



SISHYA Newsletter

October 2012

Greetings from the Sishya family in the matchless Name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ! We are grateful to God for His faithfulness and to you all for your prayers. He has sustained us thus far and continued to use us for His kingdom's expansion. Here's a brief report of the events that happened in the last month.

Ministry Among Students Retreat at Kothagiri Public School 1st & 2nd September 2012

The SEED team along with Mr. Wilson Jebaraj and family ministered to the students of KPS (Kothagiri Public School). Mr. Wilson, Allan and Swarup took **sessions** on Saturday (1st Sep); the team ministered through **special songs** and **skits**.



Preparing before we begin

Some of the team members helped the older students to learn spiritual truths by making them do different **activities**. Meanwhile, Joseph Kaki, George, Swarup and Patience ministered to the

younger kids by teaching songs and telling **stories** with the gospel message.



Mr. Suthan David and Miss. (now Mrs.) Megha Ruth conducted **games** and **activities**. Megha also shared her **testimony**.



The team that ministered at KPS

On Sunday (2nd Sep) we had a **Question and Answer session** in which Arpith Vedhanayagam, Ajith Vedhanayagam, Naveen Thilagan, Isaac Waller answered the questions asked by the students. Isaac Waller also shared his **testimony**.

Mr. Wilson gave the **final challenge** and we closed by 4:30 pm.

The team also **spent time** with the kids in their hostels and **prayed** with them. It was encouraging to see kids open up and share about their lives.

Please Pause and Pray...

Pray for the SEED team's ministry in Keswick Public School, Lady Doak College and in the youth fellowship of a C.S.I Church in Madurai on 6th and 7th, of October. Pray that God will use the team for His Kingdom's expansion. Also, pray for the team's road travel to Madurai.

Training

Intentional Discipleship Conference Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 14th & 15th September 2012

Swarup had the opportunity to go to Malaysia and attend the **Intentional Discipleship Conference** conducted by the Diocese of West Malaysia in collaboration with the SAARANG Community Church, Korea. It was a blessed time and a great exposure for Swarup as he had the privilege to meet many people, to share and exchange ideas.

In this conference, which was all about discipleship, he learnt the importance of making disciples of all nations, one person at a time.

Ministry Among Couples Couples' Bible Study Get-together 23rd September 2012

The Bible study (CAT) groups from Anna Nagar and Tambaram, along with Mr. Ashok Vedhanayagam and Mrs. Sheila Vedhanayagam had a get together at SU Corner Stone, Mahabalipuram.

The day started with a special **worship service** at 8:30 AM conducted by Mr. Philip Vaseekaran; the **worship** was led by Mr. Ashok Vedhanayagam. The **message** was delivered by Mr. John Stephen; he spoke on taking a stand for the Lord from the life of Daniel.

Mr. Suthan David conducted **games and activities** for the groups. The day kick-started with an ice-breaker game that was conducted after the service.

After the tea-break, the teams assembled for a **Bible Quiz** from the Book of Esther, conducted by Mr. John and Mrs. Hepzibah Stephen. It was a close competition among the teams (Tambaram men, Tambaram women, Annanagar men and Annanagar women). Every team had prepared well and participated actively.

Mr. Ashok Vedhanayagam delivered an encouraging **message** to the groups.

The afternoon lunch was enjoyed by all and it was a good opportunity to interact with each other. Mr and Mrs. Rajkumar and Mr. and Mrs. Ashok took care of the hospitality, including organizing the lunch.

The small group discussion *Stars and Scars* with reflections on each other's experience was very encouraging and useful. The afternoon sessions were also fun filled with the games conducted by Mr. Suthan David.

Overall, the day was a great blessing to each family who participated and everyone enjoyed each other's company as families in Christ.

Ministry In Bangalore September 2012

The Friday night Bible study continues to take place at Shankar & Blodwen's house along with the Tuesday morning 'Home Builders' Prayer'. Shankar and Blodwen had the opportunity to travel to Mumbai and help out in ministering to couples along with Kumar & Shanthi.

Please Pause and Pray

Pray for Shankar and Blodwen as they coordinate the ministry in Bangalore.

Pray that God will give open doors to minister with college/school students in Bangalore. Please pray that the Lord will help start a Bible study for college students in Bangalore.

Community Development Ministry Ministry in Khammam, Andhra Pradesh

Bro. Sam and Sis. Vasantha had a fruitful time ministering in different places to various crowds. They conducted the **Soul Winners' training** on the 19th of September which was attended by

about 60 people. It was beyond their expectation. The believers were challenged and have decided to reach out to 15 new villages in the next 6 months and bring 50 new people into the fold.

Please Pause and Pray

Pray for the ministry in Khammam, for Bro. Sam and Sis. Vasantha and for the Pastors and animators who assist them.

Bro. Sam, Sis. Vasantha and 4 field assistants are planning on a trip to a BYM mission field at Vasai in Thane, Maharashtra for exposure and learning from the ministry among the Varli tribe.

Regular Team Activities

Apart from the events mentioned above, the Sishya family was involved in the weekly Bible studies (CAT groups) in different parts of Chennai. 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 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays in different places. New CAT groups have been started in the last one month.

Please Pause and Pray

Pray for the new Bible studies that have been started and also for their leaders.

God Bless you.
With regards,

Sishya Family