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FOR (ASIA) IS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED, ROMANS 10-1.

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Worthy Of God's Calling

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The church at Thessalonica was established by Paul during his second missionary journey. It was established in a very short span of time. The Thessalonian church is a wonderful church which grew through severe opposition. The opposition enabled the believers to grow stronger in the Lord. There is a good reason for this church to grow, and for Paul to thank God for them. He was overwhelmed with great joy by seeing a marvellous response to the Gospel by the Thessalonians in spite of sever opposition. Paul, without any doubt, understood that it is by the work of the Holy Spirit and answer to prayer. Let us see how they were strong in their conversion experience;

The Thessalonian church grew through severe opposition.

1. Growing in Faith: (1:3)

Their faith played a key role to stand firm in the Gospel. They did not believe Jesus after seeing some miraculous signs and wonders. Even they did not follow the Lord Jesus emotionally but followed with faith. Paul was thanking God because their work was produced by faith. It is a wonderful spiritual growth that was seen in the midst of severe opposition. Their faith on the Lord brought a great change in life style. Especially, their character and attitude towards the world and materials was changed. Their faith, which was in their

heart, began to work through them and produced fruits.

For example Abraham; his faith empowered him to walk with God and observe God's commands. As he followed the Lord's guidance, he became stronger in his faith day by day. His great faith was seen at the cost of his loving child Isaac. His faith was seen as he detached the world day by day. His faith gave a strong will power to trust the Lord in all occasions. As he grew in faith, his self got reduced; day by day and he grew in trusting the Lord. Likewise, our

faith must be seen by our action; our faith to bring behavioural change in us. When others see our good moral life, we bring glory to God. A good example can be seen in the Centurion. He said, "Lord, I do not deserve

to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed." (Matt. 8:8) Jesus appreciated his faith. Like their faith in the Lord, our faith too must impact the world. Paul

2. Increasing in Love: They practiced their faith in the midst of severe suffering. They were able to stand in their new faith by loving God and others. In other words, they were recipients of the true love that was shown on the cross of Calvary. Love is a spiritual gift poured out by the Holy Spirit in the heart of the believers. Thessalonians

believed the Lord when they heard the Gospel through Paul and Silas and they responded to the Gospel because the Lord worked in them. The Gospel was preached to them, "not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction." (1:5) As they responded to the Lord, they experienced the love of God. Their actions were prompted by love while facing suffering (1:3). Therefore Paul was thanking God for them. After they experienced the new life in Christ, they maintained an intimacy with the Lord. So, Paul marvelled at their positive response to opposition. Paul said, "You became imitators of us and of the Lord." (1:6) The Thessalonians did not retaliate to their opponents, rather they accepted the suffering as God given opportunity. The Gospel taught them to bear suffering in love.

We need faith, love and hope to stand for the Lord.

When a person overflows with the love of God he begins to serve the people. Selwyn Hughes say, 'love is so important in human life and it is because we were designed by God to first respond to the love which comes from Him, and then to give out love to others. The whole purpose of our existence on earth is to have loving involvement with God and loving involvement with others.' When we truly love God, then we will truly love our dear ones at home and in the church. Godly love should be

the motivating factor to pray and give for God's works. The Thessalonians served God by bearing suffering and became a great example to others.

3. Waiting in Hope: The Thessalonian church endured suffering with hope in the Lord Jesus Christ (1:3). They showed maturity by practicing love and never putting any conditions to follow Christ. The church patiently waited for God to do justice, eagerly looking for the Lord Jesus to come back. Their expectation shows that they hoped eternal blessings rather than material blessings. The Gospel gave them joy and suffering became immaterial to them. We can patiently wait for God if we totally trust the Lord. Hope in Christ gives us peace in the heart in the troubled situations.

Bible says, "but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isa.40:31) Their faith led them to experience God's sacrificial love, and faith and love gave them needed inner strength to wait upon God in hope.

These qualities in life became sources of strength to be a role model in the society. They hoped the Lord Jesus to come back. What is our hope? Is it the Lord or material blessings? We require faith, love and hope in order to stand for the Lord.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MINISTRY

The Word of God is penetrating the lives of people and bringing physical and inner healing as they put their trust in the Lord. We praise God the mission field activities are progressing well. Along with our regular activities, we had a blessed VBS in Cuddalore and Orissa mission fields in the month of May'17

and around 200 children from 10 villages were blessed. We had a special outreach programme in partnership with Tamil Nadu Gospel Team. As a result of the partnership ministry, the Gospel has been presented to 13 new villages. During this time we have distributed Gospel literature to more than 2300 and



T. N. Dev
Retired Missionary

the people received them very joyfully. Many children were blessed through the Children's programmes. Our missionary is doing good follow-up in these areas. The Lord

has done many wonders in the mission fields and many people have put their trust on the Lord Jesus Christ. We have so many wonderful grace stories to praise God for. People are responding to the Gospel, and the ministry is progressing well.

