

CEPHAS APOSTOLIC MISSION SERVICES (CAMS)

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Dear beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the Almighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who not only protect us from every evil but also reward each one of us (Genesis 15:1) for every good work!! Let this new year 2024 bring still closer walk with God & strong passionate work for God.

As I mentioned in my first letter, by the direction of the Holy Spirit, we launched our ministries in Nepal in the banner of Cephas Apostolic Mission Services as promised in Matthew 16:18. It aims to *prepare* people similar to Cephas (= Rock like; i.e. Peter) and *plant* churches similar to Apostolic days and *progress* similar to the mission services of biblical times. We all constantly need to remind ourselves to keep the following i.e.

"Jesus is our Model; Bible is our basis; Holy Spirit is our guide & saints of God are our encouragers"- in order to be on **GOOD** fight, **FINISH** the race & **REMAIN** faithful till the end (II Timothy 4: 6&7).

OUR FOCUS

Bring the light & life of the good news of the Bible to the people who are in the needlest part of India and Neighbouring countries by showing & sharing the God's love and God's power and empower them to be a blessing to Nations.

Primary target area: Utthrapradesh, Bihar & Nepal

We are burdened by the spirit of the Lord to have our primary focus from "Kasi to Kathmandu" which covers 2 states in India & 77 districts in Nepal with a dense population (a minimum) of 400 million people (U.P -240; Bihar -130; Nepal-30). This is one of the most difficult areas with mountainous challenges but we strongly trust that God will help us to make inroads. We seek your sincere prayers for us.



OUR FRONT-LINE TEAM

The Lord has given us a wonderful team of *9 families* (including ours) and a single young man to start the mission. They are placed in different fields in Nepal – which is dispersed in FIVE districts of Nepal namely Parsa, Bara, and Rautahat, Sarlahi and Makwanpur. We have registered our new team CAMS with Nepal Christian Samaj (NCS). The registration with Social welfare council (SWC) is on progress and expected to be completed by the mid of February. God willing, we will train and induct another 25 of our volunteers who are committed to serve as full time missionaries.

On the other side, we have initiated our registration works in India and hope to complete it before 1st April 2024.

By God's grace, my wife Dr. Angel has completed her M.S (Obstetrics & Gynaecology) from CMC, Vellore and as per the regulations of CMC, she is now doing her bond service at Kachhwa Christian Hospital (KCH), U.P which is about 30 kms from Varanasi. Along with her service at K.C.H, she is now helping me in our U.P ministries and after her bond service, she will join with us in our CAMS Medical services.



OUR FIRST FRUITS

By the grace of God, We had a fruitful Christmas Outreach Gospel Meetings in Nepal in Navalpur, Lal Bazaar, Kalaiya, Jeethpur Bazaar, Dote Hill area, Lal Gav, Baknerwa, Harpur & Ratanpura villages. Everywhere we could see the open door and people gathered in good number between **150 -300 & above**. In hostile places like Kalaiya, Navalpur & Baknerwa, we had a very good response and many of them got healed and delivered from their bondages. We started new house churches at once in Ratanpura and Baknerwa. In Dote field, about 11 people committed and took covenant.

All glory to God.













OUR SERVICES

- 1. Planting Biblical Model Churches (BMC)wsds
- 2. Establishing Low-Cost / Charitable Medical services through Telemedicine units & a Secondary care Hospital
- 3. Empowering the marginalized / underprivileged / abused children, women & youth through holistic care.

Church planting will be our main focus and will be enhanced by the Medical work. All other services will be based on the necessity in the particular field and as per the leading of the Holy Spirit.

A KEY QUESTION: When we were prayerfully waiting upon for the next move, we were much hesitant to initiate another organization. Most of us are well aware about the big organizations which were started with the fervor for God once but later were caught up in the flavor of luxurious life style, Nepotism, ambition centered (not spirit inspired) projects and financial scam etc. We too were much cautioned by the Holy Spirit about – adding bountiful assets, converting services like education & health in to Business model to raise more Income in the name of ministries, self-promotion of organization rather than kingdom of God. Some of those organizations were encroached unlawfully by the ungodly family members of chosen vessels of God & it can happen in future too. Few started claiming even the OWNERSHIP of the same. On the other side, it is highly essential to register an organization as per the law of the land to be accountable to the functions & finances for which we are responsible.

So, as a team, we have strongly decided to be extra careful in adding more earthly facilities rather will have more focus on building the people. We sincerely seek His grace to keep our feet in this stand till the end.

Please do uphold us in your prayers to remain faithful till the end.

OUR MEETINGS AT SOUTH

The meetings, conventions, Sunday services and special youth & family camps from 2nd January to 28th January were planned and confirmed six months before itself. The previous team leadership wanted me not to attend any of these meetings and even forced me to cancel it. But by His amazing grace, the respective local Church pastors / leaders arranged it very well with much prayers and the Lord did wonderful things and blessed the people.

I could minister at New Year Gospel meetings at *Vellamcode CSI Church*, Prayer week conventions at *Seynamvilai CSI Church* and Sunday service at *New Life Church, Nagercoil* in KanyaKumari district and with the *Thirumala Prayer Fellowship team at Trivandrum*. All the meetings, time with Pastors / leaders were a blessing to everyone.

The time with Senior Fellowship leaders of *Oddanchatram* Christian Hospital & Ambalikai Christian Hospital, Believers Church -Oddanchatram and the preaching sessions there well-arranged and blessed mutually. The time with senior leaders of *Good Samaritan Church, Madurai* & CMMF, Madurai were very fruitful as the Lord planted similar burden on all of us in an amazing way. It opened a new way to work together.

The Pongal holiday three day conventions at *Heaven Power assembly Trichy*, the family retreat, youth convention and the Sunday services revived the believers with fresh flow of His grace. The one day Youth fest organized by *Synod of Pentecost*, *Trichy –Diocese* at *Elim Church* brought youths from 50 churches together and all the 520 youths were inspired by the Lord to dedicate their lives for God. They have arranged the follow-up meetings in the upcoming days at every Taluk level. The four Sunday services with *K.K Nagar AG Church*, *Trichy* blessed the believers with the hidden truths of the word of God.

The meetings at Chennai (different places) – Vision casting meeting, special prayer day meeting, fasting prayer, Sunday services at *Gate of Heaven Church Tiruverkadu & Apostolic Revival Church, Karaima Nagar*, *Trumpet Sound Prayer House, Thalampur* and Annual convention at Thiruvetriyoor were a big blessing to many to make a fresh start in the beginning of 2024. The fasting prayer by the senior servants of God at Vellore and the time with senior men of God at different towns and cities were of great encouragement & inspired to go further.

I sincerely thank God and Each Men & Women of God who had arranged, Coordinated and took part with me in all the meetings with much prayer and efforts. May the Lord reward them as per His richness in glory. (Philippians 4:19).

It was awesome to see that at every place, the senior men of God, believers and our friends strongly assured their prayers, stand and support for us to go on further in our vision of reaching the 400 million people in the most challenging part of India and Nepal. It was highly encouraging to me & us, and I was truly humbled by the love and stand of our brothers. All Glory to God alone who is the author & Perfector of our Faith.

Let us be united in one spirit, stand on the gap to bring the thousands of souls who still stay outside the flock; Master will come soon, let's guard our strength & prepare ourselves and others to stand before Him (Luke 21:36).

God bless you all!!

In Christ,

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