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ORISSA IN FLAMES

According to official news the death toll in the ongoing violence in Orissa is a 16. But according to the unofficial report the number is much high. the government claims that the outbreak of violence in Orissa is a spontaneous one due to the assassination of the Swamiji. It may be true. But the helpless and innocent condition of the dead and the attacked group is so pathetic. It is the responsibility of the government to bring the murderers of the Swamiji to the book of law; but at the same they have the responsibility to save innocent lives of citizens Hundreds are hiding in the thick and fearful forests of of Orissa. Thousands have taken shelter in the refugee camps. What a pathetic condition. Hundreds of churches were burned. Many christian institutions and their vehicles were burned. Thousands lost their houses and anything they had for them in the flames that rose to the skies.

Our saints and evangelists are threatened and they lead a fearful life. One of our brothers lost his vehicle (Govt. owned) and his official quarters. Another evangelist lost his motor cycle in fire. Br. C S Thomas came under attack and lost the main gate. The whole situation in Orissa is terrifying. The religious fanatics are continuing their attack. The christian institution all over India observed a day of prayer by closing their schools. Many schools in Madhya

Pradesh came under attack because of this. In Karnataka state too the religious fanatics are moving freely against the christian in some districts. Davangere came under attack. The saints there could not meet for the breaking of bread. Even Chitradurga district is also facing the same problem. The gathering at Holekhere is threatened. They are gathering in the residence of the evangelist K V Varghese.

Dear saints, what we are to do at this critical juncture. We are supposed to pray for the nation so that it may maintain its status of secularism. Our Lord is not a religious leader. He has not established any religion. We do not believe in religious conversion. We are looking for repentance and transformation. Let us awake from the slumber in which we are in. We know that 'day and night' is going to come. So let us uphold our dear brethren back in Orissa and Karnataka in our prayers and lift them to the seat of mercy. In the days of Apostles the assembly prayed with **one mind**. So let us do the same. Let us be like Esther who joined hands with Mordecai and raise our eyes to the Master. Shall we share the grieving heart of our brothers.

Let us pray for the central and state governments and also for those who torture us.

A Hired Ministry

The service of God is not a profession which a man may take up, as the law, school teaching, or a medical profession. It is not something with a good "living" or ample salary attached. To enter Divine service as a means of livelihood, degrades the nature of such service and the man becomes in many instances, a 'hireling' who is denounced by our Lord in John 10:12-13.

MAN MUST NOT HIRE GOD'S SERVANT;

he is in the service of a higher Master. When a man is hired, he becomes servant to them who hire him, and must serve so as to please them. The apostle Paul, and others, referred to themselves as "servants of Jesus Christ" (Rom. 1:1; 2Pet. 1:1; Jude 1). And being bought by Him at the great price of His blood, we are therefore admonished, "Be not ye the servants of men" (1 Cor. 7:23).

THE LORD HIMSELF ENGAGES

His own servants, and He guarantees their pay. He has many ways and diverse means of sustaining His servants, "who walk by faith and not by sight." The records of Scripture, in this respect, afford most interesting reading. The servant's path is one of sunshine and shadow; ample store and scant fare; smooth sailing and tempestuous seas; having nothing and yet possessing all things; but never forsaken of his Master!

LET US NOTE AN IMPORTANT FACT:

the Lord's servants are not a distinct class among His people. It is not a monopoly held by a few. All redeemed souls, according to their capacity and in their own sphere, are "servants to God" (Rom. 6:20-23). Most serve under ordinary conditions of life, while filling every known calling. Some who have

occupied situations, have therein rendered the Lord great service. Evangelists, pastors and teachers are not necessarily men wholly given up to their work. The gifts enumerated in 1 Cor. 12:4-11; and verses 28-31; Eph. 4:11-16; and Rom. 12:4-8; cover a very wide range of service, and chiefly rendered by persons who must work for their living.

A WHOLE - TIME SERVICE

But some are called to devote their whole time to certain work, and the very nature of the service requires their relinquishment of all other work. For this the Lord has made provision, but not in the way common among men. Of such labourers for God, we read, "For His name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles" (3 John 7); which expression implies the receiving of remuneration for services

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YMEF (ND Punjab Campaign)

The Message of Freedom

The team work is continuing. By the grace of the Lord another week of evangelization was conducted in the villages of Sangore. First on Sunday the team took part in the breaking of bread and worshiped the Lord in Spirit and truth. Lord continue help us in this ministry. He calls out people for Him from different tribes and languages. But we are reminded of the words of Mordecai to Esther. It is not the time to keep mum. On Monday we went to Patiala and got our vehicle repaired and brought all the necessary items for the work. Br. Linto Thomas and Lazar joined the team.

