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ELIJAH : PROPHET OF THE LORD - PART II

Introduction

In Part I of this article we studied Elijah from I Kings Chapters 16 and 17. We will now look further into his life and learn even more how to live our life. We can surely see that the life of a man of God is not easy. Sometimes he stands bold for the Lord, sometimes he is afraid of his enemies and sometimes he is persecuted. Jesus said that the world will hate us because it hated Him first. The apostle Paul says in II Cor 4: 8-9 "We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed". We can go through the Bible and see how men of God went through trials, temptations and tribulations.

The early church was bitterly persecuted for standing up for Jesus. So are many today under persecution. Persecution also results in the spreading of the Word of God too. Ahab was searching for Elijah and how he might get rid of him. Jezebel in the meantime has been massacring the prophets of the Lord (I Kings 18:4).

Elijah Meets Ahab (I Kings 18: 1-19)

The Lord speaks to Elijah in I Kin 18:1 after three years of drought and asks him to meet Ahab, promising to send rain. God is a merciful God, for in the midst of His anger He shows His mercy and was willing to send rain that was so badly needed. Elijah obeys and makes his way back. In the meantime, Ahab

had a servant who was responsible for his household and he feared God greatly and his name was Obadiah. Obadiah had hidden one hundred prophets of the Lord, fifty in a cave and fed them regularly during this period. Although Jezebel was trying to get rid of all the prophets of the Lord, here was one brave man who lived in her court, who was willing to risk his life to save these hundred prophets. There are times when we may be called to risk our lives for others or for Jesus. Jesus said in Jn 15: 13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends". Jesus not only risked his life, but gave His life on the cross for the sins of the whole world. In the midst of all that was going on, Ahab feels the hardship of not having rain in Israel. He calls Obadiah and asks him to go in one direction while he himself went in the opposite direction in search of water. Obadiah comes across Elijah while searching for water. Elijah asks Obadiah to go and tell Ahab that he was here. Now we come to know that Ahab had sent people to search for Elijah in all the neighbouring countries but could not find him. When God hides his servants, no one can find them. God spoke to Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt, because Herod wanted to kill all the children under two years old. God hid Moses from Pharaoh in Midian till all those who sought for his life had died! As you read verse 12 we realize that Obadiah was afraid for his life. Here is one more thing

we learn about Obadiah, he was one who feared the Lord from his youth. May we pray for the youth of our families that they would fear the Lord from the time they are young. May we also pray for parents to bring up their children in the ways of the Lord, not only by words but also by example. This is so important for children to see their parents live godly lives. Obdiah goes to Ahab and tells him that he had seen Elijah and that he wanted to meet him. Ahab goes along with Obadiah to meet Elijah. Although over three years have passed and Ahab knew very well why Elijah pronounced the curse, he feels that Elijah is the one that troubles Israel. He has no intention of turning back to God. God speaks to us in different ways to help change us and draw us to himself. It will be a lot easier for us to return from back-sliden state instead of rejecting God's promptings. Ahab had no intention of returning to the Lord and did not take the warnings of God seriously. Elijah asks Ahab to bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah to Mount Carmel.

Events at Mount Carmel (I Kings 18: 20- 40)

Ahab sends word throughout Israel and musters the prophets together and brings them to Mt Carmel. Elijah is quoted as saying to the people, "How long will falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God follow Him;

but if Baal, follow him". The people did not respond. This is not the first time that the children of Israel had to be challenged in a similar way. It began in the Garden of Eden when Satan tempted Eve (Gen 3: 4,5) contradicting God's word by saying, "You shall not surely die". She had a choice to obey God or to obey Satan. Doubts were sown in her heart and Eve fell for it and we now the result known as 'the fall of man'. Moses places before the children of Israel all the commandments of the Lord. In Duet 30: 19 he says, "I call heaven and earth as witness today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life that you and your descendants may live". This was meant for those who would not believe and were willing to serve the gods of Egypt. Being at the crossroads of choice the choice is between life and death. In fact Moses urges them to choose life for so that they may receive the blessings of the Lord. We have the incident in Num 16 after the Korah incident that the people rose up against Moses and Aaron. The Lord in His anger causes a plague to take hold of the rebels and Aaron took a censer and made atonement and the plague stopped, by he now stood between the dead and the living. This is a picture of the cross, that Jesus stood between life and death. Life eternal for those who chose His atonement on the cross for the sins of the world, so that whoever

accepted Him can have eternal life. Now Elijah addresses the people and that since he is one against the large number of prophets of Baal, he asks them to go first. They were to choose one of the two bulls and prepare it and put it on the wood on their altar without any fire and call on their gods to answer by fire to consume the offering. Elijah was to do the same and that the true god will be the one that answers by fire. The people thought that this was a good idea.

