

My dear praying friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers and really appreciate your prayerful interest and support all these years to NLA ministries. But God has blessed, we are encouraged by the reports of the people whose lives have been enriched and changed by the NEW LIFE ministries. All needs of the ministries depend upon the faith in the Lord. We can never tell you how much we appreciate the way so many of you have held us all before the Lord in the fellowship of prayer. The Lord promises not to forget your labour of love but we also want to thank you again for your perseverance and sacrificial concern for this ministry. Rejoice with us as we recount of wonderful things, which the Lord has, done in all these years and you are appreciated to uphold us unto the throne of grace. Please continue to pray, for all these ministries are designed for the glory of God.

When we entered into January 2005, which reminds us, the January 7<sup>th</sup> is the accomplishing 35 years of our life in the wilderness for the great cause of the Lord not only that the January 7<sup>th</sup> takes us back to the beautiful and joyful day of our holy matrimony, uniting together with Grace on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1967. As I entered a single man with my wife and two babies in our bosom into a tribal village, Seethampeta, Srikakulam district. Those days were the very fearful and sensitive circumstances of battle in the hills with the terrorist groups of naxalites with government Reserve police. That was the situation of the field when we arrived. Now, the Lord blessed our humble effort and strenuous labour to become well pledged organization, NEW LIFE ASSOCIATION, Registered in the government and provided all the facilities, to receive the resources and blessings from the prayerful beloved brothers and sister, assemblies far and near.

## **Found the Lord as Savior and disowned by people**

I was saved in 1955 during my college carrier in the ministry of a great servant of God at Guntur, South India. I was born and brought up in an orthodox Hindu family of northeast of southern India, Andhra Pradesh in 1936. After coming to the Lord at the age of 19 it was unspeakable joy of great experience of salvation. I felt my life was transformed spiritually from dirty to dignity in the life by worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ. When I came back home as a changed man in 1957 from college. I declared my faith in Christ to my family, brothers and sisters. My father died in my childhood. My mother was so beloved to me and five brothers and sisters. After knowing my faith in Jesus Christ they disowned me. As the Lord lead me from Andhra Pradesh to Calcutta, West Bengal, 1000 K.M. far away to North India in search of job, I faced lot of troubles and problems and I was quite at sea. At length, God opened the door to enter into Hindustan Motors as a coolie labour in the factory. After few months the authorities gave me a job in the quality control dept. Lord blessed my service, with in a short time of year I was promoted to the Executive position of Technical supervisor. I married Grace, daughter of a pastor in South Andhra in 1967 January 7<sup>th</sup>, as it was arranged by the leaders of the church.

## **Call and Commitment**

After all these years from 1955, I have been praying for reaching the unreached people and also asked the Master to send the reapers for the harvest. Non-was found to be in the unreached places of hills and valleys in North east of Andhra Pradesh. I was assured the Lord's call and resigned my prestigious secular job in 1970. I set out with my wife and two small children, Hepsibah and Sharon Rose. As the Lord lead me to a tribal village, the boarder of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh.

We stationed in a small thatched roof mud house in a tribal village for my activities in the valleys and hills. These tribal community called Saura, Jathava, Gadhaba other schedule casts are there to reach them it was risk of life and death. Yet, the Lord granted me His grace to labour 11 years to cross over the lofty hills of 3000 to 4000 feet high in valleys and hills to reach the unreached these tribals with the gospel, but no fruit. In spite of all sick and suffering, and accidents I continued with the Gospel. After 11 years one soul came to the Lord blessed this humble beginning to plant 65 churches and train 195 elders, 55 co-workers. Every Sunday, more than 8000 believers gather together to worship the risen savior in all the hill peak centers. Thus, Lord honoured the humble, obedient, pioneering Gospel work among these Saura and Jathavas tribal communities.

### **Restoration and Progress**

We have seen the power of Gospel to change and restore the people from the darkness of evil to light of the Lord. Now there is a great joy and hope in their eyes where once there was despair. Every day new souls are coming to join to the local churches and the Gospel teams are preaching the interior villages, in spite of all the challenges of enemy. Much land to be occupied and labourers are few, the need is great.

### **Church in the wilderness**

To achieve this task to be more progressively six out reaches are being used.

1. Cherith Bible School: Trains tribal youth for 2 months teaching for basic principles of salvation and send them out to evangelize their own communities.
2. Illiteracy runs high among these groups so NLA conducts adult education centers and elementary schools for children. NLA desires every one to be able to read Bible in their own dialect.

So we have transliteration work New Testament into Telugu language, as the Saura dialect is in Roman Script.

3. Polygamy is in practice among the tribals, so orphans run rampant to meet the desolate cry of the children, we started Mercy Children Home. Now it runs with 20 children.

4. Introducing medicine to the Saura, traditionally they never used medicine but they use sorcery whichcraft to heal sickness. NLA could not tolerate the needless deaths and began mobile medical clinics village to village also at weekly market centers. Many lives have been spared. Now Lord opened the way to establish 10 Bed Bethany Hospital, in the vicinity of hills. It is a great consolation for the suffering church in the hills.

