

# The e-Scroll



## Church Outreach Program October 2020

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*'It is more  
blessed to  
give than  
to receive.'*

*Acts 20:35b*



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# Pastor's Message

By Revd. Sandeep David

*“Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples”. Ps. 96:3*



King David writes this Psalm in praise of God declaring Him the only real God and that the entire creation should praise His Holy Name. Jesus once said, “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Mathew 5:16). The church must express God’s love to the people of different faiths so that the creation may praise His Holy Name and in turn, glorifying the name of God.

Outreach ministry relates to reaching out to the unreached. It is a call to the church to minister to God’s creation with selfless motive. It simply means sharing the love and grace of God so that people may know that they are not godforsaken, but that He loves them. Salvation to hungry is a loaf of bread, to homeless, a home, to naked it is clothes and so on. Simply preaching the gospel with no concern for the needy is not ministry.

The love of God is all-inclusive. Every human being is the creation of God and that is the reason we find the grace of God reaching people outside the Chosen Race in the Holy Bible. This article deals with the Biblical mandate, references and lessons on outreach ministry.

## **God’s grace to the people of other faiths in the Bible**

God has extended His love and grace to people of other faiths to reveal His glory and to inspire them to faith. Jesus reminds us of the grace to the undeserving in Luke 4:25-27 by saying, “But I tell you truthfully that there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah when the sky was shut for three and a half years and great famine swept over all the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but the widow of Zarephath in Sidon. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet. Yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

## **Nazareth Manifesto the mandate for outreach ministry**

The church draws her mandate to reach out to people from the Nazareth Manifesto in Luke 4:18-19 which points out Jesus’ ministry to the weak and the oppressed despite their religious disposition. Specifically, verse 19 talks about His ministry to the people of other faiths. In the Jubilee year and in the Sabbatical year the land was left uncultivated and owners were refrained from making any claim over their crops. The fields were left open for the poor, animals and the foreigners to eat from it. God had promised to bless Israel and their barns never went empty after they helped the needy.

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## **Jesus reaching out to the unreached**

Jesus is seen in the gospels healing the Syrophenician woman's daughter (Mark 7:24-30), talking to the Samaritan woman (John 4:4-26), healing the Centurion's servant (Mathew 8:5-13) and some more who did not belong to the fold of Israel. At many places in the Bible, Jesus has healed the lepers and Luke 17:11-19 records the healing of ten lepers which included a Samaritan. Jews despised Samaritan as untouchables and as well as lepers, regardless of their Jewish ancestry. The Samaritan leper was untouchable even among the untouchables.

## **Great Commission is the mandate to reach out**

Even when He was ascending to His original place of honour Jesus Christ gave His Disciples and through them to generations of believers the Great Commission in Mathew 28:18-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## **Preaching through actions**

St. Francis of Assisi, the Italian Catholic friar, church deacon and preacher, had once said to his disciples, "Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words". The idea was that through our actions and service to the society as well as our lives people may wonder as to why we are so different. This allows believers to witness Christ to the world.

## **Some of the outreach ministries and Christ's punishment to those who fail to reach out**

The uniqueness of Christ in the world of religious pluralism can best be explained by selfless service to the society irrespective of caste, creed and religion or any discrimination whatsoever. Through our presence, actions and help to the society people should experience the love of God. Outreach can be done through ministry to smaller churches, by supporting mission work, by teaching the poor section of the society and imparting vocational training to them, supporting prison ministries, counselling, ministry to the disabled, supporting healing ministries like hospitals etc., supporting the old age homes, orphanages and hostels for the children of weaker section of society, ministering to sex workers, transgenders, homosexuals and many more. There is a direct reference to this ministry in Mathew 25 where Christ will take into account all the believers and ask them what they did for the needy.

## **Outreach does not mean conversion**

Whenever Jesus healed or blessed people of other faiths the aim was not conversion but to extend the grace of God and to reveal His glory. It was to let all the peoples know that they are God's creation, and He loves them. The church's outreach ministry is to spread the unconditional love of God to His creation. The church has but one motive behind this ministry, that is, to help the creation of God to have the fullness of life. Outreach is done so that through our deeds people may come to know our God.

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## Conclusion

The love of God can best be expressed through our love for His creation. Psalm 96:13 also says, "Let all creation rejoice before the Lord..." The entire creation is the work of God and God had assigned Adam and Eve the responsibility to take care of it. Genesis 1:28 reads, "God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Genesis 2:15 gave Adam the responsibility to take care of the creation, "the Lord God took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."

From all the above and many more incidents, commandments and references in the Holy Bible the church picked up her mandate to reach to the nations and extend the ministry of evangelism, preaching, teaching, healing, delivering, liberating and much more. The church of God is the body that uplifts, encourages and empowers the society without any discrimination.

It is, of course, a matter of pride that the Christ Church Noida has taken up the responsibility to reach the unreached through various outreach projects and contribute towards wholistic development of the society. My prayers and best wishes are with those leading and supporting this ministry and I would encourage more and more people to get involved and share the love of God with the unreached.

Rev. Sandeep David  
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Diocese of Delhi  
CNI

# Associate Pastor's Message

By Revd. Augustine Simon

*Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? - Exodus 15:11*



As believers, we often struggle with what God wants from our lives. What is His specific will for each of us, and how should we invest our lives to advance His work on earth? We should understand that the Bible is not merely a book of do's and don'ts or a patterned guide to life. It is the story of a loving, holy, faithful God working through His people to accomplish His mission. Throughout history, people have been called to enter God's mission, to become participants in God's ongoing story. God was and is a missionary God, who searches and reaches His lost people. After Adam and Eve acquiesced to Satan's temptations, God came searching for them, calling, "Where are you?" (Gen.3:9). God, however, was not asking for their location. He knew where they were. He was calling them to renew their relationship with Him.

## God working through His Prophet:

*But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. (Jeremiah 1:7)*

Even though Jeremiah says that he is too young and does not know how to speak, Yahweh reassures him and commands him to go to everyone and speak whatever God' commands him. Yahweh reassures Jeremiah that His very own presence will be with His prophet whenever he executes His task. Jeremiah's mission was to tear down false religion and reach out the people with the truth of God. The people of Jerusalem and Judah had forgotten that Yahweh is more interested in having genuine relationship with his people than in religious rites and rituals. They were confident that as long as the temple of the Lord stood, nothing could destroy them. So they were stealing, murdering, committing adultery and worshipping false gods.

