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YOUTH CAMP-2009 CAME TO A CLOSE

The Youth Camp which started on 23rd December 2009 evening with the inaugural address of Pro; P.P.Skaria was over on 26th morning. In his inaugural address he specified the Brethren movement as a separated one and then turned his attention to the history of this movement. Bro; T.M. George who is the President of the General YMEF spoke on James 1:22. He reminded the youths to be doers instead of being only the hearers. Everyday the servants of Lord gave proper messages on the basis of the theme "Flee from the Youthful lust". On the final day Bro; Sunny Thomas also gave many points in connection with the lust of the youth. In the scripture, to flee from the youthful lust is commanded with strictness and importance. We can see the ideas like flee from the sin and live out of the impurities of the world etc. in the Word of God. These instructions are given without any loopholes. The reasons behind this type of living can be seen in the same verses. The love towards the world is enmity to God, and the sin of a child of God is a chance for the enemies to gossip as per the word.

In the 1st Psalm we see a very important lesson. In the beginning the separation from sin is specified. There is temporary satisfaction and pleasure in the sin, but on the other side there is mockery and wickedness. Satan makes people to walk, stand and to sit in such places of wickedness. Those who walk in the ways of sin, as per the interest of satan, then he will make that person to stand there and to sit there. Finally he will be on the sick bed of sin. This should be remembered with much fear. To flee from the lust of the youth is

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Kumbanadu Convention Came to an End

The convention which started on 27.12.09 came to an end on 3.1.10 in the afternoon by the grace of our Almighty God. A large gathering was there on the first day of the week. By seeing the large crowd Br. M. M. Zachariah who delivered the final message declared that there is hope for the Brethren community and the community is on the path of a spiritual revival. Then he spoke on the basis of Isaiah 60:1. We read like this "Arise shine for thy light is come .." The prophet is prophesying about a good time which is awaiting for the men of God. This chapter is full of the promises of our God. When we read this verse in Malayalam we do not feel the exact strength. But in English we have the words "Arise Shine". These things are inevitable for every believer. When we are asked to get up it may mean that we are resting in some place. Otherwise we might have fallen in some sin. If anything like that have happened in our life then we have to get up from there. Whenever such a thing had happened we could have seen this statement. In Genesis 35:1 we can see Rise up. This is a command of our God to Jacob. Jacob returns from Padan Aram after a sojourn of 20 years there. We can see a promise of Jacob in Genesis 28:20-22. There he made a covenant with God that he will do many things to please God provided that God gives him a safe return. But he had to face many difficulties on his way back from Padan Aram. He had to stay in Shechem. When he found that Shechem was comfortable he forgot his covenant to God. He discarded his plan of travelling to Bethel. Because of that he had to face many problems in his home. Then God asks him to get up. You have fallen so you have to get up.

We can see four things in English. **Arise Go Up to Bethel Dwell there make an altar there.** I gave everything to you, which you have asked me. But you did not keep the covenant. So he tried to make a compromise with God in Shechem Genesis 33:20. But God did not accept it because it was not pleasing to Him. Most of them we are also like this. We

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SHATTERING FAMILY RELATIONS

The safety of the family is very important for the existence churches, societies and countries. The moral weaknesses of the Roman emperors were the main reason for the fall of their empire. God gave information about the unholy life of the Canaanites before the Israelites entered there. Lev 18:26 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations, *neither* the native, nor any stranger that lives among you. Lev 18:27 For the men of the land who *were* before you have done all these abominations, and the land is defiled. About thirty years ago there was not a single divorce case among the Brethren people. Then it rarely happened in other other denominations. But today it is happening very commonly. It is heard that in a certain assembly there are two cases of divorce. And today it is worsening. Why it happens? Firstly because of the entry to the marriage life without proper aim and enquiry and prayer. The importance should be given to the spirituality of the partners. Are we not giving importance to the financial stability and status? If the parents or grand parents are believers or evangelists, we are normally satisfied by it. It is not the correct way. We have to enquire about the spirituality of the bride and bride-groom. If the aim is other than the spirituality, then the relation may fail. If we seek the kingdom of God first, the family life will be a success. The marriage should be according to the word of God. A believer should not marry an unbeliever (1Cor 7:39). The unity in the doctrinal subjects is also very important. The parent who teaches the pure doctrinal subjects in the family and accepts children from the family of the false teachers of doctrine is not justifiable in front of God. Only the salvation is not enough for a good family life. There are many unpleasant families because of this

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only one side of the holy life, but the acceptance of the word of God and obeying the commandments is the second part of it. And it is seen in the 2nd verse of the 1st Psalm. 'Leaving and accepting' are the unavoidable act of the holy life. At the time of salvation, a person leave all the sinful character and accept Jesus Christ as the savior and Lord. To be away from the sinful way of life can be considered only as the moral success of a person's life. But when a man flees from the lust of the world and surrenders for the word of God and lives carefully and seriously for the Lord, it is called the '**spirituality**'. The Bible says it is the holy life. This idea of holiness can be seen in the Old Testament in connection with the animal sacrifice. The selection of the clean animal is very important. The animals should have two qualities: they are 1. Chewing animals only are allowed to be used, 2. Animals that have cloven hooves to be used. Lev 11:4, 5. say both the qualities are very important. With one quality it is not in the clean group. When a believer is away from the lust, he

should be firm in the meditation of the word of God. Then only he can go forward in a successful Christian life.

When the young people take decision to flee from the lust of the youth, may God help abundantly them to give importance to the word of God in their life through this camp.

unhealthy practices. I know personally a father who is suffering mentally and financially due to the interdenominational marriage of his daughter. Are we neglecting all these incidents?

The T V serials are influencing the children to a great extent. All these serials will destroy the spiritual attitude of the children. Children should be brought up in strict spiritual atmosphere. Family prayer should be conducted in the morning and evening.

The failure of the families is the greatest problem we face today. The prophet Ezra fell in deep sorrow due the failure of the Israelite families (Ezra 9&10 chapters). He fell down in front of the Temple and wept and prayed. Nehemiah dealt with strictness at the matter of gentile wives (Ch 13). A good counselling should be given to all young people before marriage. At the time of marriage we make an oath to live together until death. But many separate themselves and the parents and elders support them. What can we say about these people? This matter should be considered as very serious and we have to cry in front of God. Let God speak to us.

E J Paily

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may also say. If you will do it to me I will do this. But when our purpose is served we simply forget the promise. But God will understand the situation and will exhort us and ask Jacob to arise. Thought there is punishment still our God is a God of Mercy. We have to keep the promises which we have done in the presence of God. We have to get up from the place where we are in the end times. In Isaiah 52:1 Awake awake put on thy strength O Zion ...". There should be a spiritual revival for us. We have attained this revival then we can see the ways to Zion. All the ways are not close or not ended. Many ways can be added.

If there should be revival we have to awaken from our slumber. In Matthew 13:24-30 we read like this "... While men slept his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat...". We the children of God should be aware of this great danger. Once a millionaire in England took his grandson to a park. As the young boy was playing in the garden this old man slept for a while. When he got up he did not see the child. But at the end the man found his son lying dead in the ditch. Sleep will do great damage to us. We have to awake and arise. If we get up then we can wipe of the dust Isaiah 52:2. Shake thyself from the dust ... We can thus clear our filth from us. The church in Ephesus was able to find the false apostles and they excommunicated them. We too have such responsibilities. For I knew this that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you not sparing the flock. Here we read that false teachers will come from ourselves. So we should have spiritual strength. So repent and do the first works.

If there should be spiritual growth in the children of God there should be a spiritual revival. David tried to bring the ark of covenant according to his plan. What is the end result. The oxen got frightened Uzza stretched his hand to hold and fell dead. David corrected himself and entrusted the priests

YMEF South Division

From Erode

In the last one month we were able to continue the gospel campaign in Erode by the grace of the Lord through thick and thin. When we found it difficult to have a vehicle, the Lord used his children to buy a new vehicle for the team. But the team is passing through some difficult problems because of the registration of the vehicle. The problem of registration is not yet solved even when these words are written. Since the registration is not done, the team could not use the vehicle. Though the team does not have the vehicle, they did not suspend the work. It is still going on. As usual, they set out at 8am without fail. They carry the necessary New Testaments, booklets and tracts in the shoulder bags. They have to change three to four buses and often it is a long and tiring journey. Sometimes they reach the village only by 10' o'clock. After sharing the gospel in one or two villages they start their return journey by 2 'o'clock. Thus they reach home by 4' o'clock. Then they take their lunch.

These days, because of the travel problem, the team goes to such villages where they can easily get buses. Thus they are going to places like Malur, Komarapalaya and Bhavani. Many people show great interest to the Word of God. It is a great thing. Sometimes we spend more than an hour in some houses. Malur is approximately 70 Kms from Erode. There are so many villages in and around Malur. Brother Job is working there and he is a person with a good testimony. Though he is bit old he has much zeal for the good news. He has a smiling face and that smiling face is enough to control even the notorious drunkards. He used to reach the team twice a week. He reaches the village by 9' o'clock and return home after finishing the work in the village. Brother Manikyam is another brother who tries to be with the team as far as possible though he is often unwell. He lives 25 Kms away from Erode.

