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PRISON WOES

and the widening base of crime and its perpetrators

Prisons are mute witness and narrate a million grim tales.

As elsewhere, prisons in Karnataka are among the oldest public institutions and so are the buildings they are locked up in. The Central Prison in Bijapur is of 1640 AD vintage, being a 'sarai', constructed by Mustafa Khan to serve as a guest house. It was converted into a prison in 1888. Many other prisons, including the central prison Mysore (1862), District Sub-prison Hubli-Dharwad (1858), District Prison Mangalore (1850) and Central Prison Bellary (1884), belong to the 19th century.

The Bangalore Central Prison, constructed in 1887, functioned until it was shifted to its present location at Parappana Agrahara in the year 2000.

Brother Bernd Sieper and KSM prison ministry team gathered in front of Bangalore Central Prison.



The minutes recorded by the dignitaries visiting then and the prison officers themselves are replete with amazing revelations, fascinating to the elite and the laymen alike. Among the dignitaries who have visited various prisons of the State are, Mysore kings - Krishnaraja Wodeyar, Jayachamraja Wodeyar, the rulers of Mysore State, the Diwan of Mysore Sir M. Vishveshwariah, former Prime Minister of India Mr. A. B. Vajpayee, former Chief ministers of India



Bangalore Hope Baptist Church team with KSM Staff gathered at KSM Mission Centre, praying before going to the prison ministry.

Mr. S. Nijalingappa and Mr. Veerendra Patil, and former Union Ministers Mr. H. T. Krishnappa and Mr. Madhu Dandavathe, who had been confined to the Bangalore Central Prison during the

Emergency. The prison department continues to grapple with the swelling number of under-trial prisoners in the prisons.

The Prison Management has undergone a sea change from the colonial days, demanding multi-disciplinary approach from its personnel. The base of crime and its perpetrators has widened owing to various reasons. And, pitted against these odds are the crippling infrastructure short falls and the scope for use of technology. However, increasing awareness of prisoner's rights and the ever-vigilant human rights organizations that provide checks and balances so necessary for this institution, placed at the tail end of the criminal justice system, are the other challenges. Prison archives thus



Brother Bernd Sieper sharing the Gospel message among women prisoners after the KSM team and volunteers presented Gospel songs. Rev. B. D. Immanuel interprets.

provide not only a link between the past and the present but trace the history and evolution of the institution itself.

“Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye do unto one of the least of these my brethren; ye do it unto me.” – Matt 25:40.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like at a prison burdened by the thought of the crime committed, or, sometimes, accused of crime you didn't commit? It's a life of worry and misery, awaiting trial within the four cold walls of the prison. This was the fate of a number of prisoners at Bangalore Central Prison, Bangalore Open-Air Prison, Tumkur, Kolar, Mandya and Mysore prisons. KSM Medical, evangelistic and volunteers team reach out to them regularly every Saturday to tell them of God's love and forgiveness. Gopi and

Praveen are prisoners who have been attending our Gospel meetings whenever we went to their prison. They have made decisions for Jesus Christ and are showing keen interest for Bible Study and prayer and are growing spiritually. This encouraging sign due to the involvement of volunteers from different churches and KSM Mobile Clinic cum Gospel program. Much time was spent in prayer for success of these endeavors, as it would be formed only if the Lord was in it.

Dr. Cheriyan from Tumkur CSI Church and KSM doctor, Dr. M. Albert, examining prison patients inside the new district prison of Tumkur.



(Above) KSM evangelistic and medical team with volunteers and prison officials in front of the new district prison of Tumkur. (Below) Fruit and sweet packets being distributed to prisoners of old Tumkur prison.



We were indeed very glad to share with our prayer partners, supporters and friends that the KSM medical and evangelistic team was given permission by the Director General of Prisons to conduct “Mobile Clinic” and share the Gospel among

Bro. N. A. Paul sharing the Christmas Gospel message to the prisoners in the old district prison of Tumkur, after Gospel songs sung by Kolar Methodist Church youth.





(Above) Tumkur women prisoners hearing the Gospel from Kolar Methodist Church girls. (Below) Dr. (Mrs.) Thomas, checking the lady prisoners of Tumkur prison.



KSM doctor, Dr. M. Albert and Dr. Thomas from Mar Thoma Church examining prisoners at Tumkur old prison.

prisoners of 96 prisons in Karnataka, who are suffering from various physical ailments as well as spiritual problems.

We were so pleased by the involvement of the Kolar Methodist Hospital doctors, nurses and KSM doctors and nurses who took up treating the prisoners and sharing the Gospel with them. It was a matter of great inspiration and encouragement for the KSM team.