Jeremiah task is to faithfully speak Yahweh's word by calling on the people of Judah to repent and return to Yahweh. If the Judahites repent, they can avoid destruction and exile. We can also be confident that God has a plan and a purpose for our lives and that he will equip us for the service he calls us to and will protect us. However, we are called to faithfully proclaim his words.

God reaches out to us and disciplines us in the hope that we will repent of our wrong ways and turn to him. He keeps on stretching out His helping hands when we are in trouble and problem. Even as Yahweh tells His people that they will go into exile in Babylonia, He promises that He will bring them back.

# Christ Church Noida Outreach Projects

By Brig Rajiv Williams

A decade after CCN started worship services in the present building, Revd. Dr. Paul Swarup, former Presbyterian In Charge CCN suggested that the church initiate an 'Outreach Project' with the Vision of '**Holistic Development of the Urban Poor and the Marginalized sections of society on Biblical principles and Christian Values.**' It was with this Vision statement, that the PC met and decided to open a 'Non-Formal Education Centre' in an area where there was a felt need and was manageable from the Church premises.

## Background

The members most enthusiastically volunteered and moved to project mode. The first intervention was to identify a specific area for project implementation and Chalera, then quite a village-like urban settlement was selected. Second important activity undertaken was to carry out a baseline survey and assess community needs and inspire community participation in the project. The enthusiasm displayed by the people of Chalera was very encouraging as they wanted the project to focus on migrant labour and the rag pickers community.

Thirdly the importance of community mobilization cannot be overemphasized, and many parents wanted their children to be enrolled for the program. The project team was keen to get the program started close to the place of the children's homes and asked the community to provide space to run the project. Having seen several places, the community agreed to give us space in the community Choupal within the precincts of the local 'Mandir', which had relevant attributes to run the program. Hence the first project titled 'Chalera Project' started in November 2007, with a development organization – 'Mustard Seed Foundation' donating funds toward the initial years of the project.

## Project Expansion and Re-Location

After running the project at the Chaupal in Chalera village, there was a requirement of changing the environment of the children's education for holistic growth and development. Hence the Committee decided to gradually shift the project location to Church complex, where the children will be exposed to a different organizational culture, an important part in the child development. In October 2008, Jindal Stainless Limited started a CSR project at NOIDA and collaborated with CCN on the non-formal education project with a clear mandate of providing quality education to children of rag pickers and to facilitate mainstreaming them to government and private schools. To ferry the children from Chalera to the Church premise, rickshaws were arranged for pick and drop, and the cost was built into the project. The children from the age group of 5 to 13 years were enrolled and were prepared for enrolment into classes II and III.





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Remedial Education program was introduced, and the mainstreamed children were given tuitions and provided requisite support to do their homework. Hence the children came to the learning Centre after their classes at their regular school and were helped in their Class assignments. This was a turning point in the lives of children mainstreamed as they got the much-needed support, which otherwise was not possible at their own homes. It was further considered important for the children to be given computer education and coaching in the English language. During the project renewal period, Jindal Stainless Limited provided computers and volunteers from the youth and others came forward to take a computer and English language classes.

Having kick-started these new projects in the educational arena, it was felt that some older students of the learning centre were not being admitted to regular schools and hence we thought of allowing them to undertake some vocational training program. This gave rise to the introduction of a tailoring Centre as part of the Chalera Project, where the older children especially girls would be encouraged to learn a new skill. A tailoring Centre was added, and two batches daily were run at the Centre which benefited a large section of the community.

## **Theological Education in Outreach Project**

In 2017, theological education support also came under the purview of the Outreach Project and subsequently other kinds of theological support was included under the Project. It was decided that all requests for theological support must come from the Institution with a copy of the individual request attached along with the note from the head of the Institution. On receipt of the request, the Outreach Committee would examine and recommend to the Pastorate Committee for formal approval.

## **Random thoughts on Outreach**

Outreach must have an outcome after the intervention and I think the most important outcome, which should be measurable is how the project has made a positive impact on the lives of communities and other stakeholders. Church outreach to my way is to spread the Christian values amongst the clearly defined stakeholders. The stakeholders could well be our Church members, who need various kinds of support and not restricted to merely financial support, and communities around our Church reach. It could also include activities for stakeholders who are not located in the immediacy of the Church premise. Church Outreach under two domains i.e. 'Immediate outreach' and 'Subsequent outreach' programs.

## **Immediate Outreach**

- Non-Formal Education (NFE) and related programs
- Vocational Training
- Remedial Education
- Higher education / Poor Children Scholarship Program
- Health care

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- Women empowerment
- Theological training support
- Poor children scholarship
- Placement support and counselling
- Support requests from Delhi Diocese, other diocese or to a Church associated Group.

## Subsequent Outreach

- Mission support
- Church project support
- Apex decision making support

## Conclusion

It is with such dedication and vision that the project has grown by the grace of God and we continue to ask God to intercede and let the project become sustainable. Efforts are being made to create an Entrepreneur Centre by giving employment to the students who graduate from the Tailoring Centre with 'Walk-in' orders being given to the Centre. Also, local boutiques and schools need to be contacted for them to place orders on the Centre, besides, items of Church linen can also be made at the Centre.

It is a joy to see the children who once started their education journey at the Learning Centre entering College and becoming empowered. They have shared some of their testimonials in this Scroll and such stories make the Outreach Project a great blessing as we continue to make this more impactful and meaningful and see God's blessings on our CCN Outreach Project.

Brig Rajiv Williams  
Coordinator  
CCN Outreach Project

# Genesis of Outreach Ministry at CCN

By Anandkumar Peter

## Preamble:

Today's church faces profound challenges within the broader culture: political correctness, postmodern relativism, religious pluralism. We live in a society full of unchurched people who don't know the basic tenets of Christianity or the redemptive narratives the Scriptures tell. Many hold distorted views of Jesus, the Gospel, and traditional Christian faith, and are biased against Christianity or otherwise ignorant of the true Christian Doctrine.

As a community of Christ, our ability to engage with the rest of the society is also hampered by several internal issues. Some Christians question the motives behind traditional outreach efforts, viewing them as a bait-and-switch.