Brother J. Babu of the Erode assembly is not able to be with the team because of his busy schedule these days. But he take care all the needs of the team and its work. The team members are going ahead with determination gladly.

The team requires committed men of God with their eyes fixed on the face of the Lord. We need workers, cooks and drivers. Those who are guided by the Holy Spirit may kindly contact brother A. J .Oommen Tele: 0469 2660478 or T. Chacko 0468 2341956.

Those who are in the team in the last month: **C M Varghese Ezhupunna, Nesson Thomas Kasargod, Karunakaran Erode, Manickam Thiruchankode, Johnson Komarapalayam, J Babu Erode, Kurian Kallisserry, Sharavanan Madurai.** Kindly pray for these dear brothers. We express our deep gratitude to all our prayer partners.

Jacob P Mathew Secretary Tele 9847000691

YMEF ND Malabar Campaign

Palakkad: The Lord has enabled us to share gospel in the different parts of Palakkad district. The following brothers took part in the campaign. T .A. John, P. A. Samuel, Roy and Baby. They reached Agali with the necessary literature and other books and booklets. The team was joined by the evangelists and other fellow brethren from Palakkad District. We were able to share gospel in many of the tribal colonies in Palakkad district. We usually carry our lunch in the morning itself and reach home by 8pm after the days work.

From the 27th onwards we went to another tribal area. Palur also has a number of tribal colonies. Most of the youth are under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Many have the tendency to commit suicide. So we tried to educate them in these fields. We also went to Mannarkkadu and Cherumkulam and worked there for four days. Nearly 28 brothers took part in the campaign and we conducted open air in not less than 52 places. Many showed much interest to listen this good news. Kindly pray for some fruits.

T A John

Gospel Meetings

Kundra: If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings will be held at the Pandal prepared in front of the assembly hall on 27 and 28 of January and in the YMCA hall near Arumurikada on 29, 30, 31 of January 2010. The main speakers are John P Thomas, Jose Mankudy and K .Biju. Night meetings are from 6.30 to 9 pm. Kindly pray for the blessings of these meetings.

Moovattupuzha: If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings will be held at Valakom Junction under the auspices of the Valakom Brethren Assembly from 13 January to 17th January 2010. The main speakers are Chandapilla Philip, Varghese Kurian and R. Krishnankutty. Night meetings are from 6.30 to 9 pm. Kindly pray for the blessings of these meetings

Thelliyur: If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings will be held at Thelliyur Brethren Assembly Hall ground under the auspices of the SPS Fund, Sabarimankal from 3rd February 2010 to 7th February 2010. The main speakers are Chandapilla Philip, Jose Mankudy, Prof. Mathews Abraham and P .M .Georgekutty. Night meetings are from 6.30 to 9 pm. Special Sunday School meeting will be held on Saturday from 10am to 1.30pm. Kindly pray for the blessings of these meetings.

Eettickal Kunjumon

Open Air Meetings

Kodakara: The Lord in His grace enabled us to conduct open air meetings on 2. 1.2010 from 10am to 8pm in the neighbouring areas of Yachippara. Meetings were conducted in six selected areas. M. N .Sasi, Suradhara and John Mash spoke in the meetings. Kindly pray for a good harvest.

T D Antony

Idukki: By the grace of the Lord we were able to conduct open air meetings in the various junctions of Udumbumchola taluk. We also distributed New Testaments, booklets and leaflets. We wish to continue such ministries. Kindly pray for these ministries.

Antony Philip

Hissar (Hariyana): By the grace of the Lord the ministry here is going smoothly. The second annual meeting of the Christian Youth Fellowship was held on 13.12.09 under the auspices of this assembly. Brother K. K. Thankachan did the word ministry. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings.

Samuelkutty M C

With the Lord

Kottanadu (Ranni) : Brother C .K. Lawrence (47) was an evangelist of the Vrindavanam Brethren Assembly. He went to be with the Lord on 5.1.2010 and his mortal remains was buried on 8.1.2010 under the auspices of the Vrindavanam Brethren Assembly in the presence of a large gathering of saints from all over. Kindly pray for the bereaved family.