Always our program commences with Gospel songs and a Gospel message. Prisoners from diverse religious backgrounds hear about a merciful God who loves them in spite of their shortcomings. They hear about the gift of Jesus and his death on the cross, so that even they might be forgiven and might enter into His salvation. The message touches all those gathered, prison officials included. Tracts and Gospel literatures are distributed to all prisoners and prison officials. Praise God that He is at work and we are indeed happy that our visits to prisons opens more opportunities to work among the under-trials. Each of 60 prisoners in Bangalore Central Prison have received Bibles that they now read regularly, growing in the knowledge of the Almighty. They have committed their lives to Jesus Christ and are experiencing the joy of salvation. What a joy it is to see these prisoners turning to Jesus Christ. We also feel encouraged by their responses to the Gospel. Our office has drawn up a follow-up

ministry program to these prisons. We are confident of Lord's strength in this ministry.

Prisons do not change people, but the Gospel does. KSM Prison Ministry would like to share good news and also care for their health needs. Ministry of this nature has large financial needs. Our resources come from God through His church and from His people like you!

Continue to pray for us as we work to tell of God's love to prisoners who are otherwise left without hope.

KSM FIELD MINISTRY

Being the eighth largest state in India, both in area and population, Karnataka is situated on the Western edge of the Deccan plateau bounded by Maharashtra and Goa on the North, Andhra Pradesh on the East and Tamil Nadu and Kerala on the South. Arabian Sea touches its Western Coast, its area is 191791.89 sq. kilometers with 28 districts having a population of 5.28 crore (52.8 million).

Karnataka has the least Christian population among the South Indian states concentrated mainly in a few cities. For years, Karnataka was rejecting the Gospel. Though Karnataka is considered one of the hardest fields in India, the Lord is at work and He is setting apart a people of His own from different people groups. This is the result of many prayers.

KSM, some years back had a mission field in Siruguppa area of Bellary District where the Spirit of God used one of our evangelists mightily in Siruguppa and K. Sugur villages where 40 families made decision for the Lord. They were baptised and added to the local ECI (Evangelistic Church of India) church along with our evangelist Prasad Kumar. Another mission field in Indi-Bijapur district where a number of people of the Lambadi (gypsy) tribes made decision for the Lord and were added to the local NMS church. Now, from the last few years, KSM has three mission fields in Chitradurga area namely, Vijapura, Lakshmisagar and Beravara. Koramangala Slum and Kothanur Narayanapura, where KSM Mission Centre is, is another mission field in Bangalore. All these mission fields need to be strengthened with more evangelists. There are many villages in other districts have still not been reached. If you and I pray together, the Lord through the Holy Spirit will bless the earnest work of the evangelists to bring many into His kingdom. If the churches in Karnataka are revived, we can do much more for the people of Karnataka.

Vijapura, Lakshmisagar and Beravara villages in Chitradurga Dist

These villages are located in the Chitradurga taluk area. Many bears roam around in the surrounding hills making life difficult for the people. Rainfall is scanty. Men, women and children above 12 years, work as coolies in oil and cotton mills in Chitradurga towns. Others work in fields, but owing to low rainfall, crops do not flourish. Besides, only a few people have irrigation facilities.

People belonging to different castes live here. Most of these village dwellers have no idea of who Jesus is. They are idol worshippers. There are a number of temples in these villages which organise jathras (village fairs). During these village fairs, about 200-300 sheep are offered to the idols they worship. At such times, people get drunk, gamble and fight, resulting in injuries and even fatalities. Lingayath community feels that they are higher caste people. They tie the 'linga' and assume that God is with them in spite of their indulging in sinful acts at other times. There are of course a few exceptions.

A few years back, I moved into Vijapura and Lakshmisagar village with my wife and 3 children with the sole purpose of sharing the Good News with the village people, urging them to understand their condition and finally to help them come out of it. In order to achieve this, I visit each and every house in the area and talk to them about salvation and their need of a Saviour. We started worship meetings, Sunday school and ladies meetings at our house at Vijapura village. Our message is that Jesus is the only Saviour, all people are sinners and the wages of sin is death. Many people have come to know that through Jesus, they can find eternal life and salvation.

Sometimes I visit the fields and speak to the people right where they work. Other times I visit schools after receiving permission from school authorities to show Jesus film and to talk to the teachers

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Praise God For ...

His Name be glorified for His faithfulness to us and to our ministry since the last 24 years and 8 months.

Successful and fruitful outreach meetings at Malavalli Taluk from 4th - 11th May 2008.

Provisions of finance fro God's people for the different ministries of KSM namely - evangelistic outreach, medical, prison and community development ministries.

God's provision of Dr. Moses Albert, Evangelist Mr. Joseph Endigeri and his wife Sangeetha as a Staff Nurse, who have joined the KSM ministry.

