

Kirkspire

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The joy of the newly confirmed, flanking the happy Minister

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Cover - The finale of the Confirmation Service on October 19

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Word from the Pastor



We are living in times which are quite uncertain, and the thought which floods my mind as I look all around is the clarion call of Jesus which is so significant at this point of time, as contained in St. Matthew's gospel, chapter 26 verse 41, "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation".

It's a call to do so more urgently. As we dwell on the words of Christ, I am reminded of that great missionary E. Stanley Jones who had discovered so much about the discipline of prayer and found so much to share with us about the inner dynamics of prayer.

He said, "To talk with God, no breath is lost. Talk on!"

"To walk with God, no strength is lost. Walk on!"

"To wait on God, no time is lost. Wait on!"

He further went on to state eight things,

Prayer is Reality

Prayer is Receptivity,

Prayer is Response,

Prayer is Renewal,

Prayer is Revision,

Prayer is Relaxation,

Prayer is Release,

Prayer is Rejoicing.

A German Christian once said, "I know when I pray, I'm better; when I don't, I'm worse. I touch life with a perishable touch when I touch it without prayer, but when I do pray, then I touch life with an imperishable touch."

The signs of the times beckon us to pray. Can we commit ourselves to pray.

Those who pray not only have better faces, they have better lives behind those faces.

May we discover all that God has for us.

Peter Francis
Pastor

Why Am I A Christian?



At least once in a while it's good to ask ourselves this question. I guess we've heard these statements from many preachers and pastors time and again but I don't mind repeating them again; We are not Christians just because we've been raised in Christian families. We are not Christians because we bear a 'Christian' name like John, James, Paul, and so on. It is neither because of some tradition that we've been brought up in.

A Christian defines himself (or herself) as a sinner saved by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ alone. He (or she) is fully convinced that **it is impossible to attain salvation by their own efforts and their only hope and trust is in God's only begotten Son, The Lord Jesus Christ**, God's Greatest Gift to mankind, to save them from all their sins. It is the simple act of believing in the virgin birth of Christ, His sinless life on earth, His death on the cross of Calvary for the sins of all mankind (past, present and future), His physical resurrection from the dead three days later, His ascension to Heaven, and His imminent return to judge and rule the world with perfect justice & peace. All of this is **not** dependent on the person's works. The grace of God that flows through a person who puts his or her faith in Christ is what empowers him/her to live right with God and fulfill His law.

To put it in plain simple terms; this is what it is; There is no way a person can earn favour with God, we must first believe in Christ, his finished work on the cross and his resurrection from the dead. Only after believing this, we can think of doing good works. It is also very important to understand that good works is the result of our salvation, not the cause of it, nor does it add merit to our salvation. Salvation is a free gift from God, which comes only by faith in Jesus Christ. However, good works and righteous living are a vital evidence of saving faith. So the bottom line is this: Even though we can't be saved by works; we can't show that we're saved without works. Faith in Christ alone serves as the solid stable foundation for good works and righteous living. Works must be founded or based on Faith, **NOT** the other way round.

Well, I guess that we've heard these glorious Scriptural truths since our Sunday school days and most (if not all) of us who consider ourselves Christian would claim to believe this. But, we must ask ourselves Do we really believe this in our hearts and confess with our mouths, all what Christ has done for us? for believing is unto righteousness and confession is unto salvation. This is what the Holy Spirit speaking through apostle Paul says in his epistle to the Romans:

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." - Romans 10:9-10

Especially for believers in the 21st Century it is very important to examine the content of our faith in order to get a broader perspective of what we believe & why do we believe it. It is good for a believer to periodically examine himself/herself as to whether he or she is in the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5-6).

In conclusion let's look at the basic structure of Authentic Biblical Christianity. These were the statements used by great men of God. The nature of the Christian Faith. Authentic Biblical Christianity can be summarized by these five truths:

- 1) By Faith Alone
- 2) By Grace Alone
- 3) Through Christ Alone
- 4) By the Scriptures Alone
- 5) Glory to God Alone

May God so help us to believe, live and abide in the light of these truths.

In **HIS** Service,

Varun Christopher

"And when they bring you into magistrates and powers, take ye no thought how or what things you shall answer, or what ye shall say. For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say. (Luke 12 : 11, 12)"

Healing Ministry Report 2013 - 2014

During the last year, the focus of the activities of the Healing Ministry continued to be the clinics at Thirupalaivanam and Karanodai.