5. Illiterate tribals can easily understand visual gospel preaching and much effective evangelism is done through films. Thus the ministry is designed for the extension of His kingdom to the glory of the Lord.

### **Pilgrimage**

I have been, since 1970 with my wife Grace, in this wilderness. And ever grateful to the faithfulness of the Lord and prayers of the Saints those who have been sincerely upholding us to the throne of grace. Our hearts filled with great joy to express that they are partners of our grace and blessings. The believers, leaders, evangelists, pastors and the Elders of the assemblies are the great joy and crown of us. All these 35 years in the wilderness we suffered so much physically, mentally by the powers of the darkness also by the enemies of the Gospel. No part of my body was left without mark of accidents, operation, yet the great faithfulness of the Lord never left as alone. We are triumphed by the power of the cross and power of the Gospel in all the grave circumstances.

At length, we are coming to the destination after having good fought all the 35 years. My wife Grace is a great lovely partner in all the activities of my ministry.

Lord has blessed us with 5 children, four daughters and one son. Elder daughter Hepsibah is in States with her family, rest of daughters and one son are in the ministry with me in different out reaches of the field. Sharon Rose, is working as Nursing superintendent in Bethany Hospital at K. Gummada, Mission center. The third daughter Pheobe with her husband working among the Sunday school children and women in other valley. They are in full time ministry. My son is also working as an evangelist in full time ministry in another valley.

The last daughter Mercy, she got married in 2001 in the month of May and passed away in month of June, in the same month my grand child, elder daughter (5 years) of Timothy also passed away after 15 days of my daughter's death. She was working as a warden in Children home in a tribal village. It was a great despair in our hearts due to her sudden demise with Malaria fever, that too 4 weeks after her marriage. These two dear ones passed away from us was a great sorrow in our hearts. Lord granted so much grace to our families to steadfast in these entrusted frontline ministries in spite of death and suffering.

It is a longing desire to see face to face the glorious God in the heavenly places. One day we can hear the voice of the loving Lord for the obedient servants to whom He charged " Well done, good and faithful servant: Enter into the joy of your Lord". We are privileged of being servants of the Lord, one day I am preparing to fall at the feet of the Lord and confess that I am unprofitable servant. What a wonderful joy it would be to come to His presence with the good harvest for His glory.

### **ENLARGING OUR BORDERS**

We had, Christ Gospel Radham (Chariot) penetrated into the interior villages and had open-air crusade meetings. More than 50 new converts came to the Lord. Still the "Gospel Radham" moves with the Gospel Teams into boarders of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh this is one of the goals of 2005 targeting to reach the villages to hear the Gospel, no village left behind without gospel

hearing, no village should not be left behind without a church gathering. It needs much prayer and practical support for the transportation and teams expenses and fuel for the jeep.

We need open-air preachers, the singers and evangelists for this special effect to evangelize rural and urban areas. This is the quite peaceful harvest time and convenient season as the door is opened by all the natural calamities like "Sunami". Praying if Lord needs me to visit Andamon Nicobar and Portblair where the people of Irelands effected more than any land in the countries. It shows the people of Irelands need the gospel of peace and salvation, reconciliation, restoration and blessing. Lord speaks us to every nation, every tribe and community with the Sunami of devastation of natural calamities to come to the nearness to God. Lord's coming is soon. Rev 22:17 "The Spirit and the bride say, come, and let him who hears say, come, and let him who thirsts come. And whoever desires let him take the water of life freely". It speaks to us we should be repeaters of the news, Lord's coming soon.

It stirs my heart to read verses such as Ps: 22:27. " All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him ". To think that when David wrote this ancient prophecy our heavenly Father knew that one day NEW LIFE ASSOCIATION would be one of the instruments He would use to introduce Jesus Christ to the families of unreached communities.

He also planned that we and you as partners with us-would be a part of His glorious purpose of proclaiming this amazing news advancing to them those who are under darkness in the neighboring states, Orissa and Madhya pradesh.

Now, I am in ending days with much experience of almost 70 years of battlefield in the frontline.

## Mission field – Bethany Center

It is the place of surrounding all the tribal villages and churches with beautiful surrounding valleys and hills. If any body likes to have short mission trips to NEW LIFE ASSOCIATION, you are always welcome to visit our mission field, we need Nurses, teachers, bible preachers, computers, to help us at work.

Still a great storage of things in my mind to share with you of all these 35 years experience in the wilderness. But, I am slow in tongue and thoughts, to express, to bring on the paper to your hand. Please continue to pray as we occupy until Lord comes which is soon.

## 2004-Year end Statistics

1. New Villages Visited	35
2. New Converts	30
3. New Churches	3
4. New Missionaries	15
5. Saura Bibles Distributed	50
6. Major Gospel Outreach Campaigns	15
7. Open air Meetings	15
8. Youth Retreats	2
9. Leadership Aware Camps	3

## 2004 update

**Bethany Hospital:** Celebrated its 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary on 29<sup>th</sup> November. It was arranged as thanks giving day with all the pastors, church leaders, other local Government officers and Dr. Divakaran was invited X-Director of Operation Mobilization, Secunderabad. And staff of the Hospital enacted one act play, “the operation on patient”. It was a blessed experience how the Lord blessed the Bethany Hospital with one Doctor, Nursing superintendent, with other Nurses, and ward boys, and Lab technician.

