

Kirkspire



Changed lives - Gideons' testimony

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WORD FROM THE PASTOR

THE APPROACH OF JESUS

And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more." – John 8:11

During the brief earthly ministry of Jesus, His approach to people has always stood out as a model of love, simplicity and gentleness. This very short interaction of Jesus at the Mount of Olives with a group of the 'teachers of the law' and a woman caught in adultery stands out as one such incident that startles the reader to say, 'I never saw that coming'. I am looking at this event as if I am reading it for the first time. A woman caught in adultery means where is the other 'sinner'. If they brought her to Jesus early in the morning, then it looks like a very dirty conspiracy. Thirdly, why would they bring her to Jesus, if, by their own claim, the law has a clear verdict for such a 'sinner'.

There was a lot of clamour and commotion not about the woman or the sin but a repeated pestering to find out what would be the response of Jesus. The so-called powerful religious people raised their voices, garnered crowd support and were 'looking to falsely charge Jesus'. But here is the big response that they were not expecting. JESUS WAS CALM, COLLECTED AND GENTLE.

1. The One who spoke the world into existence was silent to their repeated questioning. God is not answerable to man's foolishness or craftiness.
2. The Sinless One was not accusing the 'sinner' but reminding everyone that 'all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God'.
3. The Saviour, seeing that the accusers had left, looked at the woman and said GENTLY, 'neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more'.

He spoke to the open seas and calmed them, He had the power to set the blind free and make the Aramean army blind (2 Kings 6:18) but He was most GENTLE wanting sinners to repent and the forgiven to walk in freedom.

When God is talking to you gently, that is not because He is soft on the sin. He is Gentle with the sinner, wanting us to be liberated from the power of sin and walk in liberty, love and fulness of life.

Have a blessed month.

Rev. Isaac Johnson

Answers to Bible Quiz No. 92 (September 2018)

Based on the King James Version.

The answers are :

A Banker's Quiz (King James Version)

1. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" – Mark 8:36
2. Only one mention in the whole Bible: in the parable of the pounds – Luke 19:23
3. Matthew (Levi) and Zacchaeus
4. Peter took it from the mouth of a fish – Matthew 17:27
5. "In heaven" – Matthew 6:19
6. Paul – Romans 14:12
7. That men of all nations were present, with their various monies, which had to be changed.
8. Proverbs – Proverbs 19:17
9. They reverted to the original owner.
10. No.

The winners are:

**Mrs. Victoria Basker
Mrs. Indira Rajanayakam
Mrs. Peace Rani Sudhakar
Mrs. Preetha Sundaram**

Hearty congratulations!

Usha George

Upon The Waters

A reality - check can many a time be quite mind boggling too! Nearly sixty percent of our body is literally made of water - isn't it? Though not vividly seen outside, all our body mechanisms would slowly grind to a halt in about 100 hours, if there is no adequate water content. And for that matter, 31% of our bone is made of water! 'Little drops of water'; 'water, water everywhere'; 'Oh! Those words can only be written in water'; don't these phrases find an easy completion in our vocabulary! But down the line, 'history' can never miss out the water that changed into 'blood', not just in the 'Nile' river, but overall the waters of Egypt 'even in the wooden buckets and stone jars'! Well, none of us would ever miss out on the first miraculous sign that JESUS performed! Yes the water changed into wine - a fabulous feast indeed wherein the 'Glory' of our Lord JESUS was revealed continually. Has our faith been sorely tested recently? How about coming back to what the disciples did then: Oh! Yes they naturally put their faith 'In Him'! But we may often wonder why? Gently the Lord reminds us that the Earth is the Lord's and everything in it, 'for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters'. Though filled with uncertainty at times, the 'Lord Almighty' reaches down and pulls us out of 'deep waters'. Even when the earth and all its people quake, it is 'He' who holds its pillars firm. Surely, 'we' at the 'Kirk' would have heard such words of encouragement right from the pulpit, way down to small phrase in a prayer or a song. Yet in all sincerity, surrounded by the '16' Corinthian pillars and gazing up at the 'Lapis lazuli' coloured dome, isn't it amazing to note the lives that have been changed within this sanctuary! The 'Lapis lazuli' stone could have adorned the breastpiece of 'Aaron' in the centre of the second row, yet pew after pew, can every welcome 'smile' turnaround into running the race as JESUS outlined - Oh! Of course it's in running the second mile. Can we care to extend it more than a thousand steps?