For the healing of patients in slum, villages and in prisons through the KSM medical work and Gospel work among them.

Gospel contacts made through KSM outreach program and those being prepared for baptism and systematic follow-up work.

Job-oriented tailoring and embroidery training program for slum and village women through the KSM Community development project.

For the fruitful preaching ministry of Rev.B.D.Immanuel in the months of April and May in Bangalore and Malavalli believers camp.

Pray and Share ...

Evangelistic outreach work done in Malavalli Taluk of Shivanasamudra (Bluff) area by KSM Outreach team and volunteers from Brethren Assembly from 4th -11th May 2008.

Evangelistic Medical ministries in Koramangala Slum, Kothanur area and Mobile Clinics in villages and prisons.

Community Development Project - Tailoring Training Centre at Koramangala Slum and Kothanur Narayanapura.

Prison Ministry in 6 prisons.

Co-operation and involvement of the local churches and its leaders in the different ministries of KSM.

Funds needed for a Generator for KSM Mission Centre and for the different ministries of KSM.

Special Gospel Meetings in Bijapur on 25th, 26th and 27th October 2008.

KSM's 25th Anniversary celebrations on October 9th 2008.

Prayer partners and supporters in different parts of Karnataka and India, especially in Germany and other places.

KSM and IAM and its leaders.



Some of the KSM Staff at the monthly prayer meeting.

KSM Christmas Get-together

A Christmas get-together was organised for KSM medical and evangelistic staff, Board officials, Board members, friends and their families on 15th December 2007. It was a wonderful time of fellowship. The message of God's unconditional love through the gift of His son Jesus Christ was conveyed through music by the KSM office, medical and evangelistic staff choir. Message by

Dr. Augustin, Professor of Singapore Bible Seminary, Singapore brought great blessings to those present. KSM doctor, Dr. Shanthy Samuel read the Scripture lesson and shared about the effective KSM medical ministry.

Mr. R. L. Rinawma, IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax, and KSM Board member, presided over the program. Mr. D. P. Haokip, IRS, the Commissioner of Income Tax,

was the Special Guest of Honor. Rev. B. D. Immanuel testified how the Lord had led KSM in its different ministries of during the past year. This Special Christmas get-together concluded with a fellowship dinner.

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

- Report by Mrs. Beulah Immanuel



(Above) Dr. P. Augustine, Professor of Singapore Bible College and KSM Board Member bringing Christmas message to the gathering at KSM Mission Centre. Seated are KSM Board officials. (Below) Gathering at the Christmas function at KSM Mission Centre.



(Above) KSM office and medical staff presenting special Gospel songs at the Christmas function at the Slum Clinic with Anitha Immanuel on the keyboard. (Below) Some of KSM Staff presenting Special Christmas songs. Anitha Immanuel on the keyboard and Kevin Immanuel with his guitar.



(Below) KSM doctor, Dr. M. Albert praying for the gathering at the KSM Clinic in the Koramangala Slum.



(Below) Tailoring Training students from the slum being given fruit and sweet packets.



HEINZ SIEBELDS, *IAM Chairman* and BERND SIEPER, *IAM Treasurer* visit KSM Mission Centre

The visit of Bro. Heinz and Bro. Bernd from IAM Germany to KSM Mission Centre and different wings of its ministries brought great blessings to all of us. Both of them were in Bangalore from 14th – 27th January 2008. They took part in the Inauguration of the newly built KSM Executive Director's Quarters. We are



(Above) Brother Heinz Siebelds and Brother Bernd Sieper at KSM Mission Centre. (Left) Brother Heinz Siebelds and Brother Bernd Sieper at the KSM Board meeting at KSM Mission Centre.

(Left) Brother Heinz Siebelds interacting with KSM doctor, Dr. M. Albert at KSM Mission Centre Clinic A Muslim patient is seen on drips.

very grateful to them, to all IAM members and friends for their help and fellowship over 24 years of KSM's ministries.

The Lord has blessed all our efforts in organising 2 week itinerary for both of them. They also took part in prison ministry program at Kolar District prison, visited the Slum Clinic, KSM Mission Centre, Tailoring Training Unit and in the Inauguration of the newly built KSM's Executive Director's Quarters. We all at KSM are grateful to God for blessing their time with us. We thank them for the encouragement they brought to different ministries of KSM and to all of us.

TAILORING TRAINING at KSM Health Centre and Koramangala Slum

Very good work has been done in the Tailoring Training department. 24 school dropout girls and unemployed women from Koramangala Slum were given training. All of them are also very much interested to know about the living Saviour Lord Jesus Christ.

After being trained in the tailoring skill, they are all confident of getting

jobs in garment factories enabling them to earn adequately to support their families. Many of their predecessors who have already learnt tailoring skills got jobs, earning for the family and they are very happy.