Valakom: Mrs. Gracy Varkey (76) wife of Karaniyil M .U. Varkey one of the elders of that assembly, went to be with the Lord on 8.12.2009. The mortal remains of the dear mother was buried on 9.12.09 under the auspices of the Valakom Brethren Assembly in the presence of large gathering of saints from all over. Kindly pray for the bereaved

Family - a Ministry

Family should always be a centre for ministry. At Shechem Joshua told the Israelites, "... but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). He was showing himself as an example to the people of Israel. Even today those words should encourage us to serve the Lord. When we study the New Testament, we can see at least three phases in which we have to serve the Lord.

Firstly, to God
When we read Ephesians 5:22 onwards, we see the mode of relationship that a couple has to follow. To show the beauty, purity and permanency of married life, Paul gives the example of Christ's relationship to the church. In verse 32, he calls it as a mystery. In the context of New Testament, mystery is the revealed truth. It reveals the invisible relation between church and her

groom Jesus Christ. Christian marriage is the symbol of this Groom's wedding to church and so emphasis should be given to this relation. The two aspects of this relationship are: 1. Leadership or headship through love. 2. Obedience and submission through love and in love. Any family which has these qualities will be able to do their ministry to God without any difficulty

To be continued ...



The Lord does Everything for the Good

Now we may not know the secret behind various things that God does to a person's life. But after some time we may come to know about some matters. But some others will be revealed only in eternity. To suffer till that moment is a difficult task. If we suffer we can live and reign with Him. But there is no doubt that the end will be good.

Mrs. Lee, a great believer was a widow. She had interests in helping others. One day while she was serving her neighbor who was sick, her younger daughter died on a stove blast.

After two months she was walking on the seashore with her two sons and her friend's children. When she was taking a round in the shore, her son got on the top of a rock which was projecting outwards to the sea and fell into the water and got drowned. They tried hard to save him, but they couldn't. The next day the waves brought his body to the shore. She became so restless in these happenings in her life. She discussed the

matter with the evangelist in her church. She asked him like this "Why God has permitted these things in my life? Is it because of my sins or evil doings?"

He replied that God allows these things in our life not because He hates us or to punish us. When He allows these things, He had some special plans. She asked by crying, what is God's will in this? Do you know whom people will approach when they are in deep sorrow. She stood there for sometime thinking and replied in astonishment, me?

The evangelist replied with a small smile, yes its you. God knows that if He allowed you to be crushed in this tribulation, then you will be able to console so many who were in sorrows and troubles. God knows that there is nobody in the church like you. Only you have got the grace to bear the pain. She was relieved on hearing this.

Dear brethren, sometimes God lead us through narrow and tough

roads and sometimes through ways of darkness.

Then only He will allow us to hear the sound "Fear Not". There is nobody in this world like Him who stands beside us. Sometimes our relatives, just like Job's own wife, may betray and our kids may be lost. But one who is faithful in His promises does everything for the goodness of His children. His ways are marvellous. His ways are also in depth. Therefore we can move forward in full spirit without loosing our heart in tribulations. His promises are trustworthy. Just like Joshua said, "You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Does it like the same way for us who have trust in Him? Only those who know the glory of God's works know that His deeds are for the good.

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to carry it on their shoulders according to the scriptures. We have to repent our faults and mistakes. We have to find out our sins. There should be revival in our personal lives and family life. Some may be under the chains of sin some might have filth on them. Some have dirt etc. But we have to awake and arise. This is a must for spiritual revival.

The second point is that we have to shine. We have received plenty of light. He has given us many blessings which really do not belong to us. 'O! Ephraim what shall I do unto thee. O Judah what shall I do unto thee? Ephraim is of my first born. When Jacob put his right hand on the head of Ephraim instead of Manesh Joseph tried to correct his father. But Jacob said I know my son. So Ephraim became the elder the first born Jesus Christ has brought us in to his possession. He loved us as much as He could. So we have a responsibility. So we are supposed to give light like the town that is on the top of a hill. In Song of Songs 2:10 My beloved arise is the sweet and loving words of the groom engaged to his bride. These are the words of our Lord that He has given to the Church. 'Oh my dove that art in the clefts of the rock in the secret places of the stairs let me see thy countenance let me hear thy voice for sweet is thy voice and thy countenance is comely Songs of Songs 2:14.

Our Lord is awaiting for us with more love than our zeal for Him. He wish to hear our sound. We the redeemed ones may have to pass through various persecutions sufferings and problems. But in the words of Paul all these sufferings are all momentary. Paul had suffered a lot. He was beaten several times. We haven't suffered this much.

Our redeemer is coming soon. So 'Awake and Arise'. Let the Lord's grace for us to have a revival right from the bottom to top.

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