Many in the congregations seem to be reluctant to share the Gospel, either claiming that evangelism is not their gift or hiding in fear of potential rejection. The question before any church, therefore, is considering these challenges, how can our churches share the Good News of Jesus Christ in a dark world that desperately needs it? The answer to the question is seen in a strategic shift that has begun to take place from the programs and events of traditional outreach to more organic forms of cultural engagement.

At the heart of this movement is a desire to heed Jesus' command to go into the world. It is intended to offer the members of the congregation an opportunity to volunteer to work in the Outreach projects and/or enable its smooth functioning through generous 'giving.'



## The step forward:

These were the thoughts Rev. Dr. Paul Swarup promoted amongst the management of Christ Church, which he was Pastoring in 2006. Rev. Dr. Paul Swarup had taken charge of the church as its second Presbyterian-in-charge in the year 2004. He successfully initiated and completed several infrastructural projects in the church, and some were progressing satisfactorily. The church had witnessed a spiritual revival by then. He pressed forward with several Outreach ideas telling the church that God has been graceful by providing all that the church desired and it is time that we pay back by becoming from an inward-looking to an outward-looking congregation. Though the church had not provided funds for any such ministry, Rev. Dr. Paul Swarup was certain that God would provide, and God did provide abundantly.

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## The next step:

In the year 2007, amidst several programmes and activities that were introduced by Rev. Dr. Paul Swarup, the Pastorate Committee continued to deliberate on the first possible outreach. Dr. Mrs. Helen Sekar, (a senior official in the Ministry of Labour, Govt of India), then a member of the Pastorate Committee, as part of her assignment in her organisation had conducted a survey in various pockets in and around NOIDA, on children engaged in rag-picking. The survey revealed that nearly 1000 children of migrant workers were forced into this work and were never offered an opportunity to attend a school like other children. CCN decided that such children along with other children in localities of NOIDA would be the best target to impart non-formal education. Thus, in 2007 we identified the neighbouring slum area near an urban village known as 'Chalera' for the outreach work and the Outreach Programme known as Chalera Project was initiated.

While the Pastorate Committee was trying to figure out how to fund the project, An opportunity came up during a conversation with one Mr. Suresh Thomas, Representative for South Asia of the Mustard Seed Foundation of the USA, who heard our plans for the marginalised children. He asked us to share our project plans for the next 3 years. We (by this time Mrs. Kamna Cowasjee joined the start-up group) submitted the required documents to him, duly authenticated by Rev. Dr. Paul Swarup. Within a very short time, Mustard Seed Foundation came forward with a 'seed capital' of US \$13,500 to be paid in three yearly instalments with the condition that the church also put up a matching amount for the project financing. This was reported to the Pastorate Committee and many members like Dr. Helen Shekar, Brig. Williams readily pledged support.

The project was launched in November 2007, with Mrs. Kamna Cowasjee volunteering as the Programme Coordinator. She quickly identified about 70 children for this purpose and shouldered all the responsibilities efficiently, overseen by Rev. Dr. Paul Swarup and me as the then Treasurer. Dr. Helen Sekar offered her support to the programme for several years.

The project was started in the Chalera Village Choupal. The congregation supported the project wholeheartedly. They continue to do so, and the outreach now has a substantial reserve fund. With the blessings of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we were able to take on several outreach activities during the past 12 years. Others would narrate the progress of the Outreach Ministry in our Church and hence I conclude here.

# Evolution of Chalera Outreach Project

By Kamna Cowsjee

Started in a Choupal in the middle of Chalera village in November 2007, on Children's day, the project took many turns over the years. Curtsy Dr. Helen Sekar, a bunch of raggedy children had been identified, aged between 5 to 13 years, some first-time learners, some school drop-outs with scant knowledge. Teachers assigned to the project were all from the Church, mostly those who needed an occupation, were literate but not teachers, and that last included me. A dedicated team determined to bring order into the chaotic lives of this bunch of children. The honour list of the first teachers included Nathan, Suman, Mildred and myself, not counting Mr. Peters who was instrumental in bringing in seed finance for the project, and Rev. Dr. Paul Swarup whose brainchild it was. The Church construction of parsonage, hall and steeple were coming to a close, and the time was ripe to look outward, was Rev. Paul Swarup's thinking. The photograph below was taken a year later when they had been issued uniforms and had been introduced to a modicum of discipline. The choupal premises was given to the school, free of cost, by the Chauhan brothers who owned the land where this community choupal was situated.



I took charge of the programme as a matter of chance. Announcements had been made for a couple of months to seek volunteers among the retired teacher community in the Church, to no avail. Then suddenly the seed money which Mr. Peters was trying to organise was in. I was in the Pastorate Committee at the time of this discussion where we needed to start the programme ASAP. Since I was already involved in a similar education programme for underprivileged, being run by ANAWA group in Bal Bharati Public School premises in the afternoon, I volunteered to get involved till a person from the teaching line was found. With Dr. Helen beside me and her office troop behind her, we scouted Chalera village for attendees for our school. Approaching the Sarpanch and getting his concurrence, was the first step. The rest is history.

# Evolution of Chalera Outreach Project

By Kamna Cowsjee



It took some six months to sort the children into three batches; those who knew nothing, those who knew something and the older ones who were having different levels of knowledge. These then became our Lower KG, Upper KG and Class 1. Education was imparted accordingly. Each person took over one Class and taught English, Hindi and Arithmetic. There was no looking back. One of our current Tuition Teachers, Rajini, joined us in March 2008. She did home tuitions, so had some teaching experience and was a big bonus. The first academic session lasted until March of 2009 when Class 2 was introduced, and the numbers reached 60 students. Class 3 was introduced in 2010.



From the Choupal the school, after some years, shifted to a three-room building closer to the main road and relatively more accessible, though equally rustic, with cattle for company, and a waste tyre shop. A year later the landlord enthused by our zeal, agreed to construct 2 proper rooms, for use as classrooms and improve on the toilet, dedicating one solely for use by us. By this time our teaching staff, except for Mildred, had had a changeover. They were trained in their profession. Volunteers from the Church, Joseph and Preeti taught the children songs and gave some Bible instruction, Kiran Khanna imparted General Knowledge and did some storytelling. Most Chalera students attend VBS every year.

