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THE KOTTARAKKARA CONVENTION

The Kottarakkara convention has started on 11-01-10 by the fellowship and co-operation of 67 local assemblies at Brethren Gospel Hall as usual. Even on the first day many believers gathered from different places. Bro: Biju K Aalady spoke from the book of Habakkuk in fullness of spirit. It was a great blessing for all who has gathered.

After the reign of Solomon we see the Israelites split in to two groups. The tribes which worshiped the idols were known as the Tribes of Israel and others were known as the Jews. The people who forgot God and

His people lived in the northern part were taken as captives in B C 722 by the Assyrians. Here we see the punishment for the people who forgot God. In B C 612 the Babylonians defeated the Assyrians and became the strongest Empire. The prophets repeatedly reminded the Jews the punishment of God towards the Northern country. But the Jews were not ready to repent their sins. Therefore the people of the southern country also became the slaves of the Babylonians. But Habakkuk prophesied few years before the captivity.

When we study this book we could see some peculiarity of the life of the Prophet. In the beginning we see a weeping prophet who laments for not punishing wicked people. (Habk 1:1-4). In his time the Jews practised all types of torture, robbery, struggle and agitations. He was astonished about the forgiveness of God towards this wickedness. When the wicked punished the just, the prophet was not able to tolerate it. But God gives an apt reply for his question. Towards the end, the Jews were taken in to the captivity by the Babylonians. But when

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Y M E F (ND) TO RAJASTHAN

God willing the Y M E F (ND) will start to Rajasthan on February 2010 for 3 months' gospel work. The districts Shri Ganga Nagar, Hanumanghattu and Jaysalmar are included in this campaign. The aim of this campaign is to reach gospel to all districts which was excluded in the last campaign. The first campaign in Rajasthan was in 1st October 1981, which was the 2nd North Indian campaign of the Y M E F team. In that programme the team worked for 5 months where our believers were present. After that they returned to Kerala and transmitted the need of evangelizing Rajasthan villages to the co-believers. As a result, from 2002 to 2005 the 32 districts of Rajasthan were evangelized. But they left every district by leaving behind hundreds of un-reached villages.

Rajasthan with 3,42,239 sq: KM of area is the largest state of India. The district Jaysalmar is greater than the state of Kerala. It is very sad to reveal that there are no churches or evangelical work in this district which has a long border with Pakistan. This is a great challenge to us. A smaller state like Kerala has got many churches and evangelical work. We are blessed in that respect. In our state at least once the gospel is heard by the people. But in Rajasthan thousands are left behind with out hearing the gospel never in their life. In the last campaign only very few villages of the district was able to reach. In the new campaign also we will not be able to reach all villages because the vast area. Even then the team is planning to evangelize as much as villages they can, so that many may be saved and many local assemblies will be started.

We have worked in the village called Shri Ganga Nagar. Bros Darshan Singh and Barish Francis are staying there with the family. There are small assemblies in some villages. But many villages are left behind. Because of the burden about those villages, the team has arranged this campaign. In Hanumangattu Bro P B Samuel is in ministry with the family. A small assembly is functioning there. In 2003 the team had worked for a month there. In that district also many un-reached villages are left behind. When we compare our work and area, we have done only very little. Therefore let us bow before Lord in tears. Let us look to the field which is ready for harvest. Let us go forward to pull out many from the eternal condemnation. Let God help us to fulfill His wish through our life.

If you are willing to join this campaign please contact Bro: C P Paulose, Chenathu House, Mamalassery-686663. Tel: 0 485 227 3215 & 974 447 1797. Dedicated brothers are required for driving the vehicle, to cook food and to work in the field. We convey our thanks to all, those who have shown their co-operation and worked with the team. Please pray for the Rajasthan campaign.

P T John

YMEF (SD) Tamilnadu Campaign

Erode: But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto furtherance of the gospel" Philippians 1:12.

By the grace of the Lord the campaign in Erode is going ahead smoothly. For the last one year the team was staying in Erode. By staying there we were able to share gospel in the many villages of Erode, Naamakal and Salem. We tried to reach almost all the house of the villages and distributed New

Testaments and booklets. We were able to meet many who have never heard gospel. We got the privilege to share gospel to them. Though we had to face opposition and physical torture from religious fanatics the team members are moving ahead in great hope and spirit. They really abound in the Lords work. Many have shown interest to know further. Many have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savior and Lord. Some of them

have contacted local assemblies. So we thank the Lord for that. Many more villages remain in Erode. But we cannot go to many villages because of the opposition in the villages. Dear saints, we do have the responsibility to take gospel to these villages. Let us pray for these villages so that the doors of these villages be opened for the true gospel. We are all doing good. We request the continuous prayers of the saints all over.

**C M Varghese
Ezhupunna**

THE CHALLENGE AGAINST THE VILLAGE EVANGELISM

Mahatma Gandhi once said that it is the villages that make the country and not the cities. "If we discard villages, we are inviting destruction". If he has given more importance for the village development, how much it is important for evangelization.

There are around six hundred thousand villages in India. If we are not seeing the villages, we are not seeing India. Evangelization is nothing without village ministry. There are many obstacles to overcome this task.

The illiteracy, uncleanness, poor food, lack of conveyance and un-civilization are some of the main obstacles. Going to such villages are very difficult. Drinking water is polluted. These conditions are not a hindrance against our Lord's command. When the foreign missionaries came to India our cities were like this.

The village civilization is entirely different in all villages. The acceptance of the gospel will vary from village to village. Unity in diversity is the speciality of India.

Some people say that we can evangelize villages through cities. But those who receive gospel at the city may not be ready to go back to the village for evangelization. The evangelization through electronic media has many limitations. The devil is also in the field with colorful programme to misguide the poor villagers. There are financial crisis also in this ministry.

Even though the ministry is going on nowadays it can be weakened and stopped at any time. Some people do not understand that discarding the work of Kerala and doing the work of other states, is not result oriented. For the work of a local evangelist of Karnataka, direct or indirect support of a Malayalee believer is a must. Only a Malayalee believer can go to other states and learn their language and practice their culture and stay in the village and work for the Lord. People of other states are very less with this concept. God has given this responsibility to Malayalee believers as a gift. So the work in Kerala should be arranged properly and Kerala should be revived for the Indian evangelization. The money and labour used for that is not a waste.

Only gospel can change the horrible pit in to a heaven. For that, perseverance, patience and hard work is required. We have to do many things for the evangelization of India. Let us work in unity without any diversity by encouraging the youths of other states.

YMEF north and south divisions worked so many years in North India. It is a clear picture of the burden of our elderly brothers who started the work. Even today our young people are working hard in those villages with great difficulty. Let us go forward with the plans to evangelize all Indian villages. If we dedicate our selves in the hands of our risen Lord, He will strengthen us.

SAMUEL THOMAS

Family – a Ministry

Secondly the ministry in the family

The most important matter which we have to consider is the ministry in between husbands and wives and parents and children. What kind of ministry should take place between husbands and wife is given in detail by Apostle Peter (1Peter 3:12). The one who has a spiritual weakness should be strengthened by the spiritual life of the other. We can see this great responsibility in Genesis 2:24. The term cleave together has a meaning as follow one another. This following is not to find the faults but help the other to grow in spiritual life with the feeling that what I can do for that. The family life of Manoha

is a very good example for that.

Children are a God given responsibility to the parents. The parents should understand that it is their duty to bring them up in the fear of God. Our children are growing in the midst of many pressure. The emotional pressure spiritual, sexual, peer pressure. Parents should bring them up in depending on the grace of the Lord. Moreover their life should be good example to their children.