The prophets of Baal calls for fire to come down from morning till noon and there was no answer. Elijah mocks them at noon to call even louder till their voice was heard. Now they cried out louder and it says that "they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until their blood gushed out on them". It would be a lot easier to worship the Lord and receive His blessings without any bloodshed!! They continued till the time of the evening sacrifice. There was no answer as the day comes to an end. Elijah calls the people to come near. The first action he does is "And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down". When people backslide, the altar of their heart is broken down. The Lord does not sit on the throne of their hearts and they continually live in sin. If as you read this article you find yourself in this state, your life must be miserable and living in guilt. The Lord gives us second and third chances to

return to Him. I am reminded of the call of God to Israel in Is 1:18 "Come now let us reason together', says the Lord, 'though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool'. Getting right with God is the first step by repenting of your sin as it says in I Jn 1: 9 " If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness". Elijah rebuilds the altar of the Lord, because Israel had let it break down while they built the altar of the false deity. The Lord waited patiently till now for Israel to return to no avail. Secondly, Elijah rebuilt the altar in the name of the Lord with twelve stones representing the tribes of Israel. He then builds a trench around the altar. He puts wood on the altar and the pieces of the bull on top of the wood. He then does a strange thing. Instead of making sure that everything on the altar is dry so that it burns easily, he calls for pails of water to be poured on the offering. Then he makes sure that the trench is also filled with water. Now the whole altar is soaking with water! We read in I Kgs 18: 37 "Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that you are the 'Lord' God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again". This was a very simple prayer, but his voice was heard in heaven by the Lord. Here is the result of that prayer, that fire fell and consumed everything on the altar, and the stones and the dust and it licked up

the water in the trench! The people who saw it fell on their faces and acknowledged that "The 'Lord' He is God, The 'Lord' He is God". The consequence of this event at Mount Carmel, was that God was glorified in the eyes of Israel. The prophets of Baal were executed for deceiving the people of Israel. The leaders of deception were now gone and Israel was ready for revival.

Elijah Prays for Rain (I Kings 18 : 41-46)

Now Elijah was told by the Lord (I Kgs 18: 1) that He would send rain. Elijah did not forget the Lord's promise. Elijah told Ahab to eat and drink and that there is " a sound of abundance of rain". While Ahab left, Elijah goes up to the top of Mount Carmel and "bows down with his head between his knees and prays". I wondered about this posture of prayer and I tried to get my head between my knees and could never do this and wondered how Elijah was able to do it. I realized then, that this was his practice from probably his boyhood. I am sure that young children can do this and if they continued to pray in this posture, it would not be difficult to do this in your older age. Is this not a great example for us? A good posture is to be on our knees as we pray to the Lord. He then asks his servant to go and look towards the sea. Each time he came back to say that there was no evidence of clouds. The seventh time, he comes and says that there

is a small cloud in the horizon. He then asks his servant to go to Ahab and tell him to get into his chariot and ride to Jezreel as there rain was coming. In the meantime the Lord caused Elijah to run to reach Jezreel even before Ahab did! The rains came down and the Lord kept His word. God is a promise keeper, we can trust Him to follow through His promises. There are abundance of promises in the Bible and if the Lord has made you a promise, hold on to it and pray as Elijah did, because, he knew of God's promise that He will send rain, yet he bowed down on his knees and prayed and held on until the promise was fulfilled.