# Evolution of Chalera Outreach Project

By Kamna Cowsjee



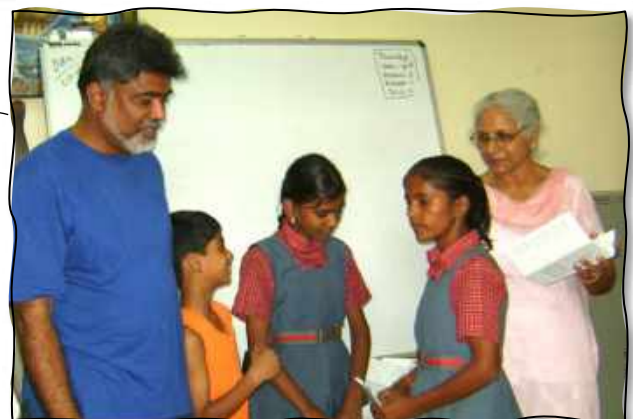
Teaching Staff at the second site at Chalera

Republic Day



Picnic on the Cathedral lawns after visiting the President's Estate

Rev Dr Paul Swarup with school children



# Evolution of Chalera Outreach Project

By Kamna Cowsjee

Meanwhile, in July 2009 a Tailoring unit was launched in two rooms taken up in Ambedkar Vihar. This was in collaboration with Usha International, who provided the syllabus and were to conduct exams. Our initial students were ladies with kids who were interested in stitching for their family. Later we got students from Grace Home, an orphanage for girls. These girls came after school to learn Tailoring.



Tailoring Centre at Ambedkar Vihar

Our present Teacher, Princy joined us some 6 months later. Once we got the two new classrooms in Chalera, a second Tailoring unit was initiated in one of the rooms of the older building. Mildred was shifted to look after one of the Tailoring units. Some of the ladies from the village who joined the Chalera unit had to be taught numbers and measurement, even basic Hindi / English, to be able to present their work for examination. Mildred had a double duty here. A six months course stretched to a year because of this handicap. Exams were held in February every year, with the Usha International representative invigilating. Certificates were issued on completion of the course. The Tailoring unit shifted to the Church premises in 2014, the same time as the school.



Tailoring Unit at Church Premises



# Evolution of Chalera Outreach Project

By Kamna Cowsjee



In 2014 the Pastorate Committee decided the school must shift to the Church premises. The rental was eating into the school budget. By this time, the school had added Classes 2 and 3. Later on the advice of Dr. Helen Sekar, and in keeping with the Govt Policy of Right to Education, the number of classes in the Chalera Project was limited to LKG and UKG. That is where it stands to date.

Somewhere in 2011 for students finishing Class 3 a sponsorship programme was initiated whereby students got sponsored by our church members to attend Lord Mahavir School in Class 4. Two batches of 4 promising students who scored above 75% in Class 3 were admitted there, in 2011 and 2012 on an annual sponsorship @ Rs.20,000/-. Later Vidya & Child in Ambedkar Vihar and Sai Kripa School in Sector 135, towards Greater Noida, were identified. Both Sai Kripa and Vidya & Child had their sponsorship, and contribution from the Church was restricted to paying of nominal fees. They were willing to take our students. Sai Kripa ran a free bus service, and our students were picked up from and dropped at Shashi Chowk. Later, in 2015 Amity School, running a similar program was identified and students were admitted after they were put through an entrance examination. Amity preferred to admit students in Class 1. It suited the Chalera Project as by then our classes had been reduced, as mentioned above.

To cater to the students admitted to Lord Mahavir School in Class 4, a tutorial class was introduced in the Church premises, in the afternoon. Students came straight from school to attend these classes. A snack was served to them before starting on the teaching. Ruth Nath and Rajini were in charge of ensuring they did their homework and explain their difficulties of comprehension at the classroom level. When they reached Class 8, a volunteer from the ANAWA group taught them mathematics. She lived right across the Church, so the students had no difficulty going to her for tuition.

The first batch admitted to Lord Mahavir passed their Class 10 exam in 2018. I retired from the Chalera Project in February 2016, after serving a 1-year notice.

# Snapshots

## Christmas Celebration



## School Picnic



## Book's Distribution



# Church outreach [2017 – Present]

By Christy Franklin



In the beginning, Our Church outreach project was initially running in Chalara Village and Harijan Basti and later in the year 2014 it was moved to our Church premise. As Mrs. Kamna Cowasjee, who was the Project Co-Ordinator wished to be relieved, in the year 2017 during the AGM after taking care of the projects for several years. Project Director Brig. Rajiv Williams proposed my name to take care of the Project. For the past 3 years, I have been trying my best to support the growth of the project.

## **The present model of the Project:**

1. We take in children 6 years and below, who have never been to any school and equip them to join regular schools by putting them through suitably modified classroom programs for a year.
2. These children, normally numbering about 30, are placed in two groups and two teachers attend to them for 4 hours a day.
3. At the end of one year, these children are placed in appropriate classes in the Government and private schools.
4. All of them attend remedial education and tuition support at our project centres after they finish school every day.
5. Nearly 30 children return for help, and they are formed into two groups and are attended by two Teachers.
6. At any point in time, we can handle 40 children in the morning for 4 hours from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
7. We support them financially for their school fees, uniform, and books when they are placed in mainstream schools.
8. Once or twice a year the children are taken out for an educational-cum-picnic trip.
9. Children are also given opportunities to participate in church annual fete and to perform before the congregation.
10. Older women from houses of these children are offered training in tailoring.
11. These are normally 6 month's programs and at the end of it, they are awarded certificates by USHA International.
12. We send our children in the mainstream schools like Lord Mahavir School, Sai Kripa, Saraswathi School, SOF, Vidya & Child , Amity School (NGO) total of 60 children from our project .
13. The first batch of the Project finished 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the year 2018 and some children are doing their 12<sup>th</sup> grade through open school.
14. Two of our project children have started their own business.

# Church outreach [2017 – Present]

By Christy Franklin

## Three Units of Learning Project:

**1. Learning Centre:** We have children in the age group for up to 6 years and it is like a preparatory class. Once they are found eligible to go to a mainstream school, we try to put them in different schools which are run by NGOs. At present we have 40 children in our learning centre. We have two teachers **Mrs. Amita Masih & Mrs. Punam Runda** and one helper **Mrs. Savitri**. Healthy Refreshments are provided to the children every day. We are very particular in giving them teachings from the Bible, Christian songs, and imbibe in them Christian values.