The clinic at Thirupalaivanam has been serving the people of the village there for over forty two years, while the clinic at Karanodai was taken over by the Kirk about two years ago. Presently, with the services of the doctors of the Kirk and the help of local doctors engaged to help, we conduct clinics thrice weekly at Thirupalaivanam and twice a week at Karanodai. These include specialty clinics for the treatment of eye problems, skin diseases and diabetes as well as general medical cases. During the last year over sixteen thousand patients were served at Thirupalaivanam and three thousand at Karanodai.

In addition to the clinics on weekdays special camps are conducted on Sundays at regular intervals at these two clinics, providing an opportunity for the doctors of the Kirk to participate in the activities of the Healing Ministry

A well-equipped clinical laboratory was set up in May 2013 at the Thirupalaivanam clinic. Today, we are able to do as many as thirty three clinical pathology and biochemistry lab tests here, which facilitate the doctors in their diagnosis and treatment of the patients attending the clinic. To date over four thousand five hundred tests have been performed benefitting more than four thousand patients. The clinic employs trained lab technicians to do these tests, which are done at highly subsidized charges.

The local staff of the clinic as well as the village project staff conduct awareness programs in the village to educate the population on matters of hygiene, nutrition for children and expectant mothers and the problem of communicable disease.

All patients attending the clinic are provided with a health drink and a plantain. As the clinic begins each day with a message from the evangelist, spiritual nourishment is provided as well.

We are happy to report that through a generous donation, the church has been able to procure a car, Maruti Suzuki Ertiga, for the transport of doctors to the clinics. Even with the employment of a driver, there has been a significant reduction in transport costs, which is a great relief. We are grateful to God's provision in this regard.

In the future our plans are

- 1) Purchase of additional equipment for the lab, to replace old equipment and to improve services.
- 2) Acquiring an ECG machine.
- 3) To start a Dental Clinic once a week (Wednesday)
- 4) Extending medical services to Awrivakkam village.

At present we have ten people working at Thirupalaivanam and four at Karanodai. We are grateful to them for their service.

We thank also Dr.Pitchaimuthu and Dr.Santhalakshmi who conduct the clinics on weekdays and the doctors of the Kirk who run the clinic on Saturdays, some of whom have been attending for decades.

Dr. Benjamin Ninan

**Answers to Bible Quiz No. 49
(For the month of October 2014)**

Based on the Book of Psalms

**(Quiz No. 49 was also based on Psalms, and not on Isaiah.
The error is regretted.)**

Hearty Congratulations !

Right answers given by :

**Mrs. Minnie Devadoss
Mrs. (Dr) Elizabeth Sujatha Prasad
Dr. Rachel Chacko
Mrs. Victoria Baskar
Mrs. Suguna Joseph**

The answers are :

1. Psalm 126 : 5
2. The law from the mouth of the Lord. Psalm 119 : 72
3. The stork. Psalm 104:17
4. Psalm 15
5. Psalm 150
6. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord. Psalm 92 : 13
7. David. Psalm 56 : 8
8. The words of the Lord. Psalm 12 : 6
9. Psalm 136
10. Moses, Aaron, Samuel. Psalm 99:6, 7

Usha George



Medical Corner

ALLERGIES IN THE BODY - VIII

ALLERGIC CONTACT ECZEMA

“Doctors treat, but Jesus heals”

Allergic contact eczema is due to a delayed hypersensitivity reaction following contact with antigens (agent leading to allergy). Previous exposure to the allergen is required for sensitisation. The common allergens are nickel, found in cosmetic Jewellery, Jean studs, Clips) dichromate, (found in cement, leather, matches) rubber chemicals (found in clothing, shoes, tyres etc.).

Sticking plaster, hair dye, watch straps, perfumes, citrus fruits skin ointments containing Neomycin, preservatives used in cosmetics and creams can induce contact eczema.

The eczema starts at the site of contact, for example at the wrist due to a watch strap or at the ear lobes due to cosmetic ear rings, and then spreads to other parts of the body. Eczema of the hands and wrist can be due to rubber gloves. Redness, swelling and itching of the skin is a common symptom.

