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ABUNDANT LIFE

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (Jn. 10:10).

We are living in a world of scarcity. Wherever we turn, we hear the cry "we want more wages and higher salary". As I am writing this article (In Oct. 1987) on 'God's abundant life', our country is passing through one of the worst drought conditions due to shortage of rain. But in the midst of these alarming scarcities and acute shortages, the promise of Jesus to give us the 'more abundant life' comes to us like the 'Streams in the desert'. In the above given verse Jn. 10:10, Jesus Christ has promised to give us not just life but abundant life, that too more abundantly. In this verse one important point that we should note is that before Jesus spells out His promise to give us more abundant life, He issues a warning about the thief - the Satan. Here Jesus brings out the

great contrast between what Satan does and what Jesus offers to any man. Satan steals but Jesus gives; Satan kills but Jesus offers life; Satan destroys but Jesus offers more abundant life.

Here we read about 3 kinds of thieves. The first thief, I would call him a refined and gentle thief because he comes and just steals. After relieving you of your cash, he goes away without beating you nor causing any physical injuries. This is what Satan does in some people's life. He steals their money and their peace by forcing them to spend the hard-earned money in alcoholic drinks, smoking and other un-Godly ways. The second kind is the thief who not only steals but kills people after stealing. Yes! some people, after being caught up in the whirlpool of sin under the strangle-hold of Satan, finally pay the price by their death. I know one case. He is my relative and class-mate. Because of excessive drinks, he was

admitted in the hospital for treatment. But he used to demand 'secretly' alcoholic drinks even in the hospital. Of course, finally he died. The third kind of thief is that he not only steals and kills, but also destroys. At least the second kind of thief who kills, leaves the dead body intact for an honourable burial by the relatives. But the third kind of thief 'destroys'; he kills and cuts the body into pieces and throws them into sea so that the dead body can not be even traced. That speaks of the magnitude of the damage the third thief causes to his victim to avoid any clue to the murder case. This is what happens to any man or woman who is completely sold out to Satan and sin.

But Jesus says : "I have come to give you life". Before we can talk about the 'abundant' and the 'more abundant' life, we must pause for a moment to ponder over what Jesus meant by the word, "to give us life". Was Jesus talking to dead and life-less corpses in order to offer 'life'? No! He was talking to people who were very much 'alive'. Then what does Jesus mean by the term 'life'?

Very frequently, I used to hear my college students talking with each other something like this : "Hey, How is life, man?" Then the other boy will give the reply, "So! So! Just pulling on". On one occasion, Jesus was explaining 'the meaning of life' as follows : "***a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth***" - Lk.12:15. Then he went on to explain this truth with the parable of the rich man whose ground yielded plentifully. Finally,

God called that man as a fool. Why did God call him a fool? Is it because he worked hard in his field and saved his goods in a barn? No! His hard work and his wise plan of saving, must be commended. But all his material possessions could satisfy and sustain only his body and not his soul. He addressed the wrong part of his being, viz the soul. If he had said, "oh, my body (instead of saying, oh, my soul) thou hast much goods laid up for many years, God would not have called him a fool.

Many in this world get caught up in the trap of materialism and love of money which is the root of all evils. At first they are fascinated by the bright prospect of money, wealth and fame and proudly exclaim. "*I have all these possessions*". But after many years of worldly enjoyments and satisfying their lustful longing and evil desires and pleasures of sin for a season, they wake up to realise the fact that they are no longer **possessing their possessions** but rather **their possessions possess them in turn**".

This reminds me of an old fable of a fly which came across a tantalizing and a very tasty strip of fly paper. It looked so attractive and appetizing to him that he decided to claim it for himself. So after chasing away all the other competing insects that threatened to share his find, he landed on its very edge and happily announced "This is **MY FLY PAPER**". Then he proceeded to partake of the tasty feast. In his over anxiety to satisfy his appetite, he tried to walk around to get all he could. Soon he was firmly attached to the sticky surface of the fly paper. Now the awful

realisation that he can not move his legs, dawned on him. In a desperate attempt to free his body from the sticky surface, he began flapping his wings but they too became hopelessly entangled and stuck up in the fly paper. Finally he gave up the attempt to escape, completely exhausted and meekly surrendering to the fly paper. Then it was the turn of the fly paper to proudly proclaim "This is MY FLY".

My dear Christian friend, where is your life? If you think that your life is in the bulging of your Bank Account, or in your earthly and material possession, then beware, of covetousness (Lk. 12:15). Your life consisteth not in your possessions.