**2. Remedial Classes:** Apart from the Learning centre we have remedial classes for the students who attend mainstream schools. At present we have 30 students from different schools attending in two batches from 10 AM – 1 PM & 2 PM – 5 PM. The students receive help with their homework and additional assistance during examination time. We nourish them with healthy refreshments. Every day they have their regular prayer. **Mrs. Rajni Nawani & Mrs. Ruth Nath** are helping these students.



**3. Tailoring Unit:** Students learn to stitch baby garments, dresses, salwar suits, blouses and petticoats' and kurta and shirts for men. The Course material is provided by Usha International. At the end of the 6<sup>th</sup>-month of training, an exam is held, and certificates issued. The Unit also makes uniforms for our Learning Centre children. They also make different items for our Church Fete to raise funds. **Ms. Princy & Mrs. Reshma Khan** are helping our students in Tailoring unit.



# Church outreach [2017 – Present]

By Christy Franklin

## Highlights of the Project:

1. We started midday meal in the year 2019 as we feel children are not bringing proper food for lunch. Thanks to Rev. Sunil Ghazan for this wonderful idea.
2. New toys brought for the students were sponsored by one of our church members in the year 2019 as initiated by Rev. Sunil Ghazan.



3. We would like to appreciate the gesture of Women Fellowship of Bethel Methodist Church who donated two sewing machines to our Tailoring Unit. They were very much impressed by our Church outreach Project which motivated them to start their outreach project in Bethel Methodist Church. One of our Tailoring unit passed out student is the Trainer of Methodist Church Tailoring unit.



4. Tailoring unit are making uniform for learning centre students for the past three years.
5. In the year 2018, we started our staff prayer every Thursday at 2 p.m. followed by Fellowship contributory lunch which is cooked by our Project staff. This was started during Rev. Kamal Mall's time. This enables us to understand each other better and strengthen our intrapersonal relationship.



6. Mrs. Karkuzhai Vellaichamy , Mr. Rohan Nawani helped the project children who appeared for 10<sup>th</sup> Board in the year 2018.

7. We celebrate Christmas, Independence Day, Republic Day, Sports day, Teachers day, and Children's Day.

# Church outreach [2017 – Present]

By Christy Franklin

7. We celebrate Christmas, Independence Day, Republic Day, Sports day, Teachers day, and Children's Day.



8. We conduct Workshops for Teachers once in a year. Mrs. Vinita Williams, Mrs. Neeta Mall, Mrs. Kamna Cowasjee, Rev. Kamal Mall & Rev. Sunil Ghazan were some of the resource persons who conducted workshops for the teachers.

# Church outreach [2017 – Present]

By Christy Franklin



I would like to thank **Brig. Williams & Rev. Kamal Mall** who allowed me to take care of the project and I took it as God's call and put my best for the growth of the project. Also, I would like to thank  **aunty Kamna & Peter Uncle** for their timely advice and our previous **Pastors Rev. Kamal Mall & Rev. Sunil Ghazan** for their constant support & encouragement.

# Snapshots





# Our Teachers!

में 2013 में छलेरा प्रोजेक्ट में आई । मैं परमेश्वर का धन्यवाद करती हूँ कि कामना मैम और पीटर सर के द्वारा मुझे इन बच्चों के लिए सेवा करने का अवसर दिया । ये वो बच्चे हैं जिनके माता - पिता दूसरे के घरों में काम करते . रिक्शा चलाते और ठेलों में सब्जियाँ बेचते हैं । माता - पिता दाखिले के लिए अपने बच्चों का नाम पता हमारे पास लिखवाते हैं फिर इनका मौखिक और लिखित परीक्षा लेते हैं चर्च उनको सारी पढ़ाई की चीजे मुफ्त प्रदान करता है ये बच्चे हमारे पास 2 वर्ष पढ़ते हैं फिर इन बच्चों में जो पढ़ने में और बच्चों से अच्छे हैं उनको हम एक वर्ष में ही मेन स्ट्रीम में जाने के लिए तैयार करते हैं । इन बच्चों की संख्या 20 से 30 तक होती है।



फिर इन बच्चों को निजी स्कूलों में दाखिला करवाती हूँ । जैसे एस ओ एफ , विद्या एण्ड चाइल्ड , सरस्वती विद्या निकेतन अमेटी सेक्टर 44 ( अमिताशा ) में लड़कियों को , अमेटी सेक्टर 125 ( अतुलाशा ) में लड़कों को , लार्ड महावीर इन सभी स्कूलों में जाकर दाखिले के लिए सारी जानकारियाँ इकट्ठा कर फिर बच्चों के माता - पिता से मिलकर स्कूलों द्वारा दी जाने वाली सारी सुविधाओं के बारे में जानकारी देती हूँ । इस प्रकार बच्चे अपने जीवन में आगे की पढ़ाई जारी रखने के लिए तैयार होते हैं । अब तक मैंने कई बच्चों का दाखिला निजी स्कूलों में कराया है , और कई बच्चे अपने आप और दूसरों स्कूलों में भी चले गये । ईश्वर से प्रार्थना करती हूँ कि इन बच्चों को जीवन में आगे बढ़ाए और यह प्रोजेक्ट भी आगे बढ़े ।

**POONAM RUNDA – LEARNING CENTRE IN-CHARGE**



It was in the month of April 2014, Mr. Anand Peter, Christy and Kamna asked me if I was willing to teach the project kids, English. I agreed and joined the project in the month of May 2014. I was greeted and welcomed by the cute kids of the project. Mrs Rajani was their tuition teacher and she needed help, she was in charge of the smaller kids below class V and I was handling the older ones. They were very weak in English, but they were eager to learn. They were grateful for the time and space given to them by the church, they could complete their homework, prepare for their tests and do their project work if any. Some of the older girls tried to complete their homework and to learn English, they said that as soon as they go home, they have to cook for their family, clean the house and wash clothes. It was them that I realised what difficulties they faced pressure of school, tuitions and housework.

All the students though from less fortunate background yet they were well mannered, and the credit goes to Punam, Rajani and Anita who groomed them very well. At times when we teachers were busy with some children, Himanshi and Deepti used to motivate kids to study and helped them with maths work. What surprises me is although those kids didn't have all the facilities as the other children, yet they were eager to learn. They had great talent for dance and drawing. Some are still studying, and some are working. May God bless the project and the children as well as our church.