A detailed history is taken and the cause for the eczema is found out. Avoidance of the culprit allergen is the most important treatment for allergic eczema, and may involve lifestyle changes such as a new job or giving up hobbies. Regular use of emollients (skin cream) advised by the skin specialist is also helpful. In severe cases, steroid lotions or ointments may be prescribed by the doctor. The duration of treatment should be strictly according to the doctor's prescription. Self medication is dangerous, and leads to many unnecessary side effects.

Dr. (Mrs) Rajini Kantha

Report of the Christian Counseling Ministry 2014

Romans 12:15 says 'Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep'.

Mr. X. is an auto rickshaw driver from Aarakonam. He came to the Egmore Railway station to commit suicide, when he saw our Christian Counseling Ministry sign board on the church compound wall and decided to come to the center. He is originally from the state of Maharashtra but has been living in Tamil Nadu. He is married with two beautiful teenage daughters. He was employed in a factory, but after the factory closed down, he borrowed money from the local financiers to buy an auto. But he could not make ends meet and he could not afford to repay the financiers in time. The financiers threatened him and his family and as he could not see any way out, he thought he would commit suicide.

He came to the center and met the counselor. The counselor counseled him and told him to pray daily and get his strength from the Lord. She encouraged him and motivated him to face his debtors bravely and to save and repay his debts. Today Mr X is a changed man. He has returned to his family and has repaid much of his debts. He called the staff counselor and thanked her profusely.

This is just one of the cases that have been handled by our staff counselor. There are many like Mr. X who have come to the Center completely broken and without hope and have gone back feeling blessed and inspired.

The Christian Counseling Ministry which was started several years ago on Biblical values and principles offers hope and guidance to many who are lonely and broken hearted, and to those who have lost faith in life. We tell all those who come about our Lord and savior Jesus Christ who came to the world to save the broken and the lost. Isaiah 41:10 says "Don't be afraid for I am with you. Don't be discouraged for I am your god. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand". This is the promise of God.

The Christian Counseling Ministry has also organized two workshops between 2013 and 2014. On the 9th June 2013 a workshop on "how to

communicate effectively” was conducted by Aparna and Sanjay Balasundaram from Delhi. This dealt with family dynamics and relationships within the family based on Biblical truths. Parents of young children were invited and while the parents attended the workshop the children were taken care of at the day care center. The workshop was greatly appreciated.

The second workshop was organized by Carol and Joel and the subject was “Family Relationships” This too was very successful and greatly appreciated and we have had several requests from members for more of such workshops.

On the 9th September the staff counselor along with some committee members went to Thirupalaivanam and conducted a full day workshop with the members of the Thirupalaivanam church and others. She spoke on financial management and how to manage their family budget with a power point presentation. The counselor prayed with them and promised to come again soon.

On the 4th January 2014 the staff counselor visited St. Magdalene's School and again with the help of a power point presentation she spoke to the students of the 10,11th and 12th std. She spoke on Stress management and how to study well. 300 students-attended the workshop and the Principal of the school has requested her to come again and have another such workshop. A similar workshop was also held at the Joy Hill School.

The staff counselor also regularly visits The Friend in Need Society, the Friendship Club, The AKCDC, which is a project of our church, the PP home at the YWCA and St. Marks School. She counsels both in Tamil and in English. We are happy to have two eminent Psychiatrists, Dr. Shanti Davidar, who has helped us immensely and lately Dr. Catharine Victoria on our panel at the Christian Counseling Ministry. All problems involving legal matters are referred to the Sahodri at the YWCA

There is complete confidentiality in all cases. The center works from 10 Am to 5 PM and all appointments can be made on the telephone. The staff counselor also attends to ‘Walk Ins’ who do not have an appointment. All counseling is absolutely free. However there is a ‘thank offering box’ placed there at the center and anyone who wishes to donate anything towards the church is most welcome to do so.



Canyon of Grandeur

Many of us have had the privilege to come across the splendor of God's creation that has left us in "Awe and Wonder". A visit to the Grand Canyon in Arizona, U.S.A once again brought home the beauty and maiestv of what He has gifted us to observe, preserve and enjoy.

