



Sishya Newsletter

February 2012

Greetings to you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are grateful to God for His faithfulness. He has sustained us thus far and continued to use us for His Kingdom's expansion. Last year was a year of blessing and learning, in this New Year, again, He opened doors for us to minister and reach out to people. Here's a brief report of what happened in the month of January 2012.

New Year Service, Anna Nagar Methodist Church

The 1st of January 2012 saw Ashok speak in the 9:00 am service in the Anna Nagar Methodist Church. We praise God for the opportunity He gave and for using Ashok in that Church.

3rd January 2012, Help a Child office

Ashok was the speaker for the morning devotion in the Help a Child office.

6th January 2012 Missionaries training

On the 6th of January'12, Ashok addressed the missionaries of the CSI Missions department during their missionary training.

Quo Vadis- Sishya's discipleship camp, 14th to 16th January 2012

Quo Vadis- Sishya's discipleship camp was conducted in the Sishya office from the 14th to 16th January 2012. This year, though the group was a small one, we had a blessed time. Dr. Jayakumar Christian was the resource person along with Ashok. We had sessions on Crisis and discipleship, Cost of discipleship, finding one's life purpose... Besides that we had open discussions on topics like 'Is the God of the Bible still same today' (with reference to the story of Daniel and his friends being miraculously delivered from the Lions and the blazing furnace where as in the first century, the Christians were martyred when faced with similar circumstances.), 'things that I did last year and I don't want to repeat this year', etc

It was a blessed time and the youngsters were encouraged and equipped to be disciples of Jesus in their day to day life.

Prayer with Mr. Patrick Joshua- 20th January 2012

Ashok and Sheila met with Mr. Patrick Joshua for a time of extended prayer for the ministry. It was a time of waiting and drawing strength from God.

Praise Emmanuel Church, Kuala Lumpur- 29th January 2012

Ashok got the opportunity to deliver God's Word in the Praise Emmanuel Church in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Investiture Ceremony, CSI Jesse Moses School- 31st January 2012

Ashok and Sheila ministered to the children and parents in the CSI Jesse Moses School. Ashok was the speaker for the program.

Community Development- Khammam

We praise God for:

The 13 people who have confessed their faith.

That Bro. Sam and Sis. Vasantha could visit some medical students who have gone to Secunderabad from Khammam fellowship to prepare for PG entrance exam. They were very much encouraged and strengthened by the fellowship and prayer.

That they could meet many Maharashtrians in a Hindi worship at Secunderabad and encourage them. They want Bro. Sam and Sis. Vasantha to go and teach them regularly.

For the youth meetings that are going on well.

For God's provision for Nelapatla church and its completion.

Other activities and programs

Apart from the above mentioned events, the Sishya family was involved in the weekly Bible studies (CAT groups) in different parts of the city. The CAT group for couples met every Tuesday in the Sishya office and every Friday in Tambaram. The CAT group for guys and girls met on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays in different places. The 3rd Sunday fasting and prayer was held in the office on the 15th of January.

We praise God for Mr. Shankar Ramachandran and his wife Blodwen who will be joining us full time from February 2012. They will be based in Bangalore.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise, all glory goes to God alone.

God has been faithful.

We are very grateful to you for your prayers and support. Please continue to do so.

Prayer Points

Pray for Shankar and Blodwen and the ministry in Bangalore.

Please remember in your prayers the Annual SALT conference which is scheduled for 14th & 15th April 2012. Venue- SAIACS, CEO Centre, Bangalore.

Pray for the Three Strands camp in Bangalore which is also planned for April, in Bangalore.

Pray for the SEED team as we prepare for our annual youth camp in June this year.

Pray for Bro. Sam and Sis. Vasantha and their ministry in Khammam, A.P.-

For their target to bring 100 people into the fold of Christ this year.

For the many new families attending their churches.

Field assistants and animators meetings on 11th and 25th .

Youth meetings at Puttan Thanda, Katakuru and Namalapad.

Youth meeting we are planning to start at Mucherla.

For the tuition centers and the development of the children who attend.

For Ravi, Chintu and Nanda Reddy who trying to join police force.

For one of the animator Parvathy's 13 months old child has a hole in the heart and he is not keeping well these days. Please pray for his health.

God bless you.

Sishya family.