KSM Medical team, evangelists and tailoring teachers play an important role in improving the lives of the poor slum dwellers. This ministry has been strengthened immensely by the prayerful support of the IAM and KSM prayer partners and supporters and friends during the past 14 years.

Apart from your prayers, we need your financial help for **KSM Director's quarters, borewell drilling and Ministries**. Your contributions and gifts will be very much appreciated which may please be sent to

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Inauguration of KSM Director's Residence



(Above) Mr. R. L. Rinawma, IRS, the Commissioner of Income Tax and KSM Board member, leading the inaugural function of Executive Director's residence. (Below) Pastor Ken Waldock of Baptist Seminary of South India presenting God's message.



(Above) Brother Heinz Siebelds declaring open the building by cutting the ribbon. (Below) Congregation gathered at the inaugural function.



(Above) Bro. Bernd Sieper offering dedication prayer for the newly built Executive Director's residence. Bro. Heinz Siebelds and KSM Board Officials are with him. (Below) Some of the invitees with Brother Heinz Siebelds and Brother Bernd Sieper in the living room of the newly built Executive Director's residence.



(Below) Youth of Bethel Baptist Church, Koramangala presenting Biblical song during the inaugural function of the Executive Director's residence.



Jesus Christ sent His disciples to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick

-- KSM EVANGELISTIC MEDICAL MINISTRY --

When our Lord Jesus Christ sent His disciples to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick, **"He gave them the power and authority over all devils and cure diseases"** – Luke 9:12. The health needs of man was felt by our compassionate Lord, next only to salvation from sin. When a leper came to Him, moved with compassion, He touched him and healed him (Mark 1:41). The church has always considered physical healing as a part of its Mission. Speaking of Mission of Jesus, it is written, **"He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil"**. (Acts 10:38)



Dr. M. Albert examining a Muslim lady's infant child along with her two sons at KSM Mission Centre Clinic. Nurse Carunia assists.

Koramangala Slum Clinic

At our Slum Clinic, we always work at improving the quality of service that we give when we visit homes. KSM evangelists have an excellent opportunity to share the Gospel to many slum dwellers, while creating health awareness alongside.

We praise and thank God for using Dr. Shanthi Samuel and Dr. Moses Albert and nurses at the KSM regular clinic as well as in mobile clinics in villages and prisons.

KSM Clinic at Kothanur Narayanapura

God has used both miraculous healing and medical healing in our clinics at Koramangala slum and KSM Mission Centre clinic at

Kothanur Narayanapura village as well as in mobile clinics in 2 villages and in Bangalore Central Prison, Bangalore Open-Air Prison, Tumkur District Prison and Kolar District Prison in order to open the way for sharing the Gospel. Praise be to His name.

KSM Doctors, nurses and helpers find themselves engaged in medical services. Our medical teams in KSM Mission Centre at Kothanur, Koramangala Slum Clinic and in the mobile clinics are moved when they see the poor suffering without medical help and education. We recognise the problems of malnutrition and negligence of health of these underprivileged and socially discriminated people. The patient loads keeps increasing in all the three clinics. We treat more than 1000 patients in a month. Evangelists visit the houses of these patients, surrounding villages as well as different prisons.

– Dr. M. Albert, MBBS, MD

and children about the Lord Jesus. My journeys to distant villages require an overnight stay. To the Glory of God, we can say that a few have come to the personal knowledge of the Savior. Others have even openly professed their faith. There are some others who are genuinely interested and there are a few high cast lingayats among them. Social work from KSM also forms an integral part of our ministry. This involves giving free medical checkups and free medicines from the KSM Medical Ministry and providing solace and comfort to them. My wife also is involved in the Ministry work among the ladies. Some non-Christians do trouble us from time to time; they even threaten our worship service and ministry in the villages with dire consequences if believers are caught attending worship service or our Sunday School. More than 40 believers gather regularly every Sunday for worship. Seekers from surrounding villages also attend the worship service. The first Friday of every month is set apart for an all-night prayer session. Most of this time is spent in prayer for all the nations of the world, for our nation, for KSM Ministry and for pressing ministry concerns. An offering is received and this is spent for ministry concerns. In spite of stiff opposition, God is giving us strength to work in these villages. Many people – our opponents in particular – have understood the evil of their actions and want to follow the Lord. At the same time, they do not like to give up their old habits. Their strong attachment to worldly pleasures makes them feel that the Christian life is too difficult.

We are praying for these people and often visit them to continually present them with the consequences of a life outside the will of God. Some believers help us in our efforts to reach these dear ones for the Lord. Would you stand with us in prayer?

– H. Kanthraj,
his wife *Thayi* and children.