A health-check that can thoroughly refresh our Spirit, soul and body is always at hand, as the Lord who created with the Spirit of God hovering upon the waters - only He can recreate.

A family entered into the Ark, but doing what the Lord commanded extended the blessing to all humanity - "never again will all life be cut off by waters of a flood".

Hostility entered Abram's household but the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert, all because of his mercy - the name of the well meant well of the 'living one' who sees me.

A treaty at Beersheba pointed out a complaint about a well of water but who can forget Abimelech's testimony of Abraham - "God is with you in everything you do"

Any journey would become too much to bear - yet the Lord God in 'His sovereignty teaches humility all the way isn't it? Moses fled to live in Midian where he sat by a well, but as he was about to lead all Israel out of captivity: the Lord reminded him gently, "Take the staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it".

Prosperity that is pleasing in the eyes of the Lord can never be grabbed but only be drawn out by the godly: walking, standing, sitting, delighting or meditating - are we 'like the tree planted by streams of water'?

The Joy of the redeemed, who can contain it! - not even the woman at the well for living water bubbled from within and reached out to so many; truly they knew that 'JESUS is the Saviour of the world'.

Quietly two centuries have slipped by, yet the well foundation so aptly thought of and executed at our Church has surely withstood the test of time. As the recipients of this Godly legacy, isn't it high time to move from comfort zone with the message of the cross: How about skipping the 'ifs' and buts' and 'casing' our bread upon the waters; for after many days we will find it again. These Reality checks and Health checkups may not be costly in the eyes of the World but who can estimate the costly price of those who laid the checker board marble tiles within our sanctuary. In rebuilding, repairing age old foundations and restoring continuously 'His' grace upon grace has turned many a 'life into a well watered garden'. Making melody in our hearts to our Lord, with thanksgiving - what praise can suffice the Sovereign King of Kings? Can it be with the measure of a thousand tongues?

Dr. Christina Ambrose



John's Corner

BLESSING IN DISGUISE

(Read Rom 8:28, 35-39)

(Oct 14th is Healing Ministry Sunday)

Sickness, pain and tribulation,
Afflicting me made me averse
To the teachings in the Bible,
Till I detested every verse.

Down on my knees I daily prayed,
A son truly obedient,
For my parents taught me Jesus
To all my prayers a sharp ear lent.

Unanswered prayers to anger led,
'Does Christ exist at all?' I thought.
'Why should I pray and waste my time,
When benefit it brought me naught?'

Frustrated and with grief I cried,
'Lord, look at all I'm going through.
Why do You hurt me though You know
I try to be faithful to You?'

The Lord smiled gently and replied,
'Child, one day you will realize,
What happened to you in the past,
Turned to be blessings in disguise.'

John H. Bala Singh



'FEELINGS', 'FAITH' and 'FACTS'

By (Late) T. Samuel Kanagaraj

'Feelings', 'Faith' and 'Facts' once went for a walk.

'Feelings', 'Faith' and 'Facts' climbed onto a narrow wall and sat down and were talking for some time. Then in a rush of emotion, 'Feelings' got onto the narrow wall, stood on it and challenged the others to walk on it. 'Faith' and 'Facts' accepted the challenge and stood on it. However, 'Feelings' after taking a few heady steps, got a little unsteady, and filled with fear, began to totter. 'Feelings' then tried to hold on to 'Faith' who was behind her. Now 'Faith' was a little weak, so when 'Feelings' leaned on him, 'Faith' fell backwards onto 'Facts'. Now 'Facts' was also not very strong, but bravely tried to balance the other two. But 'Feelings' by then had begun to panic and grabbed hold of 'Faith'. 'Faith' not being firm, fell on 'Facts' and 'Facts' who was not very steady, lost balance and fell and, the other two - 'Feelings' and 'Faith' also fell down.