**RUTH NATH – REMEDIAL CLASS TEACHER**

# Our Teachers!

मैं दिल्ली मीठापुर में रहती हूँ । अंजना मैडम के द्वारा मैं यहाँ पर आयी । फिर मुझे छोटे बच्चों को पढ़ाने के लिये दिया गया । छलैरा बस्ती में छोटे बच्चे आपस में अपशब्द बोलकर लड़ते झगड़ते मिले हमसे और रजनी मैम दोनों ने मिलकर अपने यहाँ सेंटर में लाकर उनका नाम लिखा और कहा हम दोनों मैडम पढ़ाई करायेगें । ये बच्चे वो हैं जिनके माता - पिता मजदूरी या कोठियों में काम करने जाते हैं । यह बच्चो अकेले झुग्गियों में रहते हैं । इन सब बच्चों को इकठा करके एक स्कूल में पढ़ाते थे । पढ़ाई के साथ - साथ हम बच्चों को बाइबल की बातें व कहानियाँ आयतें बताते थे । बच्चों को अनुशासन में रहना व साफ - सुथरा रहना कई बार बच्चों को ब्रश करना भी सिखाया , और सच में यह बच्चे अच्छे होते हैं । प्यार से बोलने पर बड़ी ईमानदारी से पेश आते हैं ।



पवन : - छोटा बच्चा जूते चप्पल सम्भालने का कार्य कर रहा था मैं उस बच्चे को उसके पापा से पूछ कर पढ़ाने बैठाया तब उसकी आयु सात वर्ष की थी आज वो बच्चा दसवीं पास करके किसी कम्पनी में रात जॉब करता है और दिन में पढ़ाई करता है । ऐसे और भी बच्चे जो हमारे पास से पढ़कर आगे सरकारी स्कूल में पढ़ रहे हैं । दसवीं पास कर चुके हैं । कुछ बच्चे आगे मेहनत कर रहे हैं । सो बहुत खुशी होती है हमारी थोड़ी सी मेहनत करने से इन बच्चों का भविष्य बन रहा है । और मुझे प्रोजेक्ट में सेवा करते हुए 14 नवम्बर 2020 को दश वर्ष पूरे हो जायेगें । बच्चों की शिक्षा व हम को रोजगार देने के लिए चर्च कमेटी का धन्यवाद प्रभु की बुलाहट सच में निराली है । जय मसीह की !

**AMITA – LEARNING CENTRE TEACHER**



मैं 20 मार्च 2008 को टीचर पद पर चयनित हुई । बच्चों के पढ़ाने का कार्य चौपाल पर चलता था । चौपाल में जब मैं पहले दिन गई तो वहाँ पर गरीब घरों के बच्चे आते थे । जिनके माता - पिता कोठी में या मजदूरी करते थे । बच्चों को हमने शिष्टाचार का पाठ सिखाया कि अपनों से बड़ो का आदर करना व अपने से बड़ों से बात कैसे की जाती है । स्कूल समय पर आना , साफ - सुथरे कपड़े पहनना रोज नहाना आदि । अगले दिन से बच्चों के तरीकों में हमने सुधार देखा तो हमें बहुत खुशी महसूस हुई । कुछ साल बाद बच्चे सरकारी स्कूल में और कुछ बच्चे साईकृपा स्कूल में लॉड महावीरा स्कूल में पढ़ाई कर रहे हैं ।

कुछ बच्चे बड़े होकर जॉब करके अपने माता - पिता की मदद कर रहे हैं । एक बच्चा तो एन्जियों का हेड बना गया । कई बच्चे गाँधी स्मारक से B.A. की पढ़ाई कर रहे हैं । कुछ बच्चे 10 वीं , 12 वीं की पढ़ाई कर रहे हैं ।

उनको देखकर हमें बहुत गर्व महसूस होता है । आज भी मैं चर्च में ट्युशन बच्चों को पढ़ा रही हूँ , उम्मीद करती हूँ कि वह भी पुराने बच्चों की तरह एक सफल नागरिक बनें और देश का नाम भविष्य में रोशन करें । धन्यवाद !

**RAJNI – REMEDIAL CLASS TEACHER**

# Our Teachers!

Our sewing centre was opened in September 2009, so far around 120 students have passed from our centre. About 30 of these students have opened their own boutiques. About 50% of students take ladies clothes orders from their home and earn money. Student from our centre are teaching how to sew clothes elsewhere. When students of our centre call me and tell about their success I feel very happy. Knowing that they are very happy and can help their family by sewing. I started in 2010 from Harijan Basti in sector-37, we also started sewing centre in Chalera sector 44, which is going on in sector-29 Christ Church today and I am very happy to say that I am attached to this centre.



I wish a production unit can be started along with our sewing centre. In which we can give work to trained students by taking orders from customers with which students will be able to earn money.

**PRINCY KUMARI – TAILORING UNIT IN-CHARGE**



Our Outreach Staff

# Our Change Makers!



I've completed 6 months diploma in "cutting and sewing" from Christ Church Tailoring Project I have learnt and experienced lots of things about sewing in this course. After completing the diploma I'm doing a job as a sewing teacher in a church and I'm very happy for doing this job.

**KOMAL PRAJAPATI**

At the Usha Sewing Classes, I learnt a lot about stitching, types of stitches and other things. My confidence level also grew with the help of my teachers and church members. Currently, I work with an NGO called 'Centre for Social Change'

**POOJA SISODIA**



मैंने सैक्टर २९ क्रस्ट चर्च ट्रेलरिंग प्रोजेक्ट से सिलाई सिखी हैं। मैंने वहां पर छह महीने तक सिलाई सिखी है और मैंने वहां पर सिलाई के साथ साथ और भी चीजें सिखी हैं और वहां पर बहुत अच्छा एस्पिरियनस मिला है। मेरा कोर्स खत्म होने के बाद मैंने वहां पे एक साल ओल्टर का काम किया है और वहां पे कुछ नयी ड्रेस सिली हैं जिसके मुझे पैसों भी मिले हैं और अब मैंने अपने घर पे बुटिक कि छोटी सी शोप ओपेन कि हैं जिससे मुझे बहुत खुशी मिलती है।

