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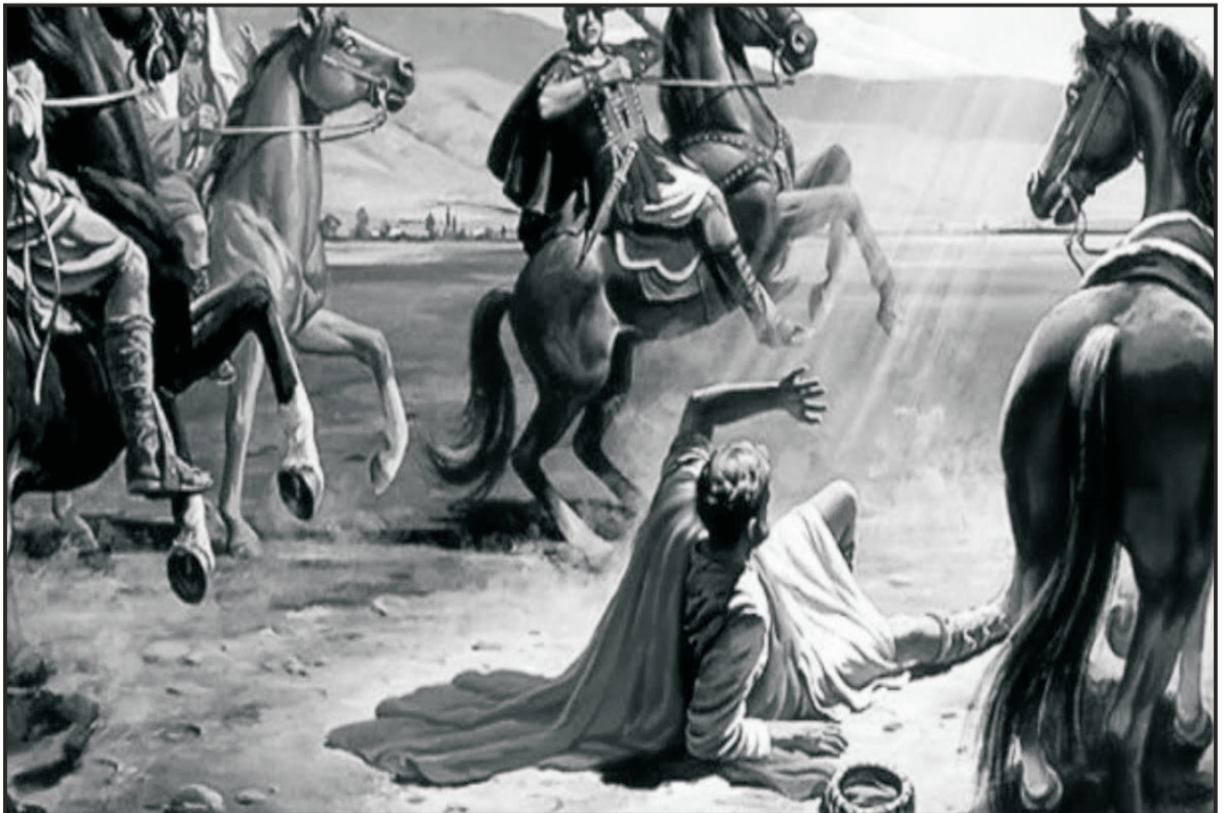
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THE CHOSEN



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Have you ever felt **unqualified** for something God has placed before you? Maybe you've sensed a calling, but doubt crept in—*"Why me? I'm not skilled enough. Surely, someone else is better suited for this."* If so, you're not alone.

What about when **you were not chosen** in human eyes? What if **you were not the first choice**? How did it feel to be left out of the **inner circle**—at work, among friends, or even in church—because of the constant struggle over *who is the greatest*?

Maybe you've felt **overlooked, dismissed, or unworthy**. But take heart—**God's calling is not defined by human approval**. If He has chosen you, **no one can take that away**.

The Bible is filled with people who felt the same way, yet God chose them anyway. God chooses ordinary people for extraordinary purposes. He does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called. From fisher men to disciples, prophets to apostles, from shepherds to kings, God's choices often defy human logic.