After knowing what life is not, then we must proceed to find out what life is, in the light of the Biblical truth. Jesus Christ is offering us this life in abundance and in more abundance. I like this word "ABUNDANT". This word when pronounced in your mouth, you would feel the 'abundance' even in your mouth. When God offers something he gives it fully and not in parts and bits and pieces. That is the nature of God. God wants His children to enjoy all the full blessings of God. The 'abundant life' that Jesus offers, is to every one who comes to him. Let us examine the "marks of the Abundant Life" as found in the Bible.

I. ABUNDANT FORGIVENESS

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, for he will abundantly pardon" - Is. 55:7.

The first step to enjoy God's abundant life' is to receive God's **abundant pardon**.

There was a young man who got tired of home and the Christian parents. One day, he ran away from home and plunged himself into the depths of sins like that of the prodigal son. He never bothered to write to his parents. By and by, he began to slowly realise his sinful life. A desire to return home, gripped his heart. So he went to work and obtained enough money to take him back home. When he reached the old home station, he was so ashamed of his rags that he boarded the train again and went on a few stations farther. Then he sat down and wrote a letter home, the first of its kind in many years. In that letter he had openly confessed his sins and asked his parents' forgiveness. He told them that he would be crossing his home station again by the next day and if they would forgive and welcome him again, they should hang a sheet on the clothline as a token of forgiveness. What did the mother do? She got all the sheets in the house and hung them in the line. That was the sign of abundant pardon. And that is just how God forgives our sins ... on a large scale.

God is gracious to forgive all our sins. Dear reader, are you sure that your past sins have been forgiven by God? Many years ago, I too was filled with a feeling of guilt in my heart. I did not know what it means to get the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ. One day, I was confronted with this eternal question in a student's meeting. The preacher challenged and gave the invitation. "Young

man, Do you want freedom from the guilt of sin? Come to Jesus". On that day I confessed my sins and obtained the forgiveness of God as per the verse.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 Jn. 1:9).

Have you confessed your sins to God and got God's mercy and forgiveness? If not, then do it, to-day and now itself.

To-day is the day of salvation and now is the accepted time.

II. ABUNDANT PEACE

"Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee". (Is. 26:3).

"In his days shall the righteous flourish ; and abundance of peace... endureth". Ps. 72:7.

After we get the abundance of pardon from God, we experience the abundance of peace flooding our hearts. As a child of God, we must always be careful to see that we do not lose our peace of mind whatever befalls on us. Jesus once said, ***"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you : not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" - Jn. 14:27.***

Often our peace is in pieces because our peace depends upon the piece of cloth we wear and the piece of coin we hold. In the above peace-formula verse, Jesus talks about 'my peace' and the peace the world gives.

Here Jesus concedes the fact that this world also gives peace. But there is a world of difference between the peace the world offers to us through the things of this world and the peace that passeth all understanding, God offers to us.

a) Worry is the killer of peace

In the above verse, Jesus also points out the reason why we often lose our peace. The first reason is that we easily let 'our hearts be troubled'. We allow our worries to rob off our peace. This is what happened to Martha, when she complained to Jesus : ***"Lord dost, thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone?" Then Jesus answered : "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about manythings; But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her". Lk. 10:40-42.*** Yes! Unnecessary worry is the destroyer of our God-given peace. Next time when some worry comes to you, remember Martha and the admonition of Jesus.

b) Fear is another killer of peace

Another killer of peace that we should guard against, is fear. In Jn. 14:27, Jesus spelt out this point by the words, ***"neither let your heart be afraid"***. Yes! Everyone of us have experienced this fact at one time or the other. The Bible tells us that God has not given us the spirit of 'fear' but of sound mind. When fear enters our hearts, our faith flees away. This is what happened to the disciples of Jesus when they were travelling in a boat. Their boat was tossed back and forth by a

great storm of wind and was filled with water. Then they woke up Jesus and told him **"Master, carest thou not that we perish?"** **Then Jesus arose and rebuked the wind and said unto the sea, "Peace, be still".** **The wind ceased and there was a great calm. Then he said unto them "Why are ye so fearful? how is that ye have no faith?"** May be, they left their faith on the shore.