Thirdly ministry outside the family

What all we have or what has been given by God to us is not for our personal use alone. It should be useful for others too. We should be interested in

observing hospitality to others (Job 31:32; Heb 13:1,2; 1Tim 3:2; Rom 12:13; 1Peter 4:9). There are many who have come to the Lord because of such houses which are opened for hospitality. Because of such houses works were started in many places, assemblies were formed and souls were added to the local assemblies. At the same time we have to remember that many works are stopped and many assemblies are not functioning properly due to the lack of such homes. Let our home be opened for these ministries.

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God told him about this he was more worried. At this time his question to God is very important. **Hab 1:13** *You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look upon vexation. Why do You look upon those who deal deceitfully? Will you be silent when the wicked swallows one more righteous than he?*

But in the next chapter we can see that the prophet is listening to the command of God. God gives three promises to His dear prophet. 1. **The just shall live by faith.** 2. **A King shall reign in just.** 3. **God controls every thing.** All these promises make a complete change in the prophet's life. He became a happy prophet. The prophet who went to the God with a worried mind became happy. We could see the 3 basic reasons for that here. 1. In wrath He remembers mercy. 2. God saves His people. The people who are in sins and trespasses are received, on confession. The words "turn to me" is repeatedly seen in the Bible. 3. His people are strengthened for singing even in the time of distress. His people are led by the eternal peace. Bro: Biju reminded the audience to receive this peace. Only when the sinner confesses his sin he attains the salvation, he can receive this happiness. The need of confession and the salvation was clearly preached through his message. Finally he reminded the believers to enjoy this eternal peace after obeying God's command.

In the Vineyard

Kumbathanam (Kottayam): Brother T C Bijumon of the Poothakuzhy Brethren Assembly has consecrated himself for the Lords work. In the past he was engaged in the evangelization of the assembly. Since the assembly is convinced of his call we wish to introduce him for the prayerful support of the saints. His address: **T C Bijumon, Pulprayil House, Monipally P O, Cheenkallel, Kottayam.**

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Pathanamthitta: If it be the will of the Lord the monthly prayer meeting of the local assemblies in Pathanamthitta will be held on 30.01.10 at the Mukkuzhy Brethren Assembly from 10 am. All saints are requested to attend it with prayer.

A.M Thomas, 0468 232 8046

The Platinum Jubilee Meeting of the Thiruvalla Medical Mission

The inaugural meeting of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the Thiruvalla Medical Mission will be held on 23.1.10 at 2pm at the hospital premises. Brother M M Zachariah will inaugurate the function and brother K Paul Thomas will give the key note address on that occasion. We request all to attend it with prayer.

Y M E F News Malabar Division

We are happy to inform the saints that the Bible Camp of Malabar Division is proposed to take place on May 3,4,5 and 6 of 2010 in the Kasargod district. Kindly pray for it. Brother Thomson B Thomas and P M Abraham will take the main classes. We are expecting more brethren. Kindly pray for this spiritual ministry. **For more information K K Mathew Secretary 9847015461**

South Division Gospel Camp

If it be the will of the Lord a gospel camp will be held on February 11,12,13 of 2010 at Chennankary under the auspices of the Y. M. E. F (SD) in association with the Aleppy centre Y M E F Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings of this ministry.

Karnataka: The Karnataka unit of the YM EF was able to conduct a one day meeting at the Salem Brethren Assembly Mysore on 14.1.2010. The theme of the meeting was Christian family and assembly. Brother John Philip Manipal took the classes. People from Mysore Mandya, Kolar and Chamrajnagar took part in it

Joy Chacko (Secretary)

Kottayam: A gospel camp is proposed for January 20,21,22 at Melukavumattam under the auspices of the Kottayam Y M E F unit in association with the Melukavumattom assembly. We have planned for house visiting. Open Air Bible Study and evening meetings. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings. For more information Pramod Thomas 9447567

SBS News

If it be the will of the Lord a one day meeting of the Pathanamthitta centre SBS will be held on 23.1.2010 in the Mannarakulanji Convention Pandal from 9am to 1.30pm. Brother Binu Samuel, Sunny Thomas and Alichan Antony will take the classes. For more information **Shaji George 9961319231**

Gospel Meetings

Thelliyur: If it be the will of the Lord a one day meeting will be held on 26.1.10 at G T C from 9am to 1.30pm. Administration of the Bible and the Word of God is the main theme. Brother P M Abraham and Than special classes are arranged. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings. All saints are requested to attend it with prayer.