Maybe today, God is calling you to something bigger than yourself. It may seem beyond your expertise, or perhaps the road ahead feels daunting. But here's the truth: When He calls, He also equips, even when the task ahead seems overwhelming. This article delves what it means to be **chosen**. I encourage you to open your heart and ask—*What is God calling me to do?*

Lesson 1:

The Chosen – He commands beyond your expertise or limitations

"And he said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish." – John 21:6

Imagine you being a skilled professional in your field, only to have someone with no apparent experience in your trade tell you how to do your job. It would be humbling and perhaps even frustrating. This is exactly what happened to Jesus' disciples, who were seasoned fishermen. After a long, unproductive night of fishing, Jesus, standing on the shore, instructed them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat. Despite their expertise, logic, and exhaustion, they obeyed—and their obedience brought miraculous results.

This story is a powerful example of how God often calls us to act in ways that defy our understanding or expertise. Jesus did not suggest an alternative fishing technique; He simply asked for faith and obedience. This principle applies to us today when God calls us beyond our knowledge, skills, or comfort zones to accomplish His divine purposes.

In the Old Testament you read that Nehemiah was a cupbearer to King Artaxerxes, a position of trust and influence, but not one requiring skill in architecture or city planning.

Yet, God called Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem—a monumental task both physically and spiritually. This calling was not aligned with his professional background but was perfectly aligned with God's purpose.

When Nehemiah heard about the broken walls of Jerusalem and the suffering of his people, he did not dismiss the burden, thinking, "I'm just a cupbearer." Instead, he fasted and prayed fervently (Nehemiah 1:4-11), seeking God's guidance. This teaches us an important lesson: when God gives us a burden, He also gives us the grace to fulfil it. Nehemiah's response was rooted in dependence on God, not on his own ability. Below are few reflections when God chooses you beyond your expertise or limitations:

1. God Qualifies the called: *"The king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me" Nehemiah 2:8. "...Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts" Zechariah 4:6.*

Nehemiah's success was not due to his position or abilities but because **God's good hand was upon him**. It was **God's favour and guidance** that equipped him to accomplish the daunting task of rebuilding Jerusalem's walls.

David's story is another powerful example of how God **prepares and qualifies His chosen ones**. Before his encounter with Goliath, David had already been trained through his experiences as a shepherd — defending his flock from lions and bears. These

past victories were not by his own strength but by God's hand upon him. ***When facing Goliath, David boldly declared: "...I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel..." – 1 Samuel 17:45***

This reminds us that when God chooses us for situations—whether spiritual, professional, or personal—He does not leave us unprepared. **He strengthens, equips, and qualifies us for every challenge ahead.**

2. Obedience leads to overwhelming blessing: Obedience Precedes the Miracle – The disciples only saw results after they **obeyed Jesus' instruction** to cast their nets on the right side. God multiplies what we surrender to Him. When we trust and obey, no matter how small our offering or act of faith, He turns it into abundance beyond imagination.

In John 6:9, a young boy had only five small barley loaves and two small fish—barely enough for himself. Yet, in obedience, he offered what little he had to Jesus. His small act of faith resulted in an overwhelming blessing—thousands were fed, and twelve baskets of leftovers remained. Similarly, in 1 Kings 17:13-16, the widow of Zarephath used her last bit of flour and oil in obedience to Elijah's request, and God multiplied her supply, sustaining her and her son through the famine.

The **empty net, insufficient food, and last bit of flour** illustrate the magnitude of **human limitation**, yet when met with

obedience, God transformed them into **overflowing abundance** through His divine provision and His choice.

Lesson 2:

The Chosen: God's choice defies Human Logic

"But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.'" – Acts 9:15

God's choice often defies human logic. One of the most remarkable examples in the Bible is the calling of Saul, later known as Paul. Saul was a man passionately persecuting the followers of Christ, yet he was chosen by Jesus to become one of the greatest apostles and evangelists in history. The encounter on the road to Damascus was a turning point, not only for Paul but for the early church and the spread of the gospel.

Saul was the last person anyone would expect to become a follower of Christ—let alone one of His greatest apostles. Why would Jesus choose someone who had been actively working against Him? What qualities did God see in Paul that made him the "chosen instrument" for His purposes? Let us explore the characteristics that made Paul an extraordinary vessel for God. Below are few reflections on God's choices that defied human logic.