Last week we worked in the Dhoori taluk of this District. Generally the people are not interested in the gospel. On Wednesday we were able to distribute New Testaments and booklets. Let the word of God which is sweeter than honey may work with the heart of the people. The doors of a school also was opened. So many gospels and small booklets were given to them. On Thursday morning there was heavy thunder shower so we started late on that day. Later the weather was clear and favourable on Aug 15th, when the nation celebrated the freedom of India, many were able to listen to the message of real freedom, Open air was conducted in 34 places and books were sold in many junctions. The total sales proceeds were for Rs 3215. By the grace of the Lord the ministry continues to be a blessing. Kindly continue to pray for this ministry

K C Simon

Rely on Religions

Rites, Rituals and religious ceremonies have left the minds of individuals and societies and have taken to the streets. These religious elements now turned to be political slogans are manipulated for achieving power and monopoly. We have come short of benefits of secularism which our nation wants to promote. When the big shots of opposing political parties take religions in the hands to carry out their vicious schemes, the fight for power, position and fame reaches in its zenith and every thing slips away from grip. Thus it becomes a necessity to bring to resulting the enigma of the relationship between religion and politics. How does religion affects life? What position a man who longs for a world free of discriminations and barriers should take against the religions diversities? These all are worth discussing.

The root of many racial calamities in India lies in religious intolerance. Most of the religions of the world took birth from the cravings of human hearts of love for each other and the desire to treat everyone equally and uplift the down trodden. Many of the religions were first formed as a society which worked for the unprivileged people. But unfortunately these could advance matter in this course only for a short distance. And later social consciousness was replaced by racial consciousness and social prejudice grew among the groups. Eventually religions and racial hatred emerged one single project waging war with each other. Though socialism and sectarianism have their origin in religions, these social evils have been grossly manipulated by political practices. It is the need of the political miscreants to divide the society in the name of race and religion thus destroying the integrity of the nation.

Religion is an experimental reality as per public opinion. Majority of our society believe in a religion, offer prayers in a

worship place or follow some religious rites. The mental satisfaction acquired from religious practices is viewed by Karle Marx as that of opinion. the influence of this opinion provokes people to agitate and imitate to riots and calamities.

Religion is not capable of communicating the real meaning of life beyond this estactic influence. Only what religious conversions can do is to put oil in the burning fire of rivalry. Only spiritual transformation can irradiate the evils of secterianism and violence. It is the desire of the creator sustainer and judge of mankind that every one everywhere should repent. It is the darkness in human heart that causes war and violence. Jesus christ the true light of the earth is the only remedy for this great problem of man kind. An individual who became a new creation receiving the light of life from the true light has no religion, no rituals no pilgrim centres rather He Himself is Gods temple. A new world and a renewed mankind can be assured only by the message of the gospel. Those who have set there eye on such a blessed hope ought to endure all the affliction and persecutions silently without any retaliation and provocation.

We are not to become news makers in responding to attack of the enemies of the gospel. Rather we must devote ourselves to prayer and supplication. Let us cry unto the Lord for the lives of our brethren who represent our Saviour in far countries and distant lands. Christian virtues founded on genuine spiritual truths have to be realized for the establishment of a sound world view. The world must acknowledge believer as the citizens of the other world. Let us go hand in hand and work together for a world where there is no racial discrimination, religions diversities and political crises. Lets march together toward the kingdom which is imperishable.

Jose Philip

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rendered, from those who know not God. — Freely ye have received, freely give “(Mat. 10:8).

All Divine favours and blessings are conferred “with-out money and without price “ (Isa, 55:1). Common kindnesses may be thankfully accepted from an uncon-verted person, if given without the thought of support-ing the work of God. But to solicit money from the world, for His service or cause, is altogether wrong; for how shall Satan assist God in His work against the kingdom of darkness

THE MODE OF SUPPORT

,How does the Lord support His labourers? The apostle Paul puts the case thus : “ If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things” (things for the body). “ Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach

the Gospel shall live of the Gospel “ (1 Cor, 9:7, 14). Also our Lord said to His disciples, “ In the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give you ; for the labourer is worthy of his hire “ (Luke 10:7). This gives no support to a “ hire” system ; but on the same sort of principle His servants are entitled to what is given them. Spiritual service is not performed for the sake of gain (2 Cor. 12:17-18).