Throughout the year more than 1000 patients were benefited and treated. Three medical camps one special for women and children and special mega medical camp was held in November 11 to 18 in three interior tribal villages, more than 1000 patients were benefited.

Pray for the Bethany Hospital – Medical vision statement:

1. To be the recognized health care provider of choice through continuing relationships with the quality, dedicated staff and also with the visiting physicians.
2. To focus on caring service – oriented environment, HIV/AIDS patients need support for the rehabilitation programme.
3. Selected areas of rural community centers offering medical aid to the poor and needy, healthcare delivery system.

Present Activities : Conducting free medical camps and eye camps.

Community Health : Immunization

Future concern : 1. We would like to have few community health Centers.

2. HIV/AIDS care rehabilitation center.

Village Ministry: outreaching downtrodden communities : We had 15 outreaching meetings in the villages among these communities Saura, Jathavas, Mala, Madhiga, Rellis and backward communities Kalingi, Kapu, Orthodox Hindu Brahman communities. There was good response among these communities and screened Jesus film in the villages after preaching the Gospel.

Three churches established: Among these communities. Still more work to be done in the Orissa boarder villages. Recently, the work extended to the Orissa villages.

New tribes visited : in the Orissa , Andhra boarder with our Gospel teams. They never heard the Gospel but this was the first time the good news of salvation, reconciliation and peace. Jesus film was shown, it was more effective in the hearts of the illiterate tribal people. They invited us again to visit them. But there was a fear of enemy not to be involved in the faith of Christianity.

New Converts: came to the Lord from the communities of Mala and Madhiga, untouchable casts in two villages newly gathering to worship the Lord in every Sunday. They don't have any separate location for gathering, but they are gathering in a believers house varanda.

New Missionaries: 15 young men dedicated their lives to involve the outreaching ministries in the interior rural areas among the Saura, Valmaki, Gadhama communities. They are in the field.

Saura Bibles Distributed: there is scarcity of Bibles in Saura dialect, but it was so costly. So we have distributed the 50 Bibles to the poor Christian families, each family each one.

Youth retreats: meeting in our Cherith Bible school at K. Gummada to encourage the youth from different churches to involve the local church activities. So that the local church will be active in the extension of the work of God in the surrounding villages.

Christmas eve : We accomplished GOOD-TIDINGS programme in every village, that is Christmas celebrations presenting the loving story of birth of Jesus Christ to the villages by enacting the dramas in stage plays. This is the way we present the gospel messages of Jesus Christ through the cultural programmes, and also screening the Jesus film in the villages. It is a great joyful days. In every village people are thrown to gather to hear the good news of Lord Jesus Christ.

## GOALS FOR 2005 - 2006

1. Reach 150 villages with the Gospel and follow up work.
2. Plant 60 churches.
3. Send 12 Gospel outreach teams, one every month.
4. Completed Bethany Hospital and start 3 other health centers in the village centers.
5. Expand health and nutrition programmes among women.
6. Training 50 Native Missionaries
7. Teaching English and Hindi to the local evangelists so that they could go through the neighbouring states.



Yours because of His grace  
Bro. Narayan Paul  
Sis. Grace

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### **Needs of the field**

This year we prayerfully target through the **Gospel Chariot** with the teams to reach the unreached new tribes other different communities in the neighbouring states and villages in the Andhra Pradesh.

We need 3 megaphones, 10 bicycles for the evangelists, 2 moped scooters for the field organizers, need of pakka church buildings, as these tribals gathering in a thatched huts which are very inconvenient to gather and pray Jesus Christ in every Sunday. Your practical support is highly appreciated.

### **Film Ministry**

Is more effective and good response from the people. We need 16 M.M. films about hell and other stories of the Bibles in 16 MM films it can be reached by sea mail.

Cherith bible school needs English literature. Free lodging boarding for the students when they are in training class for 3 months. Very scarcity of Bible here until to reach the big townships far away from the hills. So they need financial support during their training.

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### **Indian believers in foreign countries**

In the will of God I got the privilege to visit States thrice. By the by I got the privilege to visit the Indian brethren assemblies in USA. Their loving concern and prayerful support enabled us to steadfast in the frontline ministries. Brothers John Kunchandy, George Mattackal, Brother Vijay, Josh Ponmanissery and many elders of the assemblies supported in the ministry of 10 bed Bethany Hospital. It is a great consolation for the suffering church.

The brethren assemblies in India prayed for us and supported prayerfully for this ministry. Still some of the sisters from Orissa, Pune, Mumbai also from other parts of Andhra Pradesh have been prayer partners in this ministry of reaching the unreached in the frontline ministry. At this occasion of commemoration of completion of 35 years on January 7<sup>th</sup>, please continue to pray, as we occupy in the frontline ministry until He comes, which is soon.

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