1. God channelizes the misdirected zeal and passion: Paul's relentless passion for what he believed was evident in his persecution

of Christians. While misdirected, this zeal showed his commitment to his convictions. God saw this passion and knew it could be redirected for the gospel. The moment Jesus confronted Paul on the road to Damascus, Paul's response was immediate surrender. Despite his past, he did not hesitate to follow the new path God set before him. God chooses those with hearts willing to be transformed, regardless of their past mistakes. ***"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* – 2 Corinthians 5:17**

God can take even our misplaced energies and passions and use them for His glory when we surrender to Him. ***"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."* – Colossians 3:23**

2. God does not choose based on past mistakes but on future potential.

Man sees failures; God sees purpose. Moses was a murderer and a fugitive, yet God called him to deliver Israel (Exodus 3:10). David committed adultery and murder, yet God still called him *"a man after His own heart"* (Acts 13:22). Peter denied Jesus three times, but God still entrusted him to lead the early church (John 21:17). The Samaritan woman at the well had a scandalous past, yet she became the first evangelist to her village (John 4:28-30). Rahab was a prostitute, but God used her to protect Israel's spies and placed her in Jesus' ancestry (Matthew 1:5). Gideon was hiding in fear, yet God addressed him as *"Mighty Warrior"* (Judges 6:12).

Human logic tends to measure people by **their history, mistakes, or shortcomings**, but **God sees beyond failures to the purpose He has designed for them. God's purpose for your life is not cancelled by your past—it is defined by His plan for your future.** His call and choice are not based on **who you were**, but on **who He created you to become**.

Lesson 3

The Chosen: Chosen to serve, not to compete

Mark 9:38-41 "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward." In this passage, John expresses concern that someone outside of the disciples' group was casting out demons in Jesus' name. The disciples believed that only they were qualified to do such work. But Jesus' response reveals a deeper truth—God's calling is not limited to a select few. He chooses people beyond the visible boundaries of any one group.

Many times, we feel unworthy or disqualified to serve God. We may think that only those with theological training, church titles, or special skills are *chosen* to do great things for Christ. But this passage reminds us that God chooses those whose hearts are

aligned with Him, even if they are not part of the “inner circle.” The unnamed man casting out demons was walking in faith and doing God's work, and Jesus affirmed him rather than rejecting him.

Being *chosen* by God does not depend on human approval. It depends on His grace. Whether we are preaching to thousands, helping a struggling neighbour, or offering a simple act of kindness—like giving a cup of water in His name—we are fulfilling God's purpose. Some reflections being chosen for “serving and not competing”:

Recognize Your Calling – God can use you wherever you are, no matter your background or qualifications. God has placed you where you are for a divine purpose. He equips and calls people in different roles to serve His kingdom in unique ways. Romans 12 :6 says: *Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: If prophesy, let's prophesy in accordance to our faith; or ministry, let us use in our ministering; he who teaches in teaching; he who exhorts in exhortation; he who gives, in liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.* It is important to recognise your calling for His glory.

Encourage Others in Their Calling – Instead of questioning if someone is “qualified,” support and celebrate their service for Christ. Romans 12:3 *...not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think but to think soberly*

as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. I Corinthians 12:28...God has appointed these in the Church: apostles, prophets, teachers after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps administration...Are all apostles, are all Prophets ... But earnestly desire the best gifts.

So, if God, in His divine wisdom, has chosen to place us and others in a particular realm, who are we as mere humans to question His plan? Instead of doubting or resisting, we should **align ourselves with God's purpose** for us and that individual, **support His calling**, and **uplift each other** in the journey of **faith and service**.

In summary. Let us embrace God's choice. His choice is not based on human qualifications, status, or expertise—it is rooted in His divine purpose.

Perhaps you have felt unworthy, or uncertain about your purpose. Maybe you have questioned whether God can truly use you wherever you are. May be there were circumstances where you were not the first choice or you are being overlooked. The truth is, if He has chosen you, He will equip you. You do not have to be the strongest, the wisest, or the most skilled or the most liked—you simply need to be willing and faithful.

Will you trust Him beyond your comfort zone, knowing that His power is made perfect in

weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)? God is calling you today. Step forward in faith and walk boldly in the purpose He has prepared for you.

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding me that You do not call the qualified, but You qualify those You call. Just as You chose Moses, David, and Paul despite their weaknesses, I trust that You have a purpose for my life as well.