On the other hand, the needs of the Lord’s servants are met through the freewill offerings of the saints, upon whose hearts the Lord has laid the care of them. This is not the same thing as a system of salaries.

There were occasions when Paul, for very good reasons,

WOULD NOT TAKE GIFTS,

as at Corinth and Ephesus, preferring to

work with his hands (1 Cor. 9:15-18; Acts 20:33-35) ; yet he took the offerings of the church

at Philippi, esteeming it as “an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God “ ; and this he declared would abound to their account (Phil. 4:10-18). This church sent their gifts “once and again,” while labouring in other parts. Only to have fellowship with a worker at the time he pays a visit, savours somewhat of mere payment for services given ; on the other hand, the worker should avoid the habit of looking for an offering at every place visited. Both habits are not in accord with Scripture example.

To his Master alone does the man of faith look, and not to his brethren ; yet the Church has a responsibility to minister to such who — labour in the Word and doc-trine.” For the

Scripture saith, “Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn “ (1 Tim. 5:17-18). When channels of supply fail, as they do, then from other sources, perhaps most unlooked for, the Lord provides. He is never at an end of His resources.

THERE HAVE BEEN CASES

of very worthy workers for God, who have accepted stated salaries, without thinking it was at all incon-sistent with their heavenly calling. We do not judge them. They acted up to the light they had. Still we take our stand with the Apostle, and say, “ Yet show I unto you a more excellent way “ (1 Cor. 12:31). “Have faith in God, — and the path will be found to be the best one, and the right one (Mark 11:22)

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YMEF (SD) Karnataka Campaign

EDUKKERI VILLAGE IN THE KOLLEGAL.

The gospel campaign under the auspices of the YMEF (SD) is continuing by the grace of the Lord. After covering the Kollegal Taluk the team is concentrating their effort in Yelantur taluk. This taluk has very few villages. So after finishing this place we wish to move to the Chamraj nagar taluk. In the last six months the Lord of harvest gave some fruits and so follow up work and Bible Classes are going on in those villages. Some of them attend our assembly meetings. Kindly pray for them. We can never forget the Edukkeri village. This village is in the middle of river Kaveri. The sole mode of transportation is the small canoes. The dear brethren reached there in a small boat. They were welcomed by a huge temple and a large cut out of the Chief Minister. But



the poor people gave a warm welcome and bought number of New testaments and small booklets. They told that nobody had ever reached them to share this precious way of salvation. Dear saints can we take up it as a challenge and go to the villages of Karnataka?

Many of the districts in Karnataka is against the gospel. The wind is quite unfavourable. Davanagere is a hot bed. No assembly meetings are taking place. It is spreading to the nearby district Chitradurga and nearby places. The fanatics are in the look out for any meetings in houses. Kindly pray for Karnataka and the Karnataka gospel campaign under the auspices of YMEF (SD)

SBS NEWS- Teens Special

The Pathanamthitta Centre SBS wishes to conduct as teens special camp on Oct 8,9 during Pooja holidays. Students of the age group of 13-19 are requested to register their names in advance. Kindly contact the centre Secretary for registration. Kindly pray and support and participate in it.

Monachen Abraham 9447756377

Take Care of the Things of the Lord

V.P.Poulose

Getting a chance for the creation to take care of the matter of the creator is a blessing as well as a great privilege. Many have no concern for this great responsibility. They ignore it. But the Lord will be pleased in those who does His service. With reference to the verse Zechariah 7:3, we see the angel of God asking the High Priest Joshua to look after the things of the sanctuary. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; if thou wilt walk in my ways and if thou wilt keep my charge then thou shalt also judge my house and shall also keep my courts and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by (Zech 3:7). We can see the different matters regarding to the things of the Lord.

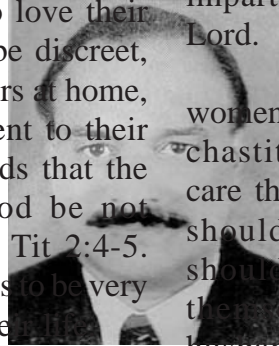
1. Who has to take care of the things of the Lord? In Deuteronomy 10:12,13 God asks four questions. Those who act according their will is not supposed to take care of the things of the Lord. One who fears the Lord and walks in His ways is the only one who is blessed. Such a person has to look after the things of the Lord. In the family "Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways Psalm 128:1. In the assembly we should be an

example and model. be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity" 1Tim4:12 If we live according to the word the if is a model life and others can follow it. "..... that thou mayest know thou oughtest to behave thyself" 1Tim 3:15 As for God his ways is perfect, the word of the Lord is tried is buckler to all them that trust in him" 2Sam 22:31, Psalm 18:30). When we say that we have to walk in His ways it means we have to live according to the Word of God. The Lord does not want a person to take charge of the things of the Lord if he walks in his own ways.