The Flight of Elijah (I Kings 19: 1-8)

Ahab reports the events at Mount Carmel to Jezebel his wife. She promises to kill Elijah about the same time the following day. The brave Elijah who challenge all the false prophets and proved to that the God of Israel was the true God, suddenly felt scared for his life and the Bible says in I Kings 19: 3 " .. he arose and ran for his life". This typical of men of God, for immediately after a victory, Satan comes and puts fear into their hearts to discourage them and make them fearful. Elijah flees to Beersheba which is in Judah and not under Ahab's jurisdiction. Further, he leaves even his servant in Beersheba and goes away alone into the wilderness. He now asks God to take his life. This shows that he

is now falling into depression. He seemed not even to trust his servant. He wanted to be alone. Satan attacks men of God after he has a great victory over evil. Doubts come into his mind and many men and women of God have been to through the same situation and wished likewise. He goes through a wilderness and then sits under a broom tree all alone. When you are used mightily by God the best thing to do is to have fellowship with other believer, attend church, Bible study group, never try to be lonely. Always good to remember that God cares for you. God ministers to Elijah! Here is what happens, an angel of the Lord touched him and asked him to rise and eat. There was a jar of water and cake baked on coals by his side. This happened a second time and it says that with this strength he travels forty days and forty nights to Mt Horeb. The Holy Spirit is our Comforter at such times God will not forsake His children. Jesus said "Lo I am with you always", even when you feel down and out. He is the help of the helpless and the hope of the hopeless.

Elijah Experiences God's Glory (I Kings 19: 9-18)

He goes into a cave at Mt Horeb and spent the night in that place. Must be still dejected and anxious that perhaps Jezebel might find him. At this state of mind the Lord speaks to Him saying, "What are you doing

here Elijah?" Very interesting question indeed! We can run as far away as we can thinking God does not know where we are. Jonah thought that taking a boat to Tarshish as far away as possible would enable him to hide from God. The Psalmist says in Ps 139: 7-10 says, " ... where can I go from your presence? If I ascend to the heaven, You are there: If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there; Even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me."

Elijah replies that he has been zealous for the Lord and says that he is the only one left of the prophets and that they are seeking to kill him. The Lord asks him to go out and stand on the mountain "before the Lord". The Lord Himself passes by with a great strong wind that broke the rocks in pieces, then an earthquake and after it was fire and the Lord was not in any of these, but then a still small voice was heard by Elijah. It shows the gentleness of the Lord in dealing with those who are hurting. Ps 117: 2 says, "For His merciful kindness is great towards me". Again in Ps 103: 14 it says, "For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust." He knows our weakness and satisfies us with His gentleness. The Lord does answer Elijah by saying that He has reserved seven thousand who has not bowed the knee to Baal. Sometimes we think that we are the only

Christians and either look down on other Christians or claim that they are the only ones who follow the Lord. What a surprise it must have been to Elijah that besides him the Lord had preserved seven thousand others!

Elijah Re-commissioned (I Kings 19:19-21)

The Lord did not send him back to Mt Carmel or Ahab or Jezebel. Instead he was re-commissioned to His service and he is asked to do three things. One, to go to Damascus and anoint Hazael as king of Syria. Two, to anoint Jehu as king of Israel and Elisha to take his place. He was also called upon to confront Ahab with reference to the Naboth incidence. He waits patiently for Elisha to go to his house hold and gave up all he had and followed Elijah. Elisha follows Elijah faithfully until Elijah was taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot drawn by fiery horses. The story of Elijah goes on for at the Mt. of Transfiguration when Jesus was glorified that Moses and Elijah stood on either side of Him. What a powerful life that Elijah lived faithful to the end. May we as men of God lead a godly and prayerful life that we may be used as He wills to His glory till one day we see Jesus face-to-face. Amen.

- (Dr Sam Russell)

NEWS LETTER

We praise God for the immeasurable grace of Lord Jesus Christ. I praise God for this opportunity of meeting the readers of Saththiya Vaarthai through this news letter.

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1: 7 and 9).

On 15.4.2017 a one-day meeting was conducted at Perundurai. Many persons participated in this meeting. Bro. Stalinraj of (Karunya) gave God's message with prayer. It was a great blessing to all those who attended the meeting.

Last month we received invitations from four churches in Tiruppur. God's messages were given by Bro. S. Timothy in the CSI church in Pichchampalayam, by Bro. Rajasekar in the churches in PichchampalayamPudur and Kanjampalayam and by Bro Jayakumar in the CSI church in Sathya Nagar. IBT is thankful to the church pastor for giving us this opportunity and to Bro. S.B. Thangadurai who arranged the programmes.