Help me to walk in obedience, even when the path ahead seems overwhelming. When doubt and fear arise, remind me that You go before me, preparing the way. In human eyes, when I am not their first choice or when I am overlooked, strengthen my faith to believe that Your power is greater than human limitations.

Lord, I surrender my plans, my hesitations, and my insecurities to You. Use me for Your glory, whether in great tasks or simple acts of service. May I be faithful in whatever You have placed in my hands, knowing that even the smallest offering, given in faith, can be multiplied for Your kingdom.

Help me also to encourage others as they carry out their tasks for Your glory.

Thank You for choosing me, for equipping me, and for walking with me every step of the way. I trust You completely. Here I am, Lord—send me.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

- Mrs. Grace Selwyn

EDITORIAL

Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of **Saththiya Vaarthai** magazine, we extend our heartfelt greetings to you.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

Conflicts between nations cause immense suffering to the people. Many lose their homes, struggle to find food and water, and endure great hardship. In such situations, when a third country steps in to establish peace, the war ceases, and the sorrow of the affected people turns into joy.

Similarly, we witness individuals who, instead of fostering peace, sow discord among families, siblings, and even between husbands and wives. They escalate conflicts, leading to division, and take pleasure in the suffering of others. Such actions are detestable to God. Proverbs 6:19 lists, "one who stirs up conflict among brothers," as one of the seven things the Lord abhors.

God desires us to speak words of peace that reconcile conflicts rather than intensify them.

In the wilderness, there lived a man named Nabal, who owned thousands of sheep. When his shepherds grazed their flock, David's men protected them. However, when David's men later sought help from Nabal, he insulted them and sent them away empty-handed. Enraged, David set out to destroy Nabal and all that belonged to him. But Nabal's wife, Abigail, met

David with wisdom and spoke words of peace that changed his heart and prevented the impending destruction.

Likewise, Jesus Christ stands as our advocate before the Father so that we may not perish in our sins (1 John 2:1). The Spirit of peace rested upon Him, and by shedding His precious blood on the cross, He cleansed our sins and brought us peace.

"And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross" (Col 1:20). Let us strive to bring peace to everyone around us like Christ.

On March 3rd at 07:00 pm, a prayer meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Philip Samuel in Meena Estate, Coimbatore. The meeting included worship songs, and special prayers. God's message was shared by Mrs. Veronica Vijayan on behalf of IBT. IBT Treasurer, Mr. M. John William, explained about IBT's ministry. Nearly 50 people participated, and Mr. Philip Samuel graciously provided dinner and offering to IBT. We express our sincere gratitude to him and all who participated in this prayer meeting.

On **March 8th**, Promotional Staff meeting was held at the IBT Centre in Coimbatore. The meeting was presided by Mr. P. Jabez Selwyn - IBT President, Mr. M. John William-Treasurer, Mr. Samuel Gnanadhas-Field Director GC Members - Mr. Timothy, Mr. D. Ravi and Mr. E. D. Raja Kumar and 9 other IBT

IBT PROGRAMMES



The selected translator for the language “Bheel” Bro. Agalesh from Rajasthan State.



Field Director Mr. Samuel Gnanadhas visits the Translation work held at Coimbatore IBT Center.



On March 8th promotional staff meeting held IBT Center Coimbatore.



IBT office bearers and Promotional staff in the meeting held on March 8th.



IBT President Mr. Jabez Selwyn, Mr. Samuel Gnanadas, FMPB General Secretary Rev. S. John Berlin and FMPB translation officers in the “Bheel” language translation agreement between IBT & FMPB.



Mr. Samuel Gnanadas delivers God's Message at IBT mission station in Odisha state on February 26th, 2025.

IBT PROGRAMMES



Certificates were awarded to women who have completed tailoring training on 24.03.2025 at Kil – Kotagiri, Nilgiris.



Women participating literacy training at Santhoshpur mission station in Odisha.



Mr. S. Rajasekaran is sharing God's message at CSI St. Stephan's Church, Coimbatore on 23rd of March 2025.



IBT team singing songs at Church of Jesus the Savior, Coimbatore on 16th March 2025,



Bro. Robert delivers God's message at TELC Church, Pattanam in Coimbatore, on March 9th.



