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The Bible teaches us that our tongue has great power. It has the power to heal or to destroy, to bless or to curse. And so, we must be very wise in using this member of our body, the tongue. The tongue can bring pain or pleasure depending on how it is used. The tongue is also described as the deadliest weapon, more deadly than the atom bomb or the nuclear bomb.

Now, we use our mouth and tongue to speak, to utter the words that we want. Let us now look at how some important or famous people have used words to influence history.

1. Nebuchadnezzar boasted with words about how great and strong he was. But what happened? He became like an animal for 7 years because of his boastful words.

2. Alexander the Great spoke very bold words and almost conquered the world, but unfortunately, he died as a young man.

3. Napoleon Bonaparte motivated great armies - but lost in the end.

4. Hitler mesmerised people by his speeches and convinced huge crowds to commit horrible crimes against the Jews, but his end was very pathetic.

5. Winston Churchill inspired a war-torn Britain to keep fighting until victory.

6. John F. Kennedy moved the USA by his powerful speeches and vision.

7. But people of God, no words have moved this planet like the Living Word. In John

Chapter 1, we read, "The Word was made flesh." This truly speaks of the power of the tongue! Jesus Christ had such great influence over the human race with the power of His tongue. His very existence was the Word of God made flesh.

Let us consider some negative qualities of the tongue.

James 3:5b-8; Prov. 15:4;18:21

A small spark can wipe out a huge forest, and the tongue can be as destructive as a forest fire as well. In most cases, we use the tongue for evil purposes rather than for good. It is much easier to tear up a person to pieces verbally than to speak well of him. But the logic is simple: Satan, we know, created evil in the beginning, and he did so with his speech and boasted, "I will lift myself above God." It was because of Satan's ambition in the garden of Eden that sin entered the world. Sin started with Satan's pride, and the tongue became the first tool that Satan used against God. And the tongue is also Satan's main tool in the lives of human beings. Satan always manipulates us to use our tongue for corrupt and evil purpose.

But my friends, are we all in a hopeless situation then? The answer is No!

We can learn to control our tongue as we walk with God. We must consciously learn to talk godly things and be godly. The Holy Spirit becomes our guide to transform us. In James 1:26, we read that control is necessary for spiritual growth.

Proverbs. 15:4 says, "The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit."

Proverbs. 18:21 says, "The tongue has the power of life and death. And those who love it will eat its fruit."

The main point in both these verses is: The tongue can hurt! And the tongue can also heal!

a) Let us read James Chapter 3:2.

This verse shows a very powerful truth. If the tongue could be controlled, then many things in our speech affect every part of our life. If we control what we say and how we say something, it will control our character and behaviour.

Let's look at James 3:7-8

James says that man has tamed the many creatures in this world, but no human being can tame the tongue. My friends! I like to point out to you that taming the tongue may be very difficult, but it is not impossible. We have to put in great effort in restraining our tongue, but it will show results. We must gain control over our tongue and make it an instrument of righteousness instead of unrighteousness. The tongue can actually become a blessing under discipline. 1) We can use it to praise God and bless his name. 2) We can build up ourselves and others by the proper and good use of our tongue. 3) The tongue can bring great honour to the speaker and those it speaks to.

b) The power of the tongue can be found in another verse in James 5:16. ***"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for***

each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

Now what does this verse mean? It means that if we confess our sins to one another, we are confessing our human weakness (e.g., lying, stealing). My friends! We don't have to be ashamed or embarrassed because healing for sin comes from confessing it, not hiding it. We are all human and prone to weakness, but if we are honest and willing to share our weakness, then only healing can take place. We can get rid of our guilt feelings and be at peace with ourselves and with God.

Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch Jew living in Holland during the 2nd world war. When Germany over ran Holland, the family got separated. Corrie and her sister were sent to a POW camp in Ravensbrück. It was the lowest point in her life; she was tortured, humiliated, and abused by prison guards. After the war, Corrie settled in America. She became a missionary and went around the world, preaching God's message of peace, hope, and love. She went to Germany to preach, where the same prison guard was present. They met; the meeting was very difficult- the final outcome was acceptance and reconciliation. This meeting between them showed many aspects, e.g., God's grace, God's love and healing at work, and all this happened with the prison guard saying, "Sorry". So, my friends! The tongue, the smallest member of our body, has the power to accomplish great deeds.

- Rev. John Rajah. R

EDITORIAