



Sishya Newsletter

May and June 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. The month of April saw two major conferences happen. Here's a brief report.

SALT Conference, Bangalore 14th and 15th April 2012

The SALT Conference 2012 was held on April 14th & 15th at SAIACS CEO Centre, Bangalore. With the main theme of the conference centered on missions, one of the objectives of this year's conference was to inspire and motivate young working professionals to be involved in some form of missions or the other.

Mr. Ram Gidoomal CBE was the key note speaker for SALT Conference 2012 who took the participants through facts and figures on the various mission activities in India and shared his life story and how he came about to dedicate a considerable time of his living, to missions. Concepts and opportunities in missions was also a workshop that Ram took, apart from the key note. An active campaigner for Christian missions, a fund raiser, an evangelist and a business man, Ram stood as a testimony to how one man's vision and steadfast will to follow after the Lord's great commission can really achieve great things in God's vineyard.

The other speakers at the conference included Mr. Philip Paul; CEO of Unlimited Innovations; Dr. Jayakumar Christian, CEO of World Vision India; Mr. Thomas Chandy, Head of Save the Children; Dr. David Koilpillai, IIT Professor and Pas. Ranjit David from Delhi Bible Fellowship and Mr. Ashok Vedhanayagam.

This year the conference was attended by around 130 delegates from difference places such as Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Khammam, Madurai etc

Each of the speakers took different break-out sessions on a wide range of topics which included Courage & Conviction, Living by the Book (how to study the Bible), Working Smart, Innovation & Excellence at work, Decision Making and Career Choices, Handling Crisis in Life, Purpose in Life etc. With around 9 workshop topics each participant had the opportunity to choose 5 workshops out of them which they could attend. The first day had 3 break-out workshops.



The Resource people



Break out Sessions



Prayer time



Key Note address



During the plenary session



The entire gang- SALT 2012

Three Strands Seminar, Bangalore 21st and 22nd April 2012

Three Strands, the marriage enrichment camp organized took place on the 21st and the 22nd of April, 2012. The resource persons for this year's camp included Rajan S. Mathews, Director General of the Cellular Operators Association of India, Nirupa Jebaraj, respected Bible teacher, Benjamin Christian, National Director of FEBA India, and his wife Kamala Benjamin, faculty at APC Bible College and Haggai Institute. The camp was attended by around 20 couples from Chennai and Bangalore and took place at SAIACS' CEO Centre.





The Couples who attended the *Three Strands*- Marriage enrichment seminar





During the session

Sishya Ministry in Bangalore

The two Bible studies that were started in the month of March continue to take place. One is in Hennur cross on Wednesdays and the other one in Horamavu on Fridays.

Shankar had an opportunity to share his testimony in Malayalam with Feba Radio.

The ministry among career professionals is slowly taking shape and the vision, mission, objective etc have been framed. The first follow-up meeting after SALT took place on the 26th of May at Campus Crusade for Christ at Hennur. It was called Sishya's Working Professionals Evening and had 13 participants. The first session from God @ Work (Alpha International course book for working professionals) was covered and we had a testimony being shared by Peter Williams, Head of IJM in Bangalore and a case study was anchored by Ronald Kirubakaran. The program was well received.

The Bangalore team would like to request prayer for the music team that is being put together to minister in Schools and Colleges. Kindly pray that the team would have open doors in various schools and colleges in Bangalore. Pray for more volunteers to be involved in the ministry and that the Lord may bring more people to be taught the word of God in the Bible studies and that we as a team may mature more into the image of Jesus. There is a follow up meeting for Three Strands being planned and the next Working Professionals Evening would be on 30th of June. Kindly pray for all these.

Church Outreach

Ashok spoke in the C.S.I Pernabar Church on the 13th of May.

Summer Tree preparation

The month of May was the time of preparation for our annual youth camp- Summer Tree. The weekends saw the team getting together in the Sishya office for various practices (Music, skits and choreos), times of prayer and planning and also training sessions.

On the 13th of May, we had Dr. John Rajnayakam take a training session for the SEED volunteers. On the 20th Bro. Lordson David CFO of Unlimited Innovations addressed the volunteers.



Community Development- Khammam

Bro. Sam and Sis. Vasantha had a fruitful time ministering in different places to various crowds.

40 believers and some new members gathered in the Kumpilakuntla meeting in the place which was bought to build a church.

The Thiruvuru tuition center which they started recently is attended by 40 children.

The retreats for the tuition children was a blessing. It was held on the 24th April in Puttan Thanda, 25th April in Karepalli and 26th April in Katakuru.

In Puttan Thanda 110 children attended the retreat. Through songs, Bible stories and

Puppet show, the children were led to accept Christ. In Karepalli 65 children were blessed. In Katakuru beyond their expectation 130 children came from 5 different villages. Other than that Bro. Sam and Sis. Vasantha also conducted youth retreats in Puttan Thanda on 9th May, Namalapad on 11th May and in Nelapatla on 14th and 15th May

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.

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

Please pray for Summer tree 2012, the dates are 7th to 10th June. The venue is Believers Church campus, Padappai.

Pray for the *Three Strands* marriage enrichment seminar in C.S.I Virugambakkam church on the 24th of June.

Pray for the working professionals meet on the 30th of June in Bangalore.

God bless you.

Sishya family.