The flight from New York to Las Vegas takes just above six hours. As the aircraft begins its descent into MacCarron International airport in Las Vegas the pilot announces that those sitting on the right side of the aircraft would be able to catch a glimpse of a part of the Grand Canyon. Those on the left, however, would have to make do with catching a glimpse of Lake Mead, the lake created when the Hoover Dam was constructed. The excited reaction of those passengers seated on the right was an indication of what was in store when one finally got to visit this great international tourist spot.

The Grand Canyon is probably the world's most spectacular example of the power of erosion— a chasm 277 miles long and up to 18 miles wide. This erosion has been caused by one of the great river systems in the United States, the Colorado river. The Colorado river begins in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, flows west through the Grand Canyon, later bends to the south and finally after 1400 miles, empties into the Gulf of California in Mexico. The "West rim", the most popular tourist spot and home to the famous "Skywalk," lies 120 miles East of Las Vegas. The nearly three hour drive from Las Vegas takes you through the arid Arizona landscape dominated by the Joshua Tree — so familiar from the old cowboy movies!

When you finally arrive at the West Rim, the small airport with its small planes and helicopters constantly taking off and landing, the tourist buses and cars arriving and leaving, the presence of other

tourists from all parts of the world etc take up your attention. Then all of a sudden you find yourself at the edge of the canyon, 4000 feet above the mighty Colorado river with a vast scenario of beautifully carved mountains, stretching for miles laid out before you!. That is indeed a breath taking moment! And quite unintentionally the first thought that comes to your mind is that of the Mighty Creator. You find yourself thanking Him for this, His immense work of natural art. Then someone says that if you ever visit the Grand Canyon you should stay over-night to watch the sun set and the sunrise. Well, who knows? Maybe another day! .

Most of the Grand Canyon tourist areas are located in two native American Indian reservations. The Havasupai —“people of the blue-green waters,” occupy a reservation of nearly 185000 acres created by the Congress in 1975. There are just about 650 of them. The other native Indian tribe is the Hualapani or “People of the tall pines”. Today the tribe has roughly 2300 members and occupy a reservation of just less than one million acres created in 1883. Both the tribes control & operate the entire tourist business in the area. In 2007 the Hualapani opened the spectacular horseshoe shaped glass skywalk extending 70 feet out above the canyon. Visitors can walk on the solid glass walkway 4000 feet above the canyon floor. An awesome experience indeed! But be warned. The native Indians do not even allow you to use your own cameras on the skywalk. They take the pictures and sell them to you! They also have a model village, the usual antique and gift counters and a cultural programme for visitors.

At the end of the day as you drive back to Las Vegas various thoughts pass through your mind. There are so many rivers in the world, some longer, many wider and definitely so many more flowing with greater force and speed. But none of them have been able to make an impression on mother earth as the Colorado River has done. Over millions of years it has created a mighty work of earthy sculpture along its course to the Gulf of California. It has indeed created a canyon quite matchless in its grandeur, and aptly named, “The Grand Canyon”.

Ranjit Silas

“Christianity is like electricity. It cannot enter a person unless it can pass through.”

Are We Using the Power God Has Given Us ?

In an interesting book, "The Magic Power of Your Mind" Dr. Walter Germain tells of a man of 80 who was hit by a lorry while crossing the street and killed. Autopsy revealed many tuberculosis scars on the man's lungs and extensive evidence of ulcers. The heart and kidneys showed considerable deterioration. The medical examiner telephoned the widow. "How old did you say your husband was?" he asked

"He was eighty," the widow answered.

"With all the things that were wrong with him," the doctor told her, "he lived 30 years beyond his time. How do you account for his vitality and energy in the face of such a medical history?"

"Well," she replied, "I wouldn't know except that my husband never went to bed at night without saying, - "I will be better tomorrow."

This is a clear illustration of the fact that even when there are physiological difficulties in the human body, the focusing upon them of the health producing, dynamic, creative power of the mind greatly helps. The more I try to study the ways of God and man, the more convinced I am that God has given us more power over our own lives than any of us has ever taken. For He has given us the power to think, the power to believe, the power to have "faith"—and thus the power to channel into our lives His creative forces.

It's so easy to become discouraged and moan, "Everything's going badly for me. I'm beaten." People will think you are a pathetic figure—and you will indeed be just that. Furthermore, thinking like that is likely to affect events and you adversely.