**SANYA KANOJIA**

# Our Change Makers!

मेरी जिंदगी में बहुत अच्छी टीचर्स थी जिन्होंने मेरी जिंदगी को अच्छा बनाया और चर्च ने भी मेरा बहुत साथ दिया था ताकि मैं अपनी पढ़ाई को पूरी कर सकूँ चर्च ने मेरा अडमिशन साई कृपा स्कूल में करवाया मैं चर्च और अपनी तीनों टीचर्स को दिल से धन्यवाद बोलती हूँ

**KAJAL**



मेरा क्राइस्ट चर्च स्कूल में दाखिला 3 कक्षा से हुआ था | आज मैं कक्षा 12 स्टैंडर्ड में हूँ अंजना और मिनी माम, रूत माम, किरण माम, जिन्होंने हमें अलग अलग प्रकार की लेख सिखाती थी और ट्यूशन क्लास भी दी | कामना माम ने मेरा साई शिक्षा संस्थान स्कूल में धकिला करवाया था और जब मेरा दाखिला आदर्श जैन वाटिका स्कूल में हुआ क्रिस्टी माम ने मेरे स्कूल के फीस डेकर, मेरा परिवार की मदद करि जिसके मैं और मेरा परिवार आभार कभी प्रकट नहीं कर सकता | मेरी काफी यादें क्राइस्ट चर्च के साथ जुड़ी हुई हैं जो मुझे हमेशा याद रहेंगी |

**HIMANSHI GUPTA**

मेरी पढ़ाई चर्च के स्कूल से शुरू हुई मुझे यहाँ पढ़ाई के साथ बहुत कुछ सीखने का मिला यहाँ का माहौल बहुत अच्छा है | अभी मैं एस ओ एफ स्कूल में कक्षा दूसरी में पढ़ रहा हूँ। मैं सभी मैम का और सारे स्टाफ का धन्यवाद करता हूँ।

**NEERAJ**



# Our Change Makers!



मेरा पहला स्कूल चर्च है। मुझे चर्च में पढ़ना बहुत अच्छा लगता है मैं बहुत अच्छे से पढ़ाती थी चर्च स्कूल मे हमे बहुत सहायता मिलती थी अभी मैं क्लास दूसरी में पढ़ रहा हूँ। मैं सभी चर्च स्टाफ का धन्यवाद करता हूँ।

CHIRAG

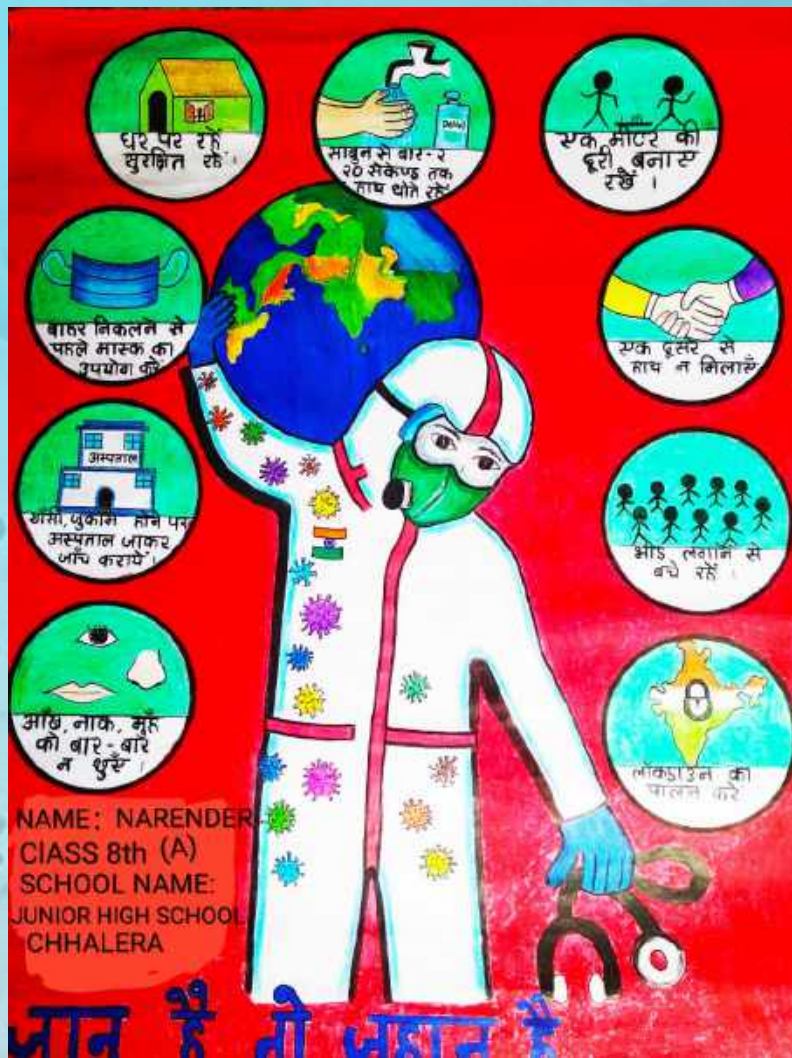
मेरा नाम दीपक चौधरी है , सन् 2007 मे काईस्ट चर्च वालों के द्वारा छलेरा प्रोजेक्ट शुरू किया गया जिसके हेड कामना मैंम थी । जो छलेरा गाँव में चौपाल से शुरू किया गया वहाँ पर रजनी मैंम के द्वारा सब बच्चों को इकट्ठा करके निःशुल्क पढ़ाया जाना था । वहाँ पर रजनी मैंम के द्वारा मैंने पढ़ाई शुरू की । उसके बाद मेरी पढ़ाई वहाँ से शुरू हो गयी । फिर कुछ समय बाद हमें वहाँ से काईस्ट चर्च में पढ़ना शुरू कर दिया । वहाँ पर मैं रजनी मैंम और अंजना मैंम के द्वारा शिक्षा ली । उन्होंने हमे अपने बच्चों की तरह पढ़ाया जिसके द्वारा हमें बड़े स्कूल में पढ़ने का मौका मिला



हमारा एडमिशन कामना मैंम के द्वारा लॉर्ड महावीरा स्कूल में कराया गया , हम बहुत खुशनसीब वाले थे जो हमें पढ़ने का इतना अच्छा मौका मिला और मैंने भी पूरी मेहनत से पढ़ाई की । आज कामना मैंम के द्वारा मैं दसवीं कक्षा पास हो गया । मैं धन्यवाद देता हूँ उस सभी मैंम का जिनकी शिक्षा से आज मैं अपने पैरों पर खड़ा हूँ । आज के समय में मैंने अपनी दुकान खोली है जिससे अपना और अपने घर वालों का खर्चा करे सकूँ । मैं धन्यवाद देता हूँ कामना मैंम का जिनकी वजह से आज मैं अपने पैरों पर खड़ा हूँ ।