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

Vettiyar(Aleppy): If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings will be held at Vettiyar Brethren Assembly Hall under the auspices of the same assembly from 22 January 2010 to 24th Sunday 2010. The main speakers are brother George Chacko, Varghese Kurian, Aby K George and Jiby. Night meetings are from 6.30 to 9 pm. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings of the meetings.

K K Mathew

Koottattukulam: If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings will be held at the Pandal near the bypass road under the auspices of the Koothattukulam Brethren Assembly from 21 January 2010 to 24th Sunday 2010. The main speakers are R Krishnankutty, Varghese Kurian and John P Thomas. Night meetings are from 6.30 to 9 pm. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings of the meetings.

Convention Committee

Mannarakulanji: If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings will be held at the convention pandal in the market under the auspices of the Mannarakulanji brethren assembly from 18 January 2010 to 24th Sunday 2010. The main speakers are George Chacko, K C Jabasing, Sunny Thomas and Jose Mankudy. Night meetings are from 6.30 to 9 pm. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings of the meetings. **P E Abraham**

Pray for the Sick

Ludhiana: Wife of evangelist Madan Paul is suffering from cancer. Kindly pray for the speedy recovery of the dear sister.

Trivandrum: Devika (13) daughter of brother Muralidharan is suffering from a rare kind of cancer and is under going treatment in the RCC Trivandrum. Kindly pray for the speedy recovery of the dear child.

Bahrain: Alvin (8) son of brother Varghese Matthew of the Majlis Brethren Assembly Bahrain is suffering from brain cancer and is under going treatment in the RCC Trivandrum Kindly pray for the speedy recovery of the dear child.

Pallikuth: Brother Aniyankunju of this assembly is suffering from liver cancer. He is undergoing treatment in the Kozhikode Medical College. Kindly pray for the speedy recovery of the dear brother.

Mumbai: Rekha Samson wife of broter Philip Samson is suffering from heart disease. An urgent bypass surgery is suggested by the doctors. Kindly pray for the speedy recovery of the dear sister.

With the Lord

Paranthal : Rebakka Yohannan (85) wife of late Yohannan of Edakkadu Charuvila veetil went to be with the Lord on 11.1.2010. The mortal remains of the dear mother was buried on 14.1.2010 under the auspices of the Thatta Salom Brethren Assembly in the presence of a large gathering of saints from all over. Kindly pray for the bereaved family. Evangelist C G Benny is her son.

Chanthukavu : Thankamma (78) wife of late Abraham Mathew, Uzathil went to be with the Lord on 12.1.2010. The mortal remains of the dear mother was buried on 14.1.2010 under the auspices of the Chandhukavu Brethren Assembly in the presence of a large gathering of saints from all over. Kindly pray for the bereaved family.

Kakoor (Koothattukulam): Sister Aleykutty (80) of the Kakoor Brethren Assembly went to be with the Lord on 12.1.2010. The mortal remains of the dear sister was buried on 12.1.2010 under the auspices of the Kakoor Brethren Assembly in the presence of a large gathering of saints from all over. Kindly pray for the bereaved family.

Wayanadu : Brother Paulose Vattekunel (73) of the Periya Brethren Assembly went to be with the Lord on 9.11.2009. The mortal remains of the dear brother was buried under the auspices of the Periya Brethren Assembly in the presence of a large gathering of saints from all over. Kindly pray for the bereaved family.