Our Missionary, Pastor T.N. Dev, who served with AEF faithfully for 20 years and has officially retired from service. He still serves the Lord in Bhiwandi. We need to uphold him in our prayers and may God continue to bless him. Our ministry in Kolli Hills is progressing well and we have selected few villages at the foot of Kolli Hills, and Bothamalai, Namkkal district in Tamil Nadu as new

mission fields. New missionary, Pastor Ebenezer Paul and Bro. Manivannan serve in those places. God willing, we will be appointing two more missionaries soon. We are looking for a suitable place for worship at Nagwadi, Chembur and to begin new mission work in the villages of Maharashtra. We thank all our sponsors and prayer partners for their sacrificial support and prayers. We thank God for a new bike for our mission field. We are very grateful to you for your sacrificial support.

Needs

- People to pray
- Financial support
- Committed persons for office and Mission Field

May the Lord Almighty bless you.



Rev. Edwin Ponniah
Executive Secretary



VBS Children



MISSIONARIES & MISSION FIELDS PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS



Mission field: Bhayander & Virar, Thane

Missionaries: Mr. Samuel D and Mrs. Baby Samuel

Praise God: For helping us to start a AEF prayer group in Virar. * For helping us to visit new families & share Gods word. *For new families who have come forward to support our ministry financially.

Pray for: People in mission field who are growing well in faith, may they also get ready for baptism. * The people living in slum areas face many problems in rainy season. Pray that God may protect them from all harmful disease due to rain. * Pray for Sis. Malar who frequently gets ill, may God give her complete relief.

Mission field: Bandra (E) & Chembur, Mumbai

Missionary: Mrs. Joyce David

Praise God: For new families who have come forward to support our ministry financially & through prayer. * For helping us to visit families & share Gods word.

Pray for: For Muththulaxmi family & their sons Saravanan , Suresh's salvation & also for their health. * To get a proper place for worship in Chembur. * For youths in Transit camp who are addicted to drugs & other bad habits, pray that God may bring them out of such habits.

Mission field: Vile Parle & Sion Koliwada, Mumbai

Missionary: Mrs. Kalavathy Selwyn

Praise God: For Mani & his wife Seeta who lived separately, but through prayer God has united them again. * For Sis. Jeya who willingly gave her house for conducting prayer.

Pray for: For Sis. Mathu who accepted Jesus as her Saviour, but her husband is against her & also he is addicted to alcohol; may God deliver him & help him to grow in faith. * For Sis. Laxmi who was operated for kidney stone but still not cured. * For Bro. Raj & family who are not living together, may their family get peace & live together. * For Sis. Selvi's son Ravi who met with a lorry accident & got hurt in the head; God has cured his injury; may he accept Jesus as personal Saviour. Missionary: Mrs. Jeya Perinbaraj,

Mission field: Govandi, Mankhurd & Trombay, Mumbai

Missionary: Mrs. Jeya Perinbaraj

Praise God: By God's grace more people are coming for the Sunday worship. * Praise God for helping us to overcome every hurdle & do our ministry. * For mission field students who passed their SSC & HSC exam & got admission for further studies.

Pray for: Our believer Sarika to come for the Sunday worship without any hindrances. * For people who cause trouble to the worshippers. *For the slum students who are going for their higher studies that they may get help in their financial needs. * The people in our mission field face many problems in rainy season. Pray that God may protect them from all harmful diseases during the monsoon.



VBS Class

Mission field: Reay Road & Pratiksha Nagar, Mumbai

Missionaries: Mr. Alankaram and Mrs. Rose Mary Alankaram

Praise God: For Sis. Leela's granddaughter who fell down from staircase and got her head injured. Through prayer God has given her healing. * Praise God for helping to visit new families.

Pray for: Sis. Devi who is undergoing depression due to financial issue; pray that she may trust the Lord. * For Sis. Pooja who is suffering from boils in her body; may God heal her & also for her husband to come the saving knowledge. * For bro. Ramji who had a loss in business is under depression. * Required suitable place for conducting prayers at Pratiksha Nagar & Reay Road. * For Sis. Mary may be delivered from the evil spirit. *For Sis. Maheshwari, may God give peace in her family & may they accept Jesus Christ.

Mission field: Trombay, Mumbai

Missionary: Mr. G. Manoharan

Praise God: For youths in our mission field who have passed in SSC by God's grace. * For the youngsters who participate in youth meeting. * Ministry in Trombay is progressing and people are responding. * God has helped to do personal evangelism in few places.

Pray for: Few families in mission field who have backslided in faith, may they accept Jesus & be strong in faith. * Many youngsters are addicted to drugs, may God help them to overcome those habits & participate in youth ministry & grow in faith. * For the people in our mission field to worship God together with their family & grow in faith. * For more people to support our ministry financially & through prayer.

