

*“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and
judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and
needy.” (Prov. 31:8-9)*



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Dear ones in Christ,

Greetings in His wonderful working Name.

Our Vision is to reach the unreached high caste villages of India. Therefore, my wife Santha, daughter Praisie, and myself moved to Madurai at the above address, on June 1, 2002; leaving our home of 37 years in Nagercoil. The ministry of Robert de Nobili was carried out in this area about 300 years ago, but due to the recent anti-conversion law within the state of Tamil Nadu, the Christian witness has suffered.

Our Need: Most of the receptive people groups in India have been reached by the Gospel through various NGO's and churches. But resisting and persecuting groups still exist in every district and state of India and have been neglected by almost all ministries. Usually the temple authorities and villages leaders have organized a system to resist and oppose missionaries, even resorting to physical abuse.

Our Approach: Many villages are closed to the Gospel in India but the love of God compels us to reach them any way. Unlike the missionary model in India to reach the lower caste first, we feel called to reach the high caste first since they influence the community. We target villages with 2000 to 3000 families where the majority are high caste. **FIRST**, we approach the high caste families in searching for a house to rent for our ministry center. **SECOND**, we establish centers for adult education. **THIRD**, we require our missionaries stay in the rented houses to preach the Gospel by being and doing rather than speaking first. **FOURTH**, we invite the missionaries back to Madurai once a week for spiritual renewal, edification, sharing, and prayer. **FIFTH**, we train our missionaries how to do evangelism within a militant Hindu culture.

Our Request: At present we are 22 missionaries, including two who joined in February 2003. Our request is for you to sponsor our missionaries either as a family, small group, or church by adopting a missionary at \$ 75 per month. Further we are in need of a hall to gather the believers for spiritual nourishment and education. It will cost a minimum of \$ 1,000 a year for each center. We are currently reviewing applications from experienced missionaries who have been guided by the Lord to join us in reaching the unreached people of India. Please prayerfully consider joining us in this interdenominational effort to bring the hope of Jesus Christ to the state of Tamil Nadu.

“Let us...encourage one another,”
John 17:21

Serving Our Lord,

Rev. Dr. Christudas Retnadas, Ph.D.
February, 2003

Missionaries



1. Rev. Dr. Christudas Retnadas

Has moved to Madurai with his wife and daughter Praisie. His wife Mrs. Santha works as a full time person in the office of administration apart from her job of the General Secretary.



2. Mr. A. Paul Raj hails from a high cast counter race, and he assists me in selecting the missionaries and fields. He was paralyzed in his left leg and hand but got a divine healing since he entered into the ministry. His testimony brings many to Christ.



3. Mr. G. Abel Narayanan Moorthy hails from a high cast hindu family. He was a student leader in the college. He had a charismatic experience from his R. C. Church, hence joined our team to witness to the R. C. people and hindus.



4. Mr. S. Albert Immanuel a postgraduate in Religion/Philosophy is talented to reach the Youth for the Lord. He organizes prayer groups and promotes the ministry of UMI in the western zone of Kanyakumari District in Tamil Nadu.



5. Mr. C. Bright is experienced in Muslim outreach. He left his job as he received the call for the ministry. He organizes prayer cells and promote the UMI ministry in the eastern zone of Kanyakumari District.



6. Mr. S. John Kennady

Mr. Kennady was a businessman who found God. He serves six villages around Madurai. We attended the first Christmas celebration with 350 people after 2002 in one of the villages last December.



7. Mrs. J. Jenifa Mahalakshmi

Mrs. Mahalakshmi Kennady is a brahmin convert. She is very active and earning the name of a good soul winner.



8. Mr. R. Binu

Mr. Binu is a missionary in the tribal area of Kerala. By his repeated fasting and prayer, he is overcoming the evil power of the magicians around him. He has a genuine testimony and work for the Lord.



9. Mr. K. Peter Ponnusamy

Mr. Ponnusamy is a tribal convert and he works among the tribes of Kolli hills, Tamil Nadu with signs and wonders in his ministry.



10. Mr. M. Raja Robert

Mr. Robert hails from a hindu family, educated by a Christian Mission. After serving with Operation Mobilization, he felt the call of God to join UMI ministry. He is staying in a village, where the ministry has experienced much hardship.



11. Mr. T. Retnakumar is a musician by profession but heard the call of God for fulltime ministry. God's enabling grace makes him witness for the Lord at the villages where people call him small-Jesus.



12. Mrs. Jeya Retnakumar is a singer and she brings people to the Lord as a teacher.



13. Victor A. Jeyapaul was a laborer in the estates in Kerala but he accepted the call of the Lord to the ministry in villages. He is a fiery witness in five villages.



14. Y. K. David Raj is a graduate lawyer by profession but obeyed to the call of God for the full time ministry. He is envisioned to live among 100,000 people where there is no Christian presence.



15. D. Vijaya Baskar hails from an orthodox hindu family. He is a post-graduate visiting five villages.



16. R. Jacqueline David Raj was a strong believer in her hindu background before conversion. She is Mr. David Raj's wife and both work hard to win souls for the Lord.



17. Mrs. Ruth Jeya Paul was a magician before entering into the ministry with her husband, Mr. Victor A. Jeya Paul. She is a fiery soul winner by fasting and prayer. Signs and wonders are happening in both of their ministries.



18. Mrs. Lizzie Peter is the wife of Mr. K. Peter Pommusamy. She joins her husband in visiting the tribal people for the Lord. Miracles are happening in their ministry.



19. S. Encent Raj was a social worker in an organization before entering the ministry of the UMI. As he received his full time call, he resigned his job to win souls for the Lord. He has been with UMI from January 2003.



20. Mrs. Ed. Arul Jothi Gnanabai is the wife of Mr. S. Encent Raj. She has a wonderful testimony of healing and miracles in her life. It helps her ministry to win others.



21. Mr. A. Johnson, a convert from tribal people in Kolli Hills. He joined UMI by January 2003 to assist the work of Mr. K. Peter Ponnusamy.



22. Rev. V. Victor is a retired Presbyterian of the Church South India. He joined UMI in February 2003. He is organizing prayer cells in the churches.