If, on the other hand, you ask God for hope and optimism, He will create in you a new spirit. And how important to your well-being this is! Remember the words from the Proverbs, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." With God's help you can do amazing things in your life if you want to do so with all your heart, which means with all of your deep desire and real faith. You are master of your life—God and you.

by Norman Vincent Peale



Bible Quiz No. 50 - November, 2014
(The questions are based on the Book of Psalms -
King James Version)

(Note : Give only 1 ref. which answers the question best

Each Ref. carries 1/2 mark.)

1. Who bends their tongue like a serpent?
2. Which is the staff that God broke?
3. What does God make the flames of fire?
4. "God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth the gods". Who said it?
5. A bird that sits alone on the houses?
6. "I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity". Who says so?
7. Name the first Psalm in the name of Solomon.
8. Where is it recorded that the one who rules in heaven laughs?
9. Who said to let his upraised arms be an evening sacrifice?
10. What is the covering cloth of God?

Send the answers with Bible references to the Church office before 25th November 2014.

Names of the members who answer correctly will be published in the next issue of Kirkspire.

Usha George

Voices

A voice is uttered by the mouth and is manifested in speaking, singing or making sounds. In Genesis 1 : 3 we have the first structured sentence, "Let there be light" followed by series of creative commands spoken by God.

All creatures on earth and sky from the lizard on the wall, the song of the cuckoo in the air, to the lion in the forest have their own way of communication, be it to their mates or to their little ones.

The voice of Truth spoken with courage may appear to be innocuous beside the language of bullets, bombs and rockets. But Truth can never be silenced. Earthly kingdoms will pass away but Christ's kingdom built on peace and love will for ever prevail. The voice of Jesus is gentle and tender with love for us sinners. Without that Spirit of love our voices are nothing more 'than sounding brass or a clanging cymbal'.

Through the ages God's voice has called His children to serve Him. The voice called Abraham to leave his country to become the father of a new spiritual race. The voice called Moses from within the burning bush and bade him to lead his enslaved people to freedom. Heeding God's call the boy Samuel grew up to be a prophet, priest and judge. Isaiah's lips were touched with fire; his life was cleansed, and changed and he became a great mouth piece or voice for God. God touched Jeremiah's mouth and he was formed to be a living voice to proclaim God's sovereign will to the nations. Saul set out with murderous desires to kill all the Christians, when the voice of Christ stopped him with the question, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" Paul surrendered to the call to become a Christian leader unparalleled in succeeding generations.

Clad in coarse clothes, fed on wild food John the Baptist was the Forerunner of the Messiah. In fiery tones, he addressed the sins of his time. He cried, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.' Judea was stirred and multitudes were baptised by him. Jesus stood in the River of Jordan and was baptised by John. With water still seaming from His face and hair, the Holy Spirit came down on Him as a dove and the Father voiced His approval, thus proclaiming the divinity of Jesus, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt 3 : 16 : 17.

God uses humble and common place people for important tasks. The Baptist was never properly ordained; he had no standing among the Pharisees. He himself admitted that he was not worthy to unloose the lacinings of the sandals of Christ. So may the smallest, humblest and weakest among us step up for the Lord with our tiny taper of faith,

which will burst into full flame in Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice and I know them, and they follow Me." When we fail to listen to the voice of God, we fall a prey to deception, and refuse to submit to the Lord as evident in Adam and Eve.

May our Lord grant us grace to hear His voice of Love, be it in the midst of sickness, deep poverty, or at the gates of death. May we hearken to the voice of our Beloved.

"You who dwell in the gardens
With friends in attendance,
Let me hear your voice!"
Song of Songs 8 : 9

Usha George



John's Corner

How Can I?

(Read Ps. 24 : 3-5 & James 4 : 8)

My stained hands, Lord, how can I fold,
And close my eyes in prayer,
When I hide evil in my heart,
And cover sin that's there?

With unclean hands how can I eat
The bread that You provide,
When You Your body broke for me,
And my sin pierced your side?

To save me, Lord, Your spotless hands
You stretched upon a cross;
That I might live You gave Your life,
And suffered pain and loss.

With joyful praise such love demands
That I let Jesus in;
How can I lift my hands in praise,
When they're weighed down by sin?

This will I do, my sins confess
And strive not to repeat;
My heart with Christ's blood purify,
And cleanse my hands and feet.