Mission field: Nellikuppam, Cuddalore district

Missionary: Mr. Venkatachalaphathy (Santosh) and Mrs. Arul Vedanayagi

Praise God: For VBS programme and special summer outreach programme which were blessings to the people. * For Mr. Kumar and his wife Kamachi and his children Keerthana, keerthika, thashvidha and Rhithik kumar for accepting the gospel.

Pray for: The above mentioned people may attend regularly to the worship services. * More than 28 people received the Lord and they may grow in faith. * Mr. Palani and Mrs. Suganthi Palani may come to the Lord and be reconciled with each other and lead a peaceful family life. * Saroja to be healed from asthma and Vignesh to be healed from the skin rashes due to the bite of a poisonous insect. * Dhanasekaran and Geetha to be blessed with a child. * Sudhagar, Jayasundari, Jayasri, Surendar and Soniya that God may help these believers to build own houses.

Mission field: Kolli Hills, Namakkal district

Missionary: Mr. S. Manivannan

Praise God: For one family who have expressed willingness to take baptism after 25 years of hearing the gospel through AEFI Missionaries.

Pray for: The above mentioned family members may take baptism as soon as possible without any opposition. * People who received healings and blessings may come out of the social bondages to attend the worship services regularly. * To train three leaders to lead worship services at three particular villages. * Our vision for the salvation of twenty families before December 2017. * A stranger box (speaker system) for the prayer meeting held on 10th of every-month at MGR Nagar.



House dedication at Kilpathy



Special meetings at Kilpathy

Mission field: Kalva, Thane

Missionaries: Mrs. Jessy Selvin (Hon)

Praise God: For Sis. Sheetal Naik who got relief from her leg pain & fever. * For helping us to visit new families & share Gods word. * The spiritual growth of our believers.

Pray for: For Sis. Reeta Naik's husband who met with leg accident & is suffering in pain; may God heal his pain. * For Sis. Shoba's father who is suffering due to health issue. * For Sis. Kalpana's husband to get a good job.

Mission field: Mankhurd, Mumbai

Missionaries: Mr. Gautam Kamble & Mrs. Seema Kamble

Praise God: For Rajan & Rahul who suffered a lot due to fever have got good relief through prayer. * For Divya who has passed her HSC Exam with good percentage. * For Rajesh who had loss in business, we prayed for him, now God has given good development in his business. * For Anitha who had backslided in faith has now accepted Jesus Christ through our prayer & growing in faith.

Pray for: For Sis. Ranjini Chauhan to get relieved from lump in throat. * For Sis. Jothimani who is suffering from boils in her hand. * For Chaya Kamble to get a good job. * For Champa Gupta, Rani Gupta, Anitha Gupta, Pushpa Gupta to grow more in faith & to get baptised. * For Champa Gupta to get rid of tobacco.

Mission field: Rabale, Navi Mumbai

Missionary: Mr. Vijay Kumar Bardhan

Praise God: For Jothi Vilas Kanojiya who had great health problem, through prayer God has given him good relief.

Pray for: For Manojram, Shivkumar, Pooja Surona, Surekha Kamble to grow in faith & accept Jesus Christ as personal saviour. * In Sambaji nagar forest authorities have demolished more than 300 houses of which 3 house belong to our believers, they have no shelter now, may God protect them.



Staff meeting



Bokrasil Field, Odisha

Mission field: Bokrasil, Kalahandi, Orissa

Missionaries: Mr. Isanan Bag

Praise God: For all children who participate in our worship service for successfully clearing their exams. * For Blesson Bhag who had a good job, but after accepting Jesus as his saviour he left his job & is now doing God's ministry.

Pray for: The children who come to our worship service are very poor, may they get financial help to do their studies.



People lost houses at Sambhajinagar

Mission field: Thathampatti, Namakkal district

Missionary: Pastor. Ebinezer Pau

Praise God: * For the open doors for the gospel especially at Chidambarampatti and Vadugapatti.

Pray for: About ten villages where there is no church, located from Namakkal town on the way to Kolli hills; pray that we get good response. Fifteen children who accepted the gospel during the ten day VBS at Chidambarampatti may grow in the knowledge of God. * Manivel and Krishnaveni of the same village be delivered from the hippo theses belief and accept the Lord Jesus Christ to lead a peaceful family life. * Two sons of Mrs. Kumareswari who resides at Vadugapatti, RajKumar to be delivered from alcohol and Ravikumar to be healed from paralytic. * Salvation of the family of Mr. Mahendran who resides at THATHAMPATTI, especially his wife Radha and his aged parents. * To gain more friends at Muthukapatti and Kondapanayakanpatti to make some openings for the gospel.



Staff meeting in Tamil Nadu



Field Survey in TN



VBS at Kilpathy



Staff fasting prayer

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