Miss. C. Loffinwell, a missionary in China, gave the following account of deliverance from death by the Boxers, an extremely violent group of people living in China. There was a lady missionary whom the Boxers told to kneel down and have her head cut off. She knelt as told, but as she did so, she looked up into the man's face and actually smiled. As she looked at him thus smiling, it seemed as if the face of the executioner began to change and to reflect the smile. He stepped back a little and then continued to withdraw together with his companions. After some time all of them fled away, leaving the lady alone. As the Boxers were retreating, the leader turned and said to her: "You can not die. You are immortal". If her face had shown fear, they would have killed her without hesitation. That simple and sweet smile even at the point of death, had a supernatural power.

III. ABUNDANT JOY

"In a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality". II. Cor. 8:2.

There is a beautiful song which goes something like this : "peace like a river, joy like a fountain". Yes! our peace is compared to a river. If you look at the waters flowing in a river, you would have noticed a serene and calm atmosphere hovering over the water. As we go down in the water level, and reach the bottom of the river, there will be absolute peace and calmness reigning all around. If someone throws a stone in the river, there will be some ripples produced, but soon it will disappear. We can draw a beautiful spiritual illustration. There may be external disturbance in our body here and there, now and then. Satan may throw a stone at our river of peace, but the ripples produced will soon disappear and the peace will be restored very soon. But these little ripples will affect only the top surface, our external bodies but deep down, at the river bed of our soul, nothing will be felt. Our inner spiritual man will remain composed, as calm as ever. What a beautiful picture! Dear reader, whatever befalls in your life externally, you should not allow it to reach your inner soul which is always hidden in Christ, who is hidden in God.

Next, let us examine the 'abundant joy'. Peace like a river, joy like a fountain. Joy is compared to a fountain. As you know, the nature of the fountain is that even if you try to block it, it will try to come out with force. That is a very good picture of the joy which every Christian should possess. The joy of service of the early disciples was really like the fountain. The incidents recorded in Acts. 5:40-41 attest to this fact. The disciples were beaten up, put in the jail and then released

with a stern warning that they should not speak in the name of Jesus. But the disciples jumped with joy like the school children who were asked to go home all of a sudden. The fountain, of their mouth was stopped but the joy was over flowing. They were rejoicing because they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

How do we inherit god's Abundant joy? How do we experience this joy? Somebody defined JOY something like this : J-stands first for Jesus; O-stands second for Others; Y-comes third for You. That means if you give First place to Jesus - Pre-eminance to God, then be ready to give the second priority to meet the needs of Others around you and then give the 3rd priority to You and to meet your needs, then Joy will be yours. In English grammar, 'I' is the first person, 'you' is the second person and 'others' is the third person; but in God's grammar, Jesus is the first person, others the second person and you (i.e. I) should be the third person.

Another important step towards enjoying God's abundant joy is spelt out by St. Paul in II Cor. 8:2 as follows: ***"the abundance of their joy - abounded unto the riches of their liberality"***.

Here, St. Paul tells us that the abundance of joy of the Christians at Macedonia is due to their liberal giving. That means our giving to God, is one of the means of receiving God's abundant joy. ***Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive.***

Jesus, in order to drive home his point,

stood near the offertory box and observed the offerings of all the people and then declared that the widow gave the greatest offering by her two mites because she gave all.

Dr. Truett of Texas. USA was invited to a Church that was raising \$ 7,000 to dedicate a Church building. After \$ 3,500 had been promised, the offerings ceased leaving a balance of \$ 3,500. Then a plainly dressed woman arose and spoke to her husband who was taking the names, "Charley, I wonder if you would be willing to give our little cottage. We were offered \$ 3,500 for it yesterday. Would you be willing to give our little house for Christ so that His house may be free from debt?" The fine fellow repoded in the same high spirit, "Jennie dear, I was also thinking of the same thing". Then looking up at me with his face covered with tears, he said, "Dr. Truett, we will give the balance \$ 3,500". Then there followed a scene charged with emotions and feelings beyond description. Men and women were broken, sobbed aloud and in a short while, the \$ 3,500 was raised.

So long as we live we must give. This is one of the joys of living. For giving is living. You might ask how long should you keep giving. The answer is simple. Just keep giving as long as your Master keeps giving to you. When Jesus stops giving to you, you can also stop giving to Him.

IV. ABUNDANT GRACE

"They which receive abundance of Grace shall reign in life by - Jesus Christ - Rom. 5:17.