Kodungallur : Brother Pankajakshan (58) of the Kara Brethren Assembly went to be with the Lord on 10.1.10. The mortal remains of the dear brother was buried on 10.1.09 under the auspices of the

Assembly in the presence of a large gathering of saints from all over. Kindly pray for the bereaved family. The dear brother was one of the members of the assembly.

Help, Lord; for the Godly Man

Ceasath

“Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee” Psalm 85:6

“...for the faithful and ... speaketh proud thing” Psalm 12:1-3

A naturalist who is engaged in the study of natural science will clearly say many species of plants and animals are already at the verge of extinction. Many species of the gorillas of the monkey family, tigers and dears are disappearing from the face of the earth. We were able to see the skeletons dinosaur in the museums and parks

of United States and Canada. When we see it we can understand that such a creature lived on the earth in the yester years. Hunting of these animals of the rare species is banned in almost all the countries.

We can see a similar idea in the prayer of David which is cited above. The godly among the children of God is decreasing day by day. So kindly save us from the extinction of this group of saints. If David had lamented about his people of his how much more

would we have to lament by seeing the spiritual condition of the believers of the present time. Many of the believers are without any love for their beloved God and they show excess interest in their wordly things and gives much importance to their appetite. Faithful here means people who can trust people do what they preach or people who can be relied upon. Instead of looking around to someone of this quality if we look to

ourselves then we can understand our scores. In Proverbs 7 we see the plight of the people of Israel seen by King Solomon when he looked through his window. He sees the life of a person among the fools. If we look through our spiritual windows the sight that we see will be disgusting. “He goeth after her straightway as an ox goeth to the slaughter or as a fool to the correction of stocks, till a dart strike through his liver as a bird hasteth to the snare and knoweth not that it is for his life”. (Prov. 7:22,23). People do not

understand the end and to where they are going. It is doubtful that such a notorious period was ever present in the past history. We read the day to day affairs of the world in the news papers, robbery is on the increase, murdering fellow human beings have become a hobby all such evils are ever on the increase. But can these worldly men see something appreciable in us.



This is the Time for Us Work

The scripture says that the night is arriving when nobody can do anything. In all parts of the nation and in all walks of life, the acts of darkness is hitting like big tides one after the other. There is no doubt that this will multiply as the enemy of this world is conquering the hearts of man. Today God is giving us who are called as His children these valuable hours to work for His kingdom. God enlighten us to be ready in time and odd time. The reason is that there is not much time in front of us.

Some believers in a place decided to conduct a gospel meeting. They thought on different practical side of this issue. Lastly few said that this is not the right time to conduct the meeting. On hearing this some believers got depressed. They went to the house of an evangelist. They informed him about their desire and thought. He told them like this “when I read the Bible I understood that we should be ready in time and odd time”. Therefore

we won't look into other circumstances. Sometimes we may think that it is not the right time. To spread the gospel we will prepare just like the scripture says- we will spread the good news. I don't think that we will get a better time like this in the future. Thus the evangelist together with some believers conducted the gospel meetings in that place. As a result there was a great revival in that place. So many people accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and saviour. Their sadness got vanished and was happy.

If they decided not to conduct those gospel meetings there just like few said, many will be unsaved and will be weapons in the hands of Satan. God is ready to act in the right time and in odd time. God needs who are obedient and dedicated for His service. Today there are many who stay apart from Gospel work by telling stupid excuses. For that the Satan

tries to arrange many circumstances in front of them. On seeing this, many will get afraid. Their conscience is telling that this is the odd time. There is a group of people growing in our church who won't take any responsibilities and stay apart from all services. These have the same opinion to the declaration that “depart early from Mount Gilead” (Jud.7:3) told by those were with Gideon in his struggle with the Satan. They were not interested to suffer in the battle. If we wait for a n a p p r o p r i a t e circumstance, we may not get. Therefore use the time appropriately and serve the Lord and for His Kingdom. There comes a night when nobody can act. He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster. (Pro.18:9)

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