On 26.4.17 Bro D. Vasu conducted the worship service at the village Vathrayiruppu and also gave God's message. Bro. E.Ravi introduced IBT ministries in the worship services. IBT is thankful to the church pastor who gave us this opportunity.

On 23.4.2017 IBT was given a chance for conducting the worship service at Union CSI church in Podhanur. Bro. Rajasekar gave God's message. IBT is thankful to the church pastor for giving us this opportunity.

On 31st March and on 1st and 2nd April God gave us the grace of giving Lent days messages at the CSI church in the village Mallanginaru in Virudhunagar district. Sister. Joy Vasanthi gave a special message. Bro. John Sekar introduced IBT ministries on this occasion. IBT is thankful to the church pastor Rev. Jesudas Samuelraj for giving us permission for the above meetings.

In the Bible translation work, the checking of the translated portions of the four gospels and the Acts of the Apostles is being done in Kudak language. Please pray for the translators. While translating in a mother tongue proper words conveying the correct meanings should be used. If the translation should be of good quality and error free, then two or three reviews are a must. Then only the translated portions can be printed. So please pray for speedy release of the Bible books.

The checking of translated portions of the Bible in Thoda language has been done speedily and now the printing work is in progress. Your prayer has a vital part in this work. We praise God for this. Please pray for all those who are involved in this work and also for the perfect printing.

The final checking of the translated portions of the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel in Baduga language was done by BSI. Please pray for the speedy release of the entire Bible in this language.

On 23.4.17 we got an invitation from the CSI church in Gudalur. Bro. Christopaul gave God's message there. Bro. Paul Jeyasudhan

introduced IBT ministries on that occasion. We thank Rev. John Jebbin Jose and the church members for giving us this opportunity. We also thank Bro. Thambidurai who arranged this meeting.

In the service of the Lord.

- Bro S. Timothy

VISIT TO THE IBT MISSION FIELDS IN KARNATAKA STATE AND INSPECTION

Greetings in the sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On 15.3.2017 Bro. Samuel Gnanadas and I left for Bangalore for visiting IBT mission fields in Karnataka state and to inspect the work carried out by our missionaries and translators. From there we went to Havery and reached the place in the morning of 16.3.2017. The 'Bovi' language translator Sister. Latharama chandrappa is serving in this mission field. The translation in Bovi language has been done for the entire 27 books of the New Testament and also the Old Testament books Genesis to Joshua and also the books of Psalms and Proverbs. The needed guidance was given to him. After praying in his house, we left Havery and after a long bus journey(nearly 450 km) we reached Gundapura by 6 in the evening. The God's servant Pastor. Vargese who is in the place called Vanasdan -about 30 km from Gundapura-has come forward to donate his 10 cent land for the use of IBT. Last year this pastor contacted IBT head office and asked someone

from IBT to go over to his place to finalize the donation of the land. As per that lastmonth Bro. Samuel Ganadhas went and met the pastor and had discuss with him in connection with land in this connection Bro. Samuel Gnanadas and I went to meet him. We saw the land which was measured by the land surveyor to ensure the correction of the measurements. Then the gift deed was registered and received. We left Gundapura on 18.3.2017 morning and reached Sirlakoba mission field by night 7 o' clock via Simoga.

In this mission field Bro. Paramesh is functioning as Lambani language translator and church pastor. A small church building measuring 30' x 20' was constructed and it was dedicated last year. On 19.3.2017 we participated in the Sunday worship service and God's message. 30 believers including 6 Lambani language speaking believers participated in the worship service. It is noteworthy that here also more ladies than men too part in the worship service.

After completing the inspection of Sirlakoba mission field, we reached Ranibennur in the evening which is at a distance of 60 km from Sirlakoba. Lambani language translator Bro Hanumanth is functioning in this mission field as translator and church pastor. Statistics tells that there are nearly 45 lakhs people in Karnataka state who speak Lambani language. The entire New Testament has been already translated in Lambani language and key-in work in the computer also has been completed. In Old Testament 9 books have been translated. Word checking, meaning checking and BSI checking are yet to be done. The God's servant stressed the need of constructing a church building in this mission field for the Lambani people.