We have 'Feelings' which are sometimes irrational, emotional, tend to get swayed etc.

'Faith' is given by God but it has to be nurtured and has to grow in us. 'All David had was faith and a rock and he defeated a giant. All you need is faith in THE ROCK to defeat yours.' (Whatsapp)

'Facts' of life, must be based on the Scriptures, on the word of God in the Bible.

And 'Faith' GETS STRONG BY KNOWING 'Facts' and 'Facts' from THE BIBLE.

So then 'Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.' Rom 10:17.

Let us look at some of the 'Facts' from the Bible :

1. A Promised Ruler from Bethlehem :

In Micah 5:2 : "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are

small among the clans of Judah, one of you will come for me one who will be the ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

2. The Virgin birth foretold :

In Isaiah 7:14 : "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

3. The Lord's Divine Purpose :

Isaiah 61:1, 2 : "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ..."

Luke 4:18-21 : "'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down, the eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Here we observe the prophecy in Isaiah 61:1,2 is fulfilled in Luke 4:21 when Jesus Himself says "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

John the Baptist denies being the Christ : 'Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. John the Baptist did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Christ." John 1:19.

The Nazareth manifesto :

"Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:4,5

4. Romans 5:6,8 "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.' But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
5. The Holy Spirit :
 "But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." John 14:26. "When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me." John 15:26
6. The Resurrection:
 "Don't be alarmed," he (the angel) said, "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen ! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God." Mark 16:6,7,19
7. We are Overcomers :
 "Who is it that overcomes the world ? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." 1 John 5:5
 "No, in all these things, we are more than Conquerors through Him (Christ Jesus) who loved us. " Romans 8:37.

We must therefore, be strong in our 'Facts' so that our 'Faith' can be strengthened and, together, they can rule over our 'Feelings', when 'Feelings' and emotions sway, totter or falter in life.

Medical Corner

Health Hazards of Water Pollution- Part 1

“Doctors treat but Jesus heals”

Is Your Water Clean?

We can survive several days without food but not without water. It's heartbreaking to know that millions of people worldwide do not have access to this most basic need, and are dying of thirst and water borne diseases. Freshwater sources around the world are threatened by water pollution. Not only are we managing our resources poorly through wastage, we are also thoughtlessly dirtying it.

Sources of Pollution

The main sources of water pollution are the following:

- Discharge of untreated Raw Sewage from households and factories
- Chemicals dumped from Factories
- Agricultural run-offs that make their way into our rivers and streams and groundwater sources
- Urbanization
- The rising use of synthetic organic substances
- Oil Spills
- Acid Rain caused by the burning of Fossil Fuels
- Human littering in rivers, oceans, lakes and other bodies of water. Harmful litter includes plastics, aluminum, glass and Styrofoam.

Infectious diseases can be spread through contaminated water. Some of these water-borne diseases are *Typhoid, Cholera, Paratyphoid Fever, Dysentery, Jaundice, Amoebiasis and Malaria*.

Chemicals in the water also have negative effects on our health.

Pesticides – can damage the nervous system and cause cancer because of the carbonates and organophosphates that they contain. Chlorides can cause reproductive and endocrinal damage.

Lead – can accumulate in the body and damage the central nervous system.

Arsenic – causes liver damage, skin cancer and vascular diseases

Flourides - in excessive amounts can make your teeth yellow and cause damage to the spinal cord.

Petrochemicals – even with very low exposure, can cause cancer.

Let's do our part...

- Don't throw litter in the ocean.
- Don't dispose of chemicals, paint, in water supplies and drains.
- If you see anyone throwing litter into any body of water, report it to the authorities.
- Help increase awareness by educating your children and increasing awareness within your community.

Dr.Mrs.Rajinikantha Narendranath



Bible Quiz No. 93 – October 2018

A Dentist's Quiz (King James Version)

Give only 1 reference where necessary.