Mr. John Sekar explaining about IBT ministry at TELC Church, Pattanam, Coimbatore.

promotional staff from Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The discussion focused on reviewing the past year's work and exploring ways to enhance IBT's ministry. Productive suggestions were given to improve the outreach and meet the ministry's needs. Those who excelled in their roles shared detailed insights about their work. The meeting, which began at 10:00 AM, concluded at 3:00 PM. On March 9th, at the TELC Church in Pattanam, Coimbatore, Bro. Robert shared the Word of God, and Mr. John Sekar explained about the IBT ministry.

On March 14th–16th, Lenten evening meetings were held at CSI Jesus Redeemer Church, Coimbatore. Mr. S. Rajasekaran shared the word of God. IBT Treasurer Mr. M. John William and Bro. K. Gideon explained the IBT ministry on March 15th and 16th. On March 20th, IBT Field Director Mr. Samuel Gnanadhas travelled to Colombo, Sri Lanka, to engage with people speaking the Veddar language as part of an initiative to introduce Jesus Christ to them. He explained

IBT's vision and discussed evangelistic efforts for the Veddar community. After a fruitful trip, he returned on March 28th.

On March 23rd, at CSI St. Stephen's Church in Puliyakulam, Coimbatore, Mr. S. Rajasekaran shared the word of God during the morning worship and the evening Lenten service. Mr. M. John William explained IBT ministry. IBT expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the pastors, secretaries, treasurers, and believers of these four churches for their support, opportunities, and contributions to the IBT ministry. Please continue to pray for, IBT's translation ministries, challenges and opposition in missionary work, social service initiatives, new readers for Saththiya Vaarthai magazine.

May the Lord bless you all abundantly and grant a bright future for your children.

In His service,
Bro. K. Jaisingh

FIELD NEWS

Missionary: Bro. Shobathram Toppo

Language: *Kudukh*

Mission Field: *Lailunga, Chhattisgarh*

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

Last month, our Bible translation team completed the checking process for the following New Testament books: Matthew Chapters 12-28, Mark Chapters 1-16, Luke

Chapters 1-8. In February, I attended a checking and translation training at IMST, Kalimela (Odisha). The training was led by IMS Missionary Mrs. Girija Isaac, covering topics such as Bible book introductions, headings, and footnotes. Additionally, Brother Ezra Calab and Field Director Mr. Samuel Gnanadhas from the Coimbatore IBT office visited us for mission-related discussions. Every Thursday, we

conduct cottage prayer meetings in the village of Kulama, interceding for various needs. Pray that the BSI checking of the *Kudukh* translation begins soon. Pray for the printing process to be completed this year. Keep my family and ministry in your prayers.

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Promotional Staff: Bro. Gideon

Mission Field: *Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu*

Glory to the mighty name of the Lord!

By God's grace, I was able to continue both promotional work and office work last month. As part of the promotion ministry, I visited several areas in Coimbatore, including: Sulur, Singanallur, Ondipudur, Varadarajapuram, SIHS Colony, N.K. Palayam, Sitra, Vellalur, Pothanur, Chettipalayam, Perur, Alandurai, Karunya, Saravanampatti, Ganapathy, Nallampalayam, Kavundanur, Madhavarayapuram, Thondamuthur, Sundarapuram, Gandhipuram, Rajaveethi, Chettiveethi, New Sithaputhur, Manikundu, Kavundampalayam, Maniyakarampalayam, Thombilipalayam, Selvapuram, Thulukkampalayam, Ramanathapuram, Puliyakulam, Madukkarai, and KovaiPudur. During these visits, I met with IBT sponsors, received offerings, and prayed for them. Additionally, I had opportunities to share about IBT's ministry at several Lenten gatherings and Sunday worship services over the past months. Pray for the continuation and expansion of the IBT ministry. Pray for God's provision and

support for our work. Pray for me and my family's well-being and strength.

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Missionary: Bro. Ramachandra Nag

Mission Field: *Bodamasigan, Odisha*

Praise be to the name of the Lord!

Last month, I visited several villages for missionary work, including: Sellipadar, Bodamasigan, Seermapandi, Daspur, Masikuda, Kondapuri, Paramasi, Thangadhari, Mundakat, Pattikam, Sirsisioni, Tebraguda, Petal, Kasumikuda, Thikkakuda, Surahandi, Ambadala, Kurlukuda, Sanmoseikam, Pattarpada, and Sarjikuda. I preached the Gospel in these villages and prayed for those in need. Several individuals, including Bro. Pan Malik, Govind, Aishwar, Bandhka, Shankar, Lambu, Dinesh, Gonesh, Ramdar, and Subash, eagerly listened to the message. I also introduced and explained the Teshia language New Testament, published by IBT, encouraging people to read and understand the Scriptures. In addition to this, I led, Sunday worship services at the Bodamasigan church, fasting prayer meetings, house prayer gatherings. At times, opposition arises against the ministry. Kindly pray that all opposition against the ministry will be removed, pray for the Gospel work to continue without obstacles, pray for my family's strength and protection.