The more abundant life offered by our

Lord Jesus Christ, can not be experienced fully without God's abundance of Grace. What is Grace? It is the unmerited favour of God. We do not possess any thing by virtue of which we can claim God's favour as a matter of right. This reminds me of a dirty little boy full of rags, who came to the London orphanage and asked the man in charge to admit him. The director told him, "But my boy, I do not know you, who are you? Do you have any letter of recommendation?" The lad was quick to seize his opportunity and held up all his dirty clothes he was wearing and said with a confident voice "If you please, Sir, these dirty clothes only I have as my letter of recommendation". The Director of the orphanage was very much moved by his words and immediately the little boy was admitted in the orphanage. Similarly, when we come to God, we have to plead with him like the little boy that all our righteousness are as filthy - rags and our unworthiness is the only worthiness to ask for God's favour and His acceptance.

How do we receive God's Grace? The Bible tells us that ***God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble. 1 Pet. 5:5.***

The best and surest way of receiving God's Grace, is the path of humility. Humility is something that can not be obtained in full measure and we ought to continuously learn humility throughout our life. The moment one feels that he has obtained enough humility, he would lose it.

Once George Washington and another General were talking together when a slave

passed that way. The old coloured man paused, took off his hat, bowed and said; "Good morning, General Washington".

Immediately, George Washington removed his hat, bowed and wished the man a pleasant day.

After a moment of shocked silence, his companion General Lafayette exclaimed : "why did you bow to a slave?".

The Great man of God smiled and replied, "I can not allow him to be more humbler and better gentleman than I".

We need the abundant Grace of God for our spiritual growth and for our happy Christian Life.

Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it and make it worth 6000 pounds - that is poetic genius.

Rockefeller would sign his name on a piece of paper and make it worth a million dollars - that is Business talent.

A mechanic can take a material that is worth only Rs. 10/- and make it worth Rs. 5000/- that is mechanical skill.

An artist can take a fifty cent piece of canvas, paint a picture on it and make it worth \$ 1000/- that is artistic ability.

God can take a worthless sinful life, wash it in the blood of Jesus Christ; Put His spirit in it and make it a blessing to humanity - that is God's abundant Grace.

- Rev. Prof. S. PANNEER SELVAM

NEWS LETTER

Dear readers of "Saththiya Vaarthai", who are beloved in our Lord Jesus Christ, Grace, Mercy and Peace be upon you from God, the father and Christ Jesus, our Lord!

Our Lord desires that every one of us be blessed with the fruits of the Spirit, viz. love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Our Lord also desires that we take deep roots in the cultivated soil of 'love', so that due to the richness of its nutrition, we are able to bear all other above-mentioned fruits, by which many who see us are drawn towards Jesus Christ, for the Glory of the name of our God. Like wise, He also desires that we take deep roots in Christ Jesus, who is the spring-field of the fruit of 'love', and be firmly built upon His foundation, walking in Him in faith, and remain steadfast and grow in Him with praise.

And so dear beloved in Christ, let us submit ourselves in His hands so that we remain deep-rooted and steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, and bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit for the Glory of His name.

By the abundant Grace of the Lord, Rev. Subramaniam, Senior Translations Advisor of the Bible Society of India carried out exegetical checking of the translated portions of the Old Testament, - in respect of Baduga and Sourashtra languages from 05-03-2018 to 09-03-2018 and in respect of Chhattisgarhi language from 19-03-2018 to 23-03-2018. Our respective language translators participated in the checking process.

Bro. Simon shared the Word of God in CSI Good Shepherd Church at Kannudaiyam

palayam, Erode district on 11th February 2018. Bro. D. Vasu shared the Word of God in the CSI Church Sivakasi East on 11-02-2018, in the CSI Paul Church, Mallanginaru on 17-02-2018 and in the CSI John Church at Srivilliputhur, Mamsapuram on 18-02-2018. Bro. Varamaniraj gave God's message in the CSI Paul Church at Mallanginaru on 16-02-2018. In the CSI Church at Vilampatti, Sivakasi, Bro. Varamaniraj gave God's message on 9th and 10th March 2018 and Bo. D. Vasu gave God's message on 11th March 2018. Bro. E. Ravi introduced IBT Ministries in these meetings. Bro. Varamaniraj gave God's message on 11th March 2018 in the CSI Church at Thayilpatti.

Prof. Vanaraj shared God's message in the CSI Church at Perumanallur on 11th March 2018. Sister Navamani gave God's message and Bro. John Sekar introduced IBT Ministries in the Silovam Church at Mettur on 18th March 2018. Bro. Simon shared the Word of God in the CSI Church at K.K. Nagar, Erode on 16th, 17th and 18th March 2018 and at the TELC Church at Erode on 25th March 2018.

We sincerely thank all the above mentioned churches, their Presbyters, Pastors, Secretaries, Treasurers, all PC/DC members and all the believers for giving such opportunities to IBT. We pray God that all the believers who participated in the above meetings grow in the Lord.

Dear brothers and sisters, continue to hold IBT ministries in your prayers and by your support.

May the Lord bless you all and your families!

Yours in the service of Christ,
- R. John William

FIELD NEWS

Translator : Bro. Jaywant Kumar
Mission Field : Belthra Road (U.P.)
Language : Bhojpuri

By the abundant grace of the Lord, I could carry out the translation and missionary work very well in the last month. In the Old Testament, I could carry out language checking (in Bhojpuri), Daniel - 5:1 to 12:12; Hosea - 1:1 to 14:9; Joel - 1:1 to 3:15 and Amos 1:1 to 6:14. I visited 14 villages and met many new persons and preached the Gospel. Brothers Jayram, Sumha, Ramsingh Kumar, Bachchan, Manish, Manoj, sisters Sita, Ramedha, Rashmi and Rekha listened to the Gospel eagerly. Please pray for them to grow in the Lord. I distributed 40 copies of the New Testament in Bhojpuri language and 70 tracts. Sunday Worship Services were held in the church at our mission station Belthra Road. More than 75 believers attended and were blessed. 16 children attended the Sunday classes and more than 50 believers participated in the Fasting Prayer meeting. We prayed especially for the sick and many were healed. Please pray for my translation work, missionary work and for my family.

Translator : Sister Poonkili Sriraj
Mission Field : Greenland, Ooty (T.N.)
Language : Toda

Glory be to the name of the Lord! By the abundant grace of the Lord, I could carry out translation in Toda language and distribute Toda New Testament copies without any hindrance. I and my husband Mr. Siriraj, participated in the Sunday Worship Service of the OBC church and before the Toda-speaking believers, we read out

from Toda New Testament - Chapter 13 of I Corinthians. It was a blessing to all. We went to villages Thalbetheri, Sukkodi, Petdhol, Old Ooty, Pagal Kodu, Thalai Kunda, Ooty, Lovedale, Adner, Lower Kavikkadu, etc. and distributed the New Testament translated in Toda language. Please pray for the smooth distribution of all the printed copies of this Toda New Testament without any hindrance and pray for the protection of God.

Translator : Bro. Pitambar Mahanand
Mission Field : Ladugaon (Odisha)
Language : Kalahandia

Glory be to the Sweet name of our Lord! Last month I could carry out keying - in computer of the following portions of Old Testament translated into Kalahandia language: Exodus 3:1 to 21: 6. So far, keying-in has been completed for 20 books. I visited the following villages, met Kalahandia-speaking people and preached the Gospel: Donar, Kalijeba, Barla and Mahibani. I met Manikya, Baleshwar, Lakkidhar, Chinmaya, Tushar, Rabsai, Bhajnath, Mohan, Jayantha, Sunil, Manoj, Dharani, Sumantha, Charan, Lavanta and Kunder. Of these 4 persons had specific prayer requests and I prayed for them, their needs and well-being. Sunday Worship Services, Second Saturday Fasting Prayer and Cottage Prayers are conducted regularly. Please pray for the translation work that all language checking, keying-in work etc. of the Old Testament get completed in time and the Full Bible in Kalahandia language may be released in about two-years' time.

Translator : Bro. Altaf Hussain
Mission Field : Donk (Rajasthan)
Language : Dingal

Glory be to the Holy name of the Lord! By the abundant grace of the Lord, I am carrying out translation in Dingal language. Last month I could translate the Books of Proverbs 10:1 to 25:6. Even though translation of the New Testament is completed, keying-in computer and language checking work is yet to be completed. Please pray for early completion of all this work so as to enable early release of New Testament in Dingal language.

Translator : Bro. Gada Mondal
Mission Field : Parlakka Mundi (Odisha)
Language : Soura

Glory be to the Holy name of the Lord! By the abundant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I am carrying out translation of New Testament in Soura language, together with Bro. Susthira Singh. Last month, we could translate in the New Testament, Gospel of Matthew Chapter 28 verses 16 to 20 and Gospel of Luke 1:1 to 10:18. Please pray for the early completion of the language checking of the Gospel of Matthew and for speeding up its release this year. I visited some villages in Gajapati district preaching the Gospel. Bro. Debakara Chopra of Gurupur village has given a testimony about the miracle the Lord has done in his life. I shared the Word of God in the Second Saturday Fasting Prayer meeting as well as in the evening house visits. Please pray for our translation work and missionary work.

Missionary : Sister Subitha Sweedon
Mission Field : Bappen Palli Children Home (Odisha)

Greetings in the Sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Last month, we could satisfactorily carry out our ministry among the children. The

Lord provided us opportunity to mingle and familiarize ourselves with the people of Podia village in the early part of last month. Every day the Lord is leading us wonderfully! We praise the Lord for enabling us to learn to speak Odiya language to some extent. One of our Home inmate Dulabatta, who was bitten by a snake, has not come back to our Home for a long time. We went directly to his house, prayed for him and gave some counseling. His parents were very pleased. We are counseling the children of our Home through Scriptural verses. We teach them easy ways of learning. We pay special attention to those students who are weak in studies and explain to them in an understanding manner. They are now improving in their studies - even those children who were unable to read, are now in a position to read clearly. God has enabled us even to teach in their Odiya language! Praise the Lord! We sincerely desire that the Biblical verses that we sow in these children grow and bear fruits in their lives, and bring about salvation for their entire family, as well as to their village as a whole. Please pray for us to carry out our ministry with greater zeal by the grace of God.

Translator : Bro. Bherulal Jain
Mission Field : Udaipur (Rajasthan)
Language : Mewari

Glory be to the name of the Lord! Last month, I could translate into Mewari language, Old Testament Book of Psalms - 78:1 to 102:28. When I visited Sisarama village, in Bhilurana Colony, son of Bro. Suresh was suffering from severe fever and was admitted in the ICU of a hospital. I visited him in the ICU and prayed for him. Another Bro. Pappu from the same colony, has two children suffering from 'Thailisima'. I prayed for them as well. Please pray for them to get healed soon by the grace of the Lord and also for my translation work to be done more speedily.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND REVIVAL

- Excerpts from "Revival and You"

*Let me love Thee, Thou are claiming
Every feeling on my soul;
Let me love, in power prevailing,
Render Thee my life, my all;
For life's burdens they are easy,
And life's sorrows love their sting
If they're carried, Lord, to please Thee,
If they're done Thy smile to win.*

*Let me love Thee, love is mighty,
Swaying realms of deed and thought,
By which I shall walk uprightly
And shall serve Thee as I ought,
Love will soften every sorrow,
Love will lighten every care,
Love unquestioning will follow,
Love will triumph, love will bear.*

*Let me love Thee - come revealing
All Thy love has done for me;
Help my doubt, so unbelieving
By the sight of Calvary;
Let me see Thy love despising
All the shame my sins have brought,
By Thy torment realizing
What a piece my burden bought.*

CHORUS
*Let me love Thee, Saviour
Take my heart forever,
Nothing but Thy favour, Lord,
My soul can satisfy!*

- WM. BOOTH-CLIBBORN

There are even now seasons of extra ordinary communion with the Lord. When through The Holy Spirit. He is pleased to manifest Himself to the soul in such unwanted power that they may be truly called 'times of refreshing'.

- A.J. Gordon

"There can be no revival apart from the Holy Ghost; He is the author of every Heaven - sent movement".

- J.A.S.

HUMBLE REQUEST

Translators working for Indian Bible Translators need to be provided with Computers to speed up and preserve their translation work. At present we require at least 5 Lap-tops urgently. (The estimated cost of one lap-top is around Rs. 14,000). Dear readers, in case you are lead by Holy Spirit, we will be glad if you can come forward to meet this need.

- President, IBT.

PRAY AND PRAISE

1. Last month, Senior Translations Advisors of the Bible Society of India, Bangalore, checked some translated portions of Old Testament and New Testament in four languages. Praise the Lord for the same. Please pray for the early completion of checking so that Gospel books and New Testament in some languages may be released in June 2018.
2. We remind you to pray for the Annual Fasting Prayer Meeting to take place in the second week of next month, that there is participation by a maximum number of people in that meeting and prayers be made with great burden for the various needs of IBT ministries as well as for the social welfare of our nation.
3. Pray for getting dedicated and inspired God-fearing youth, both for Promotional work in many uncovered areas and for IBT Office work.
4. Praise the Lord for giving us opportunities to hold Promotional Meetings and Lent Convention meetings in many churches last month, wherein our speakers gave God's message and explained about IBT ministries. Pray God for the spiritual growth of the believers who heard the Word of God, and to put greater burden in their hearts to pray for and support IBT ministries.
5. The second edition of the Book of Proverbs translated into Baduga language has been printed by BSI on behalf of IBT. Pray for the distribution of these books to all Baduga-speaking people as soon as possible.

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