1. What happens when 'the fathers have eaten sour grapes'?
2. What law demanded 'an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth'?
3. What does this verse of Psalm 58 mean: 'Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth'?
4. On what occasion, in the desert, did God punish His people with sickness, 'while the flesh was yet between their teeth'?
5. What famous King imported elephant's teeth?
6. Is this a correct quotation concerning Job's plea for pity: 'I have escaped **by** the skin of my teeth'?
7. In what book of the Bible are the words: 'Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn'?
8. Who had a vision of a terrible beast which had great iron teeth?
9. In which parable of Jesus are the words: 'there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth'?
10. In the Book of Revelation, what insects came out of the smoke upon the earth, to strike as scorpions, 'with teeth as the teeth of lions'?

Kindly send your answers to the church office by 21st October 2018.

Usha George

“Watchman, what time of the night?” Isaiah 21:11

These words evoke a dark, shady night of suspense, danger, uncertainty and yet there is a glimmer of hope and reassurance that there is a watchman alert and looking out for us. Enemies lurk in the darkness and gloom of the night. All around us there is evil designed for us – a spider’s web to catch us as prey. Who or what are the hidden enemies? The Devil is a cunning hunter and comes in a thousand different ways to beguile and seduce us.

The world at large is generally defiant and disdainful of the Christian values that we hold sacred and dear. It scoffs at the idea of a Creator, sin, judgement, heaven and hell, and the gift of salvation. Valued virtues like service, selflessness, decency, trust, loyalty and a God-fearing life are in a tailspin and being rudely replaced by a feverish race for power, success, money, popularity and empty vanities. Priorities are all about temporal success, a craving which is made valid and real. The world claims to find all the answers within themselves, scorning the thought that we owe all that we are and have to our Creator and to His sovereign grace.

The greatest enemy is when we believers lower our sights and allow our faith to become lukewarm and casual. Let us not be taken in by the philosophies of the world which look like gold but are mere tinsel. Let us beware of the beckoning of false lights all set to shipwreck our voyage to our Lord Jesus. The world offers enticing gifts forgetting that everything here is transient. Have we not read pages of history to find how invincible kingdoms and civilizations are reduced to ruins? As spoken by Isaiah and Peter, the grass withers and flowers fade and fall.

Are we guilty of holding on to empty and dead rituals, ignoring that which is alive and blazing? May the precious promises of our Lord fill our lives and shine through us. As believers, we have in our Lord Jesus, the answers to all life’s problems. No one is exempt from the harsh realities of the world. We are not placed in an air-tight bubble immune to pain and unpleasantness, but we go with Jesus through winds and waves. He is our anchor, our lighthouse and our harbor.

So, with the fire of faith brightly burning within us, we climb to the watchtower and may we serve as beacons in this dark world. We eagerly await the dawn that knows no ending when our Watchman, Bridegroom, the Sun of our soul will come to claim us. Then the long night is over.

“And there will be no more night, no more pain
No more tears, never crying again
And praises to the great, “I am”
We will live in the light of the risen Lamb”.

Usha George



Visit to the Divine Love Joy Home at Red Hills

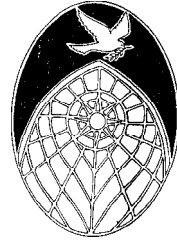
We from Kirk Women's fellowship and Sunday school visited the Divine Love Joy Home at Red hills. It was a beautiful Sunday morning. We had a lovely journey to the home during which there was singing and sharing. It is a very big Home away from the city. We were overjoyed to see some girls standing in front and leading in worship. The other girls about 150 of them were neatly seated in rows. Now, the session was handed over to us.

We started with Prayer, Sunday school kids sang worship songs and encouraged the children. Sudha John gave a small testimony and explained about Daniel's Prayer life. Jemimah Israel gave us a beautiful message on forgiveness with short stories and spoke about salvation to the kids.

A lovely mime was enacted by our Sunday school kids on values and Habits. Games were conducted and the girls enjoyed it. Cakes and sweets were distributed to all the girls. Thoughtful gifts were presented to all the girls.