That night we left Ranibennur catching a train and reached Mysore on 20.3.2017 morning. Sister. Philomina who was Kodavathak language translator had a sudden heart attack last year and died in her house when no one was there. We went to her house and comforted her daughter and family members and prayed for them. She was very much attached to IBT and she had a great burden for her ministry. When I went to her house last

year she said, "I am doing translating work night and day so that before my death the entire New Testament in Kodavathak language should be released." Along with another translator Mrs. Bhanumathi the entire Bible has been translated. The New Testament has already been checked and the key-in work also has been completed. Now effort is being taken to find out another translator to fill the gap created by the death of Sister. Philomina.

Then we went to H.D. Kotta where we inspected the work done by Bro. MadaLokesh who is conducting church services. Moreover, we went to Tiger Gate where we inspected the work done by Vaagri language translator Bro Meenaraju and Bro. Mannasambi. More than 80% translation work has been completed. From there we went to Hansur and we inspected the work done there by the translators in Jenukurumba and Erava languages. We gave them the needed guidance. That night we reached Mysore and catching a bus we reached Coimbatore on 21.3.2017 night.

We praise gone for the divine protection God during the journey and for our good health.

- Bro D. Nallasamy

FIELD NEWS

Translator : Bro. Sampathkumar
Mission field : Mali Attikan (Odisha State)

Greetings in the sweet name of Jesus Christ. I praise the Lord for enabling me to perform the work assigned to me well last month. I visited the following villages to do my missionary work and distributed tracts and

gospel books and told the villagers about the love of Jesus Christ, apart from praying for the problems in their families. The villages are: Puripottiguda, Sangumuda, Kochchumuda, Nabarangpur, Gotpat, Rampalli, Gondapur and Susiguda. Please pray for the salvation of the following persons whom I met: Vinayak, Sukkudev, Tharun, Deivendar and Boykandu.

Also pray for the victorious result in the public examinations written by the boys and girls belonging to the church here and also for my family and ministry.

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Translator : Bro. Vijayaraj
Mission field : Kunjappanai (Tamilnadu)
Language : Irula (Kunjappanai)

By the abundant grace of the Lord, last month I could do my missionary work and translation work well.

This month (April) I translated the book of Job chapters 17:1 to 34:20 in Irula (K) language and I also compiled an Irula dictionary collecting new words. I shared the love of Jesus Christ by distributing the tracts in the surroundings of Kunjappanai and Kozhikarai to the people speaking Irula (K) language. The people in this area are struggling in farming for lack of rain water. Whenever I tell them about the love of Jesus Christ and pray for them, they would tell about the drought condition and their difficulties in farming. I encouraged many of them telling the Word of God and praying for them. Therefore those who are reading this please pray for the Lord to give a good rain.

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Translator : Bro. Mannasambi
Mission field : H.D. Kotta (Karnataka state)
Language : Vaagri

My Easter greetings to you in the sweet name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Last month in my translation work, I did the checking of the translated books of Psalms and Proverbs. I

visited the villages Tiger Block, Parakka Nagar, Hatti, Pasavarajan Nagar, Annur and Nanjanayakkan Nagar for my missionary work. I met the persons Sawmiya, Pasava, Meera, Nulula, Channa and Savithri and gave them tracts and shared the love of Jesus Christ with them. I heard many telling about the lack of peace in their families. So please pray for these people to be steady in the love of God, for the peace in their families and also for my ministries.

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Missionary : Bro. RajuHayal
Mission field : Begapur (Odisha State)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ abide with you all. By the abundant grace of the Lord, last month I did the second checking of the translated portions of 1 Timothy chapter 1 to Hebrews chapter 8.

In the evening I went to certain villages and cities and told the people about the love of Jesus Christ. When I was travelling through the villages Semiliguda, Jankora, Manukora and Chadipadi. I found many men standing on the road side in the morning itself for drinking liquor. This hurt me very much. Please pray for the salvation of such people who are wandering seeking peace of mind.