मैं सौरव, नोएडा सैक्टर -44 की झुग्गियों में रहता था मेरी उम्र 10 साल थी जब हमारी झुग्गियों में रजनी मैंम आयीं। फिर रजनी मैंम मुझे चौपाल पर लेकर गयी और बताया कि यहाँ बच्चों को पढ़ाते हैं और पैसे नहीं लेते। जून की छुट्टियों में वी.बी.एस. क्लास में जाते थे वहाँ पर ईशु मसीह के बारे में जाना और गाना भी गाया । फिर मैं चर्च में गया और वहा मैंने अच्छे से पढ़ाई की और कम्प्यूटर भी सिखा । फिर मैं चेतना संस्था से जुड़ा वहा पर पाचवीं क्लास में नाम लिखा । चेतना संस्था का अखबार बालकनामा, उसका रिपोर्ट बना और मैं बच्चों की खबर बालकनामा में देने लगा । और पढ़ता भी गया और अब मैं ओपन से बी.एस. डब्ल्यू . कर रहा हूँ । मैं आज चेतना संस्था में टीचर हूँ और आज मुझे खुशी है मैं बच्चों को पढ़ा रहा हूँ । ये रजनी मैंम का बहुत - बहुत धन्यवाद करता हूँ कि मुझे उस जगह से बाहर निकाला ।



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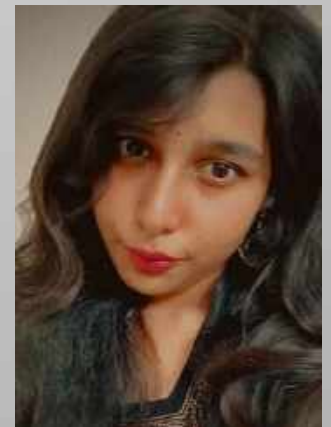
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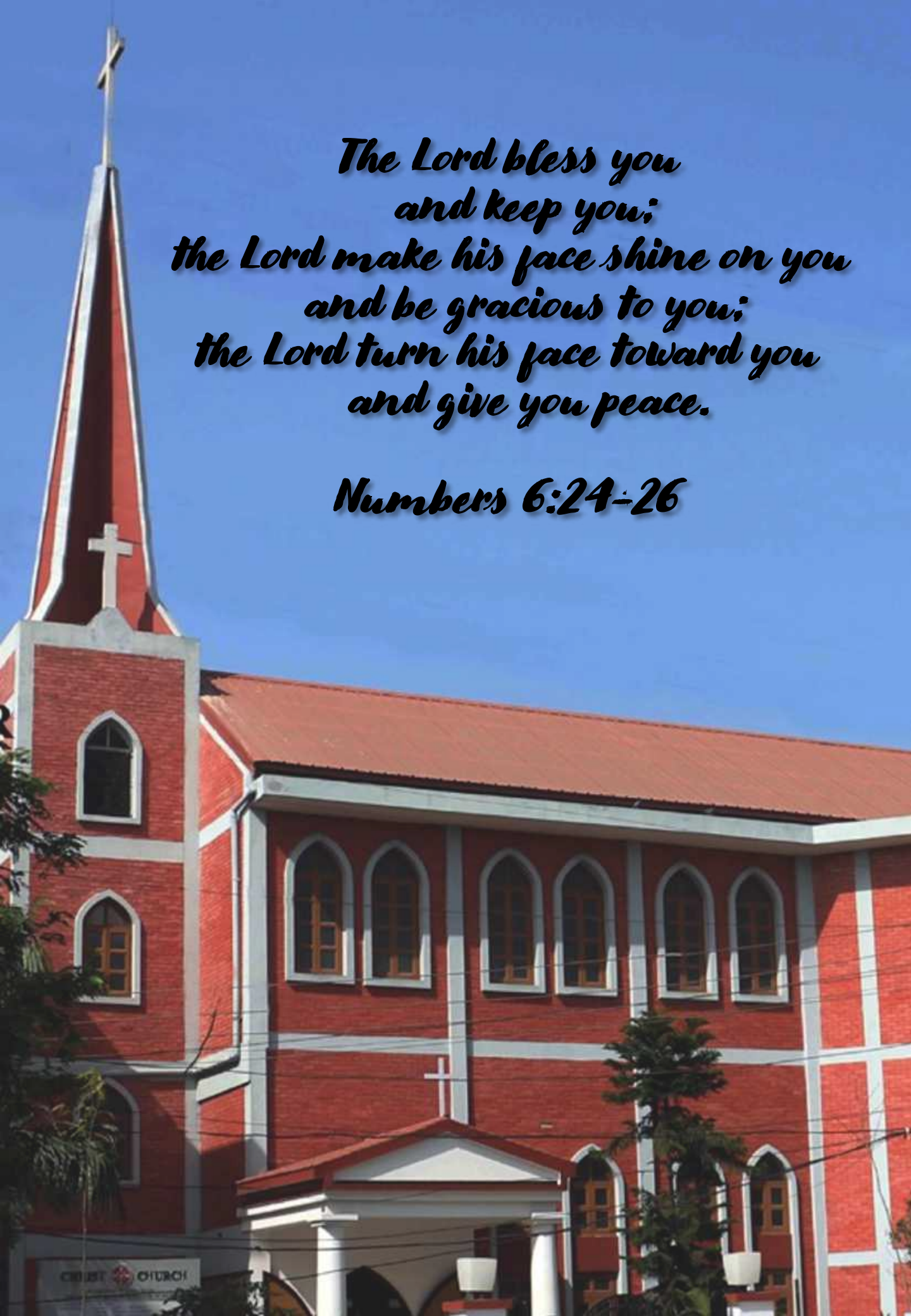


**Philip Nath**



**Stuti Titus**



A photograph of a red brick church with a tall, pointed steeple. The steeple is red with a white cross on top and a white cross on the side. The church has a red roof and white trim around the windows and doors. The windows are arched and have white frames. The church is set against a clear blue sky.

*The Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.*

*Numbers 6:24-26*