It was now time to leave and we had to say bye to the kids. We were taken to the other Hall and served tea and cake.... and Becky briefed us about prayer points for their home. It was a day well spent for us and the girls. We thank God for this opportunity.

Home of Love



I thank the One above;
For this rare opportunity,
To teach me about the love
And mercies that are bestowed on me.
Describing their praise and worship,
With the tambourine and bass drum:
Singing with their hearts the verses,
In their beautiful welcoming sanctum.

With our bad Tamil slang,
We taught them a song!
Later realising that
They were well versed
With the English version all along!!

A mime on 'You are Forgiven' was put up
Which the children enjoyed,
And the climax was very well picked up
As they clapped overjoyed!

Bonding was seen,
When we played a game together!
It was a delightful scene,
With competitive smiles
And waves of laughter.

The girls were very friendly and grateful.
They always had a smile on their face.
Well mannered and disciplined,
With love and embrace.

The people in charge are hard workers
As they explained the issues faced!
Their minds are willed to never give up
Having God's love interlaced!

Do pray for the 'Home of Love'
For encouragement each day.
Don't postpone!! Start RIGHT NOW!
Contribute or just visit them today.

by Aarthi Christina Aruliah

Purpose of life: Part 14

Chronological Biblical revelations

God's **timing** in the time line of events in planning for the sacrificial Lamb has lot of significance of it being "**before**" or "**after**" the creation of the world. **Part 1.**

In our earlier part 13, we reasoned that earth would not have been planned by God as an eternal abode for mankind but as a temporal abode. It is because the whole population of mankind from Adam's time till now could not have been accommodated in the world unless each generation dies and leaves space for the next. We are unable to fathom God's wisdom with such a plan requiring physical death.

When we read the Biblical events chronologically some incidents get fixed in our mind in a manner that it becomes very difficult to get them dislodged or look from any other angle. For instance, when we ask when Jesus Christ met Peter for the first time, most of us would answer - at the sea shore. It is because that is how it is narrated in the first two Gospels according to Matthew and Mark. (Matt 4: 18&19; Mark 1:16&17)

Bible scholars say that Gospel Mark was written first and Matthew and Luke were written later. Apostle John wrote last in the late first century and would have had the opportunity to read what others wrote. Thus he would have avoided the repetitions and recorded the events left out by the other Gospel writers. That's why when the first three Gospels seem similar and are called "synoptic" Gospels, John's Gospel stands out unique covering incidents missed out in the other Gospels. In John's Gospel we would see that it is not at the sea shore that the Lord met Peter for the first time but earlier on the very next day of His baptism. (John 1: 35-42). When John the Baptist introduced Jesus, John (who wrote the Gospel) and Andrew followed Jesus to his place of stay and spent the day. Soon after, Andrew informed his brother Peter about Jesus as the probable Messiah and brought him to Jesus who renamed Simon as Peter. Yet we find them at the sea shore later when Jesus meets them and calls them to follow him. Perhaps that would have been the reason for Peter falling on his knees and calling

himself a sinner when he saw Jesus again and witnessed the miracle of catching large quantities of fish as narrated in the Luke's Gospel. (Luke5:8).

Similarly Adam and Eve's act of disobedience causing Sin to enter and there by the "fall" also gets registered in our mind only as a "**failure**". We are unable to look from any other angle because of God's specific command, His punishment and the following redemptive steps God initiated to save the fallen mankind **after** their "**fall**".

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up. John 3:14

We never see from any other angle of God using it to **train us** to become "**Victors**" as revealed in the last book of "Revelation" to reward and give the right to rule (Rev 2:7,17; 3:5,12,21;)

The above redemptive plan initiated by God may seem like taken "**after**" the "**fall**" as how one would have assumed that Jesus would have met Peter for first time in the sea shore. If, however, God had planned redemption "**before**" the "**fall**" and not "**after**" as revealed later (1 Peter 1:18-20) then we must ponder deeply the significance behind such revelation.