2. Shall we take charge only the things of the Lord

No is the definite answer to it. One has to take care of oneself and also of his family. The word does not prohibit any one from working. "And that study to be quiet, and to do your own business and work with your own hands as we commanded you" 1Thess 4:11. One has to earn his livelihood with sweat of his forehead. This is honourable. If you do not do it it is a

shame. in second Thessalonians Epistle Paul is scolding those "Busybodies" who does not do any kind of the work. "That they may teach the young woman to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children to be discreet, chaste keepers at home, good, obidient to their own husbands that the word of God be not blasphemed Tit 2:4-5. Old woman is to be very careful in the



1. They should be holy not false accusers not give too much wine, they may teach the young women. Young women should be taught to love their husbands, to love their children and sober. In our family lives the care give to children these days is of great concern. "Even the sea monsters draw out breast, they give suck to their young ones, the daughter of my people is become esael like the ostriches in the wilderness" Lam 4:3. Today many young women are reluctant to breast milk to their children. They are afraid of the loss of their body shape. Children are abandoned and give to others custody and they go distant place, in search of money and

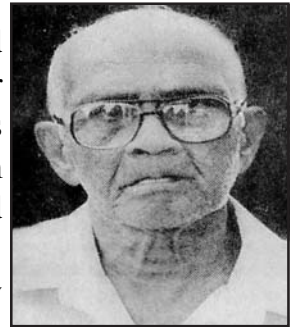
employment. this culture is so shameful and it is worse than the life of the sea monsters. We have to behave according to the responsibilities imparted to us by the Lord.

The young women should keep her chastity, should take care the family affairs, should be kind and should submit themselves to their husbands. The young should taught in all these things. If the elderly has to teach the younger one like this, then they should have led the same pattern of life in their youth. Out of the seven responsibilities three in relation to their husbands. When a young woman carry out all these things soberly, there she will be a good wife and mother. In Philip 2:21 the Holy Spirit is rebuking those who are interested only their personal affairs. Apostle Paul is appreciating young Timothy for his unique behaviour in this regard. If we are supposed to give priority to the things of the Lord not of us.

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With the Lord

Mundukottakkal: Br. P T Philip (Baby 83) of Thekkemannil went to be with the Lord on 28-08.2008. The remains of his body was buried on 1-09-2008. The Mundukottakal Brethren Assembly officiated the funeral ceremony in the midst of a large group of saints and the near and dear ones from far and near. Kindly pray for the bereaved family.



Pathanapuram: Br. Jacob John (Babu 57) of Maruthimangalathu went to be with the Lord on 28-08.2008.

The remains of his body was buried on 2-09-2008.

The Kalanjoor Brethren Assembly officiated the funeral ceremony in the midst of a large group of saints and the near and dear ones from far and near. Kindly pray for the bereaved family.

Y. M. E. F General Camp

Holiday Home, Kumily, Thekkady
2008 September 9th Tuesday to 13th Saturday

Dear Saints in Christ,

The General camp of the Y M E F is an event that takes place in every two years under the auspices of the General Y M E F in co operation with the different divisions of the Y M E F. This year the camp is scheduled for this Onam holidays at the Holiday Inn, Kumily. This is a letter of invitation to all the dear brothers of the brethren assemblies around the world. The purpose of the Lord about us is that we should keep an active relationship with the Local Assembly and we have to lead many to the marvellous light ie, to the Lord. This camp will give you a chance to examine yourself in the mirror-ie, the word of God and to repent and turn to the Lord for restoration. So please do take part in this camp prayerfully. We the office bearers request the Local Assemblies to encourage and send all the brothers especially the younger ones so that many of them may be spiritually edified. We hope that six hundred people will attend this camp. The estimated cost is Rs 300000/-. No camp fees has been fixed in order to give a chance to the financially weaker section. Continuous help and prayer is solicited.