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Missionary : Bro. Ashish Swal Singh
Mission field : Bokapur (Odisha State)

By the abundant grace of the Lord, last month we visited the following villages and shared with the villagers the love of Jesus Christ. The villages are: Gauranguda, Hanjiraguda,

Kilra, Maththalpattu, Semiliguda, Thimoshaguda, Ambagan Jarangal, Godavath, Bamini and Gudamul. Last month tribal people speaking Pada and Gorapudia languages came to the church with sickness. Just on seeing them I could discern that they were devil possessed. We shared the gospel with them, applied prayer oil, prayed for them and sent them with the New Testament. God gave deliverance to Bro Ramesh Kora who was afflicted by epilepsy for the past 5 years. His wife asked us to pray for her. Now they are growing in faith. Please pray for them. A lady named PittuPakora had no child even after 12 years of their marriage and she requested us to pray for her. We had been praying for them. Now God has blessed them with a four month old baby in the womb. Please pray them.

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Missionary : Bro. RajendraMasi
Mission field : Jalalpur (Uttar Pradesh)

Greetings in the sweet name of Lord Jesus Christ. By the abiding grace of God, our IBT ministries are going on very well.

Last month, we visited many villages and shared the love Jesus Christ with the villagers. We visited the villages Harupur, Mukananava, Padalapur, Nagpur, Pattaspur, Chori, Bentur, Tindi, Lakamipur, Machura, Udupur, Bindi, Ladusa, Pribanpur, Salampur, Keyispur, Kushia, Yenduva, Sokkia, Gudia, Puddiya, Sankarpur and Lalpur and met nearly 335 persons and distributed tracts and 65 gospel books to the youth who could read. We went to six new villages and shared the love of Jesus Christ to 10 persons. We led six of them to

Christ. Three ladies are willing to take baptism. Many participate in the fasting prayer meetings. They have told us that they would continue to attend Sunday worship services. Also 28 children are attending Sunday school classes. Please pray for the growth of the church and for my ministry.

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Missionary : Bro. Ruban Antharu
Mission field : Ponduguda (Odisha State)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, our greetings in the holy name of Son of God Jesus Christ.

Last month we visited some villages and shared the love of Jesus Christ with the villagers. The villages are; Kadapatta, Rajida, Bamuni, Kuttaguda, Kasagumuda, Attikan, Nenganal, Pujariguda, Reniguda and Adibanguda. We met many people in these villages and told them about Jesus Christ. Some of them listened to the gospel with keen interest. I gave gospel books to Mangalraj, Mohan, Tulsiram, Kasiram, Padeshwar, Padiya, Laxman, Suguman, Nilakanpasu, Sainasi, Dhansingh, Subash and Jothi and prayed for them. 70 persons from our IBT church in Ponduga and 10 persons from Thanuguda attend the church. Please pray that these persons should steadily grow in their faith and also for some new believers to attend the church here. A believer named Kanjan was suffering from sickness for one year. He was healed during the fasting prayer meeting. We praise God for this. A lady named Jothi was delivered from devil possession. Please pray for the growth of the ministry.

Translator : Bro. Meenaraju
Mission field : Tiger Block (Karnataka)
Language : Vaagri

Greetings in the most valuable and peerless name of Jesus Christ. Last month by the abundant grace of the Lord, I could do the checking in the computer the translated portions of Psalm 139 to Proverbs chapter 8. One day a person was travelling with me in a bus to reach the village Kochinalli in UnnaththurTaluk. It

was noon time. There was scorching heat. That person was bringing his son from a hospital. He asked for my seat. I gave my seat to his son and started talking to him. There were boils in the body of his son. I told him about the love of Jesus Christ. He asked me to go over to his house. I went there and prayed for the boy. Now he is in good health. Pray for that father and his son Mahadesh and also for my ministry.

PRAY & PRAISE

1. During the past Lent days God gave us opportunities to share the visions of IBT ministries in many churches in Tamilnadu. Praise God for this. Please pray for the Lord to raise families in the churches where we conducted meetings and worships who can support our translation ministry with their offerings and prayer.
2. God helped us through a God's servant Mr.Vargese in Karnataka state who has

donated his 10 cents land for constructing a church building. Praise God for this. After receiving the donation document from the pastor, Bro. D. Nallasamy and Bro. Samuel Gnanadhas visited all the mission fields in Karnataka state and met IBT translators and missionaries. Pray for the church construction in the donated land and our missionaries.

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