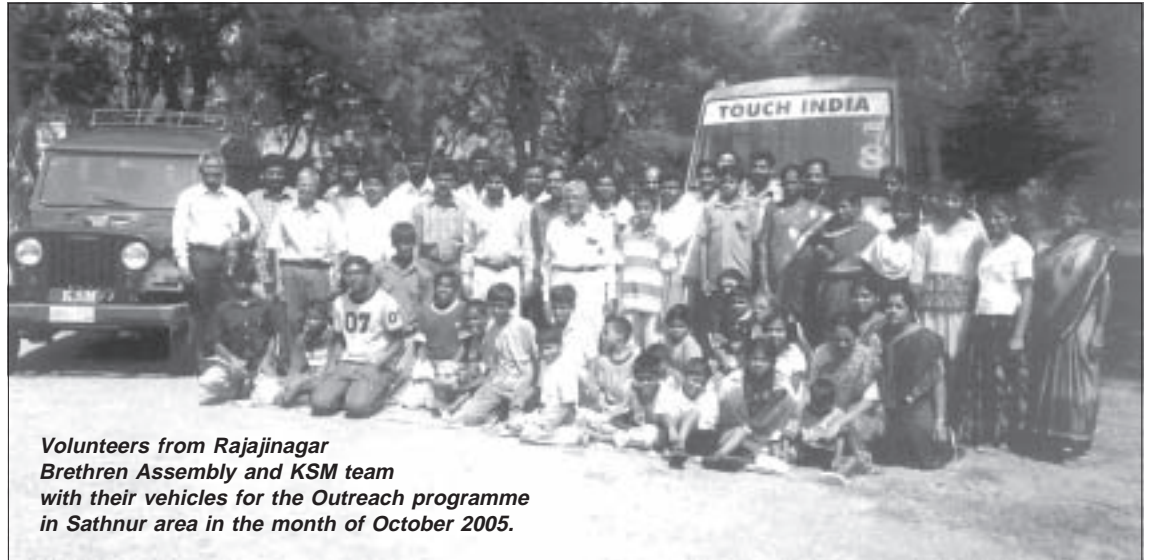
We thank and praise God for the chords of His love that bound us together to serve His purpose of bringing the lost into His kingdom.



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

The Treasurer  
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On 8th October 2005, the KSM jeep with our evangelists, 54 believers from the Rajajinagar Brethren Assembly, Bangalore, with Gospel literature, musical instruments, public address system and cooking vessels went for the rural evangelistic program in Sathnur area of Kanakapura taluk. This was a 8-day programme from 8th to 16th of October



**Volunteers from Rajajinagar Brethren Assembly and KSM team with their vehicles for the Outreach programme in Sathnur area in the month of October 2005.**

2005. Bro. Francis Kurno, the Manger of an Orphanage Boarding home at Sathnur, who was well acquainted with the KSM Ministry arranged the stay for all of us in their boarding home premises. During the 8 days of Outreach program, the team carried out a concentrated evangelistic outreach in the 48 villages. In all the

## **KSM OUTREACH in 48 villages of Sathnur area in Kanakapura Taluk of Bangalore district**

peace seems great. Although there is so much to accomplish. When God is with us on the battle front, the battle is not ours, but, the Lords!. Let us stand together for the cause of Christ.

– Reported by

**H. T. Matthew**

KSM Prison evangelist.



**(Above) Mr. Ramesh, volunteer sharing the gospel to a small group of villagers. (Below) Rev. B. D. Immanuel leading in the outreach team members in a Bible study.**



villages, our team found a good response from the non-Christians. All the team members were filled with zeal for the Lord to preach boldly in the open-air, with personal evangelism and house to house visits. Each day, the team visited as many as 6 villages. The village people responded with much enthusiasm and there were no objections from any quarters. Many villagers carried home Gospel cassettes, New Testaments, Gospel packets that they had bought. Hundreds of Gospel tracts were also distributed in all these villages. The task of catering spiritually to all those hundreds and thousands, who are on a desperate search for

### **Health Camp (from page 4)**

headache, sleep-disorders, musculoskeletal aches, altered eating habits and depression are common among women. In most cases they are given only symptomatic treatment. However getting into the root of the problems by counseling and educating can go a long way in getting rid of the actual underlying problem. It can also save a lot of money, time and energy for the poor family.

In such a social and economic scenario, principles of preventive medicines need more emphasis and can provide better health care for all in the slums and rural areas. The primary goal in the health sector is to prolong life, decrease morbidity and improve quality of life with the available resources. This can effectively be done by the cooperation of various systems.

– **Dr. (Mrs.) Mary George**

Coordinator, KSM Medical Ministry