If God had taken the redemptive steps "**after**" the fall then we can blame Adam and escape from our responsibilities. But if God had planned the steps "**before**" the fall, then we have to examine each aspect of God's provisions carefully and ponder on God's motive behind such provisions and try to understand God's divine plan and His expectations from mankind – **the purpose of life..**

To continue

MM Narendranath

Kirk News



Guest Speakers

9th Sep 6pm

Mr. D. Shanthakumar spoke on The Extraordinary Life from 1 Chronicles 4:7-12 & Ephesians 2:1-10.

23rd Sep 7 & 9am

Mrs. Merlin Freeda spoke at the Freedom Sunday services on 'The Kingdom of God' from Luke 4:14-20.

Monday Bible Study Rev. Isaac Johnson continued with the study of Ezekiel.

Friendship Club for elderly brothers and sisters met on Tuesday 4th August.

Evangelism and Missions Movement's Fasting and Prayer met on Thursdays with prayers for the church, evangelists, outreach areas and national issues. Please join us between 10.30am and 1.30pm on Thursdays as we petition the Lord with the day-to-day needs of the church.

Friday Prayer Rev. Isaac continued leading the prayer group with the study of Proverbs.

House Church was held on Fridays in the homes of Mr. & Mrs. Larsen Sathyaseelan, Mr. & Mrs. Dilip John Chacko, Mr. Vijayakumar Browning and Mr. G. Sither Singh & Mrs. Goldwyn.

District Meetings District 5 met on 2 Sep 5th in the DCC hall. District 1 met on 8 Sep in the home of Mr. Sam Daniel Stalin & Mrs. Peppity Jasmin Sudha.

We thank the Lord for the members who opened their homes in Christian love and fellowship.

Sunday school was held after the 9am services.

Kirk Youth Fellowship met for prayer and fellowship on 2 Sep. The youth helped with the sorting and distribution of provisions on Thanksgiving Sunday on the 9th. On 16 Sep, there was a Bible study on 1 Thessalonians after the service. The Annual Youth Camp was held in Kotagiri from 21 to 23 Sep. On 30 Sep there was a time of witnessing and prayer as it was a Witnessing Sunday.

The Kirk Men's Fellowship meet on 16 Sep for a time of praise, prayer & fellowship. Mr. J S Anbu, President, Haggai India South-West spoke on 'Leadership: a Biblical perspective'.

Kirk Women's Fellowship met on 16 Sep.

Monthly Night Prayer was held on Friday 28 Sep. It was based on John 5. 14, praying for faith for deliverance from every wicked force & sickness.

Other news:

Thanksgiving Sunday was held on 9 Sep. The Kirk Session wishes to thank the congregation for their generous contributions and wholehearted participation in the Thanksgiving Service. The items donated were distributed to 20 needy Christian organisations on the same day. There was a substantial overall increase in the quantities of items over 2017. May God bless and multiply the efforts of the church as we seek to fulfil His task of extending His kingdom!

Kerala Flood Relief Thanks to the congregation for contributing in cash and kind towards flood relief in Kerala. 30 boxes of assorted articles consisting of garments, toiletries and cleaning materials were received apart from 81,000/- by cash and cheque. The materials were sent to an organisation named Feed of Love and distributed in Aluva and Kuttanad under the supervision of one of our Elders.

Congratulations!

Mrs. Tanya and Mr. Moses Daniel were blessed with a girl baby on 8 Sep at Melbourne. She is the 7th granddaughter for Mrs. Diana and Mr. Joshua Paulraj.

Obituary

Mrs. Alice Manuel, wife of Late Padma Shri Handel Manuel, passed away on Tuesday 28 Aug aged 90 years. The funeral was held on 29 Aug in the Kirk, followed by burial in the Kirk cemetery at S.M. Nagar.

Mrs. Geraldine Thamba, our member, passed away on Tuesday 4 Sep aged 75 years. The funeral was held in The Kirk on 6 Sep followed by burial in the Kilpauk Cemetery.

Mrs. Shireen Sarah Lazarus passed away on Saturday 8 Sep aged 60 years. The funeral was held on 9 Sep in The Kirk.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.



Asha children performing on Asha Sunday