T M George-General President **Sabu Mathew General Secretary**

Inagural Session

Tuesday 9th September 6.00 PM - 8.00 PM

Chairman - Samuel T Philip, Inagural Address Br. P M Mathew. Opening Message M V Babu.

Main Programmes

10th Wednesday to 12th Friday 7.15 - 8.00 a.m. Portion for Meditation: **Epistle of Titus**

8.45a.m. - 9.45 - Bible Class **What do we believe ?** Varghese Kurian

10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m Bible Class **Local Assembly** Chandapilla Philip

11.30a.m -12.00 p.m. Bible Quiz

Quiz Master-P K Georgekutty, P P George, M K James

Portions: Wednesday: **Historical Books**, Thursday: **Prophetical Books** and Friday **New Testament**

12.00 p.m - 1.00 p.m Bible Class - **Live Worthy of the Gospel**-Jose Mathew

7.30 p.m- 8.30 p.m Character Study -**The attitude of Moses** -Jose Mankudy

Missionary Meeting

11th Thursday 2.30 p.m. -5.30p.m.

Chairman: V M Paul, Gospel Message: **Thomas K Joseph, Misoram**

In TV Channels

Sathgamagamaya TV Talk Show Programme

People channel of Kairali's News Channel

All Fridays (Malayalam) 4.30-5.00 p.m.

Monday 6.30-7.00 a.m. Zee Jagran TV (Hindi)

Jeevamritham Television Program

Every Saturday 9 P M -9.30 p.m. in **Power vision** channel.by **Evg Chandapilla Philip**

Special Classes: 4.30 p.m - 5.30 p.m

Theme: **Get Ready to Welcome Your Lord-** Biju Alady
Other Tongues according to the Word - Sajeev Varghese

Closing Meeting

12th Friday 9.00 p.m - 10.30 p.m

Chairman: T M George Message: Jose Mathew

General Committee:

11th Thursday 10PM

Route:

Opposite to KSRTC Bus Stand, Kumily

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Presentation of Gifts for Bible Quiz Winners

The Suvishesha Dhawni has been conducting Bible Quiz since 2006. We wish to give gifts for the winners of 2006-2007. The following are the name of the winners.

First prize: **Mariamamma James**, Cheeran House, Nellikunnu, Thrissur.

Second prize: **Jainamma Samuel**, Peace Cootage, 66, N V Nagar, Perrorkada, Trivandrum.

Third Prize **1. Kochumartha George**, Vadakkan House, Nellikunnu, Thrissur
2. Laly Babu, P O Box 18556, Jebel Ali, Free Zone, Dubai.



Fear not, I am with you.....

Fear is an inborn emotion of human being. This character disturbs his peace in different ways. Even if everything is fine, there will be some amount of fear at some corner of heart. When our circumstance is fine, the fear enters with teeth and nails. The fear that started in the hearts of first parents in Eden garden still prevails in the hearts of man today. But do we have solution for this? Yes. Is. 41 : 10 is the answer. Wherever there is Lord's presence, fear will stay away from there.

Once an American thinker and philosopher, Henry Taylor said that, "I found my lord in a local mine'. His father was an owner of a coal mine in south Ohio. When Henry was 12 years old, he had a desire to go to the depth of the coal mine. Even if the matter was

difficult, his father agreed to it because it was his son's desire. For going to the depth of the mine, there is a box which is bound with chains. After covering a small distance, light started decreasing and as a result darkness increased. As oxygen decreased, it became difficult to breathe. The box which was going downwards started to swing. The boy who got afraid and hugged his father so tightly and started crying. The father who was near to him comforted him. He said, "Don't be afraid, I am with you". There was a relief for the crying boy.

When the fear of the world's problems and tribulations clutches us so hard, we should get hold our Lord tightly. Henry told, "I met my Lord in the coal mine. Many times we experienced the presence

of our God when we passed through the problems in our life. Our faithful God will not forsake those who trust in him. The God who told Jacob that He will be with him while he passes through fire and water and the God who was with Joseph while he was in prison is also with us. During these times when we feel that we are alone, we used to fear. When we taste the presence of God, we become strong and courageous. When King Asa found that it was difficult to fight against the Ethiopian king he cried to God, "Help us, O Lord our God; for we trust on thee". Asa trust in the Lord with full heart just as Henry trusted his father. That war turned to be a great victory. Fear eloped and he became successful. Therefore, the one who holds us with His eternal hands during our problems and tribulations is with us. Till when? Till the end of the world. This is the base of our comfort

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