John H. Bala Singh



Kirk News

9am Sunday services in October were 'fully booked', as it were. After the Healing Ministry Sunday on 12th, 23 communicants were confirmed at the Confirmation service on the 19th. It was a joyous occasion as the Pastors and Elders prayed over the young people as they took their vows with a mixture of solemn self-dedication and delight at the end of the service. May God lead these new communicants in the way He has chosen for them!

Kirk Women's Fellowship and Christian Counselling Ministry (which is a part of the Women's Fellowship) special Sunday was observed on the 26th with enthusiasm and devotion. A skit on the parable of the ten virgins was staged on the occasion.

The northeast monsoon started in right earnest in the second week of October, flooding parts of Chennai. We thank God for the timely rain and ask Him to bless the entire season for His glory.

Guest Speakers

5 th October	6pm	Mr. S. Gabriel, our Elder, spoke at the Healing service. The topic was "Healing of the mind and body" (James 5:10-16).
12 th October	9am	Dr. Pradeep Ninan, a paediatrician from CMC, Vellore, where he is also the Missions Coordinator, spoke at the Healing Ministry service on "Working together with the King" from Genesis 1:26-31.

	6pm	At the evening service, Dr.Andy Barnes, Asia Regional Director for Food for the Hungry, spoke on "Proceeding toward Revelations" from Rev.7:9-10.
26 th October	9am	Dr.Shanthi Davidar, Consultant Psychiatrist, spoke on the occasion of Women's Fellowship Project Sunday & Christian Counselling Ministry. Her topic was "The Woman and the Child" (Matt.1:18-25).
	6pm	Mr.Dulipsingh Thangasamy, our Elder, spoke at the Youth & Koinonia service on the "New life in Christ" (Col.3:1-17).

District Meetings were held as follows:

District 9 met in the home of Mr. & Mrs. D. Shanthakumar on 11th Oct.

Districts 4 & 6 met in the home of Mr. P.C.R. Suresh & Dr.(Mrs.) Kavitha Suresh on 18th Oct.

District 5 met in the home of Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Thomas on 19th Oct.

House Church was held on Fridays in the homes of,

Dr. E.G.R. Solomon & Mrs. Kanmoni Solomon, Mr. Varun Christopher, Mr. & Mrs. Christian Davidar,

Mr. & Mrs. Anand Jeyapaul & Ms. Swetha Joseph.

We thank the members for opening their homes in Christian love and fellowship.

Monday Bible Study continued studying the Gospel according to St.Luke.

Manse Prayer Cell met on all Fridays (except one, as it was cancelled due to inclement weather).

Evangelism & Missions Movement Fasting and Prayer was held on Thursdays (except on the 2nd due to a special training program for Sunday school teachers). This prayer time helps to focus in detail on issues brought up in the evangelistic and missionary work of the church including, for example, specific needs of people in our city and rural churches (deliverance from bondage, prayer for salvation, etc), needs of our evangelists in their outreach ministries, special needs of our projects, mission fields and ministries, as well as our church, nation

etc. Intercession is also made for people facing persecution and challenges for their faith, for the gospel to go out in power and to be received readily, etc.

Sunday school classes were held as usual. The children also met for play practice for the Sunday school Children's Sunday service on 16th November.

Kirk Youth Fellowship attended the services at Tirupalaivanam church and spent time with the youth there on 12th Oct. Several youth in the village church benefit from the English and music classes held by the Kirk Youth.

Catalyst youth worship service was conducted on the 26th, after which the youth distributed tracts near the church and Egmore station.

OBITUARIES

Mr. Prem Kumar Browning, our member, aged 60, passed away on 17th October.

Dr. D.S. John Hariharan, aged 80, father of Dr. (Mrs.) Anita Chelliah, our member, passed away on 18th October. We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

Please send your articles, poems, pictures etc. so as to reach the Editor or the Church office by the 30th of every month (answers to quiz: by the 25th). Youth and children are especially invited to contribute.

Mahendra Kumar

In the early days of Russian Communism, One morning in 1927, Rabbi Schneerson was praying in a Leningrad synagogue. Secret police arrested him and ordered him to stop his religious activities. He refused. The interrogator brandished a gun in his face, "This little toy had made many a man change his mind." Rabbi answered, "This little toy can intimidate only that kind of man who has many gods, but one world. Because I have only one God and 2 worlds, I am not impressed by this little toy."



Counselling ministry in action.