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Missionary: Bro. Pattiraj

Mission Field: *Salampur, Uttar Pradesh*

Greetings in the sweet name of Jesus Christ!

Last month, I carried out missionary work in the villages of, Magnara, Maharajpur, Uradawli, Amuwa Pandey, Kanjanpur, Uradawli, and other nearby places. I preached the Gospel, distributed tracts, Gospel booklets, and Bhojpuri New Testaments, and prayed for those in need. Several individuals, including Bro. Maker Eshlakan, Amarnath Yadav, Mrs. Rekha, Usha, Kausiya, Hindu Didi, and Neetu, eagerly listened to the gospel. Additionally, I conducted, Sunday worship services at the Salampur mission field, fasting prayer meetings, cottage prayer meetings. Kindly pray that no obstacles arise in conducting church services and for my missionary work, and for my family's well-being and protection.

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Translator: Bro. Chandrakantha Barla

Language: *Mundari*

Mission Field: *Balupalli, Odisha*

By God's grace, He has blessed my family, my ministry, and my translation work. In the Old Testament portion, from Exodus (from chapter 35:10 to chapter 39:31) has been typed into the computer, also Psalms checking has been done. I visited Coimbatore IBT office and according to the instructions of Bro.

S.N. Sankar, I checked portions of the Psalms from 1:1 to 47:9 in computer. Due to my health issues, I returned to my mission field. I participated in the 99th Annual Meeting of the Mundari Baptist Church and distributed over 100 copies of the Mundari New Testament to the attendees. Pray for my health and for my family's well-being.

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Translator: Bro. Raja

Language: *Irula - Kunjappanai*

Mission Field: *Karamadai, Tamil Nadu*

Glory to the holy name of the Lord!

By God's abundant grace, I have been blessed to serve as a translator for the Kunjappanai Irula language under Indian Bible Translators. It is a privilege to be part of this divine mission. During these days, I checked Psalms 1 to 36 (about 499 verses), and revised some verses. Certain words need further linguistic review for accurate translation. Upcoming month, I plan to visit the Kunjappanai region to distribute the already translated and finalized New Testament. During this visit, I will consult the local people for the best possible translations of difficult words. Apart from this, I participated in church ministries, house fellowships, prayer meetings, and fasting prayers. Kindly pray for the Bible translation work for the village ministry and church ministry. Pray that God may use me more effectively in His service.

DO NOT POSTPONE SALVATION

Procrastination is a bad habit—whether it's delaying a task assigned to us or postponing an important decision. Saying, "Not now, maybe another day," is not just an excuse; it can be dangerous. When Felix judged Paul, Paul spoke about righteousness, self-control, and the coming judgment. Felix was afraid, yet he said: **"That's enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you" (Acts 24:25).** Felix delayed making a decision about salvation, thinking there would be a better time. But there is never a perfect time — **the time for salvation is now!** Do not put off the most important decision of your life. Accept Christ today!

A young woman once attended a gathering where she heard about the salvation of Jesus Christ. When the preacher asked, "If you were to die today, where would you go?" she was shaken. She wanted to surrender her life to the Lord. However, she had a dance program that evening. She thought to herself, "I will think about this another day," and went home. That night, she lay in bed, unable to sleep. The preacher's words echoed in her mind: "You need to be saved. If you die today, where will you go?" Feeling uneasy, she took her diary and wrote: "Next month, I will

surely seek the Lord and be saved." Yet sleep still eluded her. She then thought, "What if I die before next month?" She picked up her diary again and changed it to: "Next week, I will be saved." Still restless, she altered it once more: "Tomorrow, I will be saved." Finally, she slept peacefully. The next morning, she did not wake up. Her parents knocked on her door—no response. They broke open the door and found her lifeless body. The "tomorrow" she had written in her diary never came.

That is why the Bible warns us, **"Now is the accepted time; today is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).** Do not delay. Today, this very moment—Right Now—is the time to be saved! Never say, "Tomorrow, next week, next month, next year," or like Felix, who told Paul: "When I have a convenient time, I will call for you." Let us not be among those who say, **"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jeremiah 8:20).**

Excerpt from "Uyirulla Udharanangal"

NEED

1. When meetings are held in the Meeting Hall of the Coimbatore IBT building, there is a necessity to install a soundproofing system and make necessary modifications to prevent noise from escaping and affecting the nearby residences. Therefore, it is estimated that this work will cost between Rs. 4,50,000 and Rs. 5,00,000. Please pray for supporters to come forward to meet these expenses.

2. Promotional staff at Trichy and Chennai require two two-wheelers. The present old two-wheelers are frequently breaking down and maintenance cost is high. We need 2,20,000/- to purchase the new two-wheelers. Kindly pray to get supporters to meet this need.

- **Treasurer**
Indian Bible Translators (IBT)

WORLD NEWS

- March 17th, Israel launched another airstrike on southern Gaza cities including Khan Younis, Rafah, Gaza City, and Deir al-Balah, killing 404 people. On March 20, another Israeli airstrike targeting Hamas's militants killed 85 people.
- The Indonesian Parliament unanimously passed a controversial bill on Thursday, increasing the military's role in governance. The new law allows military officials to take on government roles without resigning from service.
- India ranks 118th in the World Happiness Index, falling behind Pakistan, Palestine, Ukraine, and Nepal. Finland retains the title of the world's happiest country.
- The BCCI announced a ₹58 crore cash prize for the Indian cricket team after winning the Champions Trophy.
- Kristy Coventry (41) from Zimbabwe was elected as the new IOC President on March 20. She is the first woman and first African to hold this position. Kristy will serve as IOC President for 8 years starting June 2025.

IBT'S ANNUAL FASTING PRAYER MEETING

Date : 9th and 10th May 2025 (Friday & Saturday)

Time : From 10.00 am on Friday, the 9th May to 02.00pm on Saturday, the 10th May 2025.

Place : Rev. Prof. S. Panneer Selvam Memorial Bible Translation and Training Centre,
Coimbatore 641 014

Message : IBT Speakers

Please come forward and participate to pray for a great Revival in the Nation, Missionary Ministries, Bible Translation Ministries, Church Ministries and various other types of Ministries.

All are cordially invited.

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APPEAL

As you all know, with your contribution, IBT is financially supporting our missionaries' Children for their education every year. Now for the academic year of 2025-26 the Schools and Colleges will be re-opened shortly, and we need Rs. 3,00,000/- for their educational support. We therefore, prayerfully request all the sponsors, Subscribers of Saththiya Vaarthai Magazine and those who have burden for the ministry to generously extend their help for the education of these missionaries' children.

- **Treasurer**
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PRAY AND PRAISE!

1. Our IBT Promotional staff, Bro. Paul Jeyasuthan has raised Rs. 30,000 from 8 sponsors to provide 12 electric fans for IBT churches in Odisha. Praise God for these sponsors, and pray for more supporters to help in church repairs and God to bless the sponsors.
2. From May 9th to 10th, the annual fasting prayer meeting will be held at Coimbatore IBT centre. Pray for IBT representatives to come together and intercede for mission work, national and social welfare, and overcoming ministry challenges.
3. From March 14th - 16th, IBT ministry was introduced for the first time at CSI Yesu Ratchagar Church in Varadharajapuram, Coimbatore. Praise God for Mr. S. Rajasekaran, who shared God's message and Mr. M. John William, and Bro. Gideon shared about IBT ministry. Pray for the IBT ministry to be introduced in the Churches where it is not introduced yet.
4. Praise God for generous sponsors who have responded to IBT's needs, through our magazine or direct appeals from representatives. Pray that these sponsors and their families receive abundant blessings from God.
5. Praise God for the long-time readers and supporters of the Saththiya Vaarthai magazine and pray that more people will be introduced to this magazine and that new readers will join.
6. Pray that in order to give the Bible for the Bheel-speaking communities living in the border regions of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh in their own language, translation training should be given through FMPB and the translator would do this work with passion and dedication after this learning this work.
7. The IBT church in Santoshpur, Odisha, needs urgent repairs. Pray to get supporters to meet this need. The cost of repair work is Rs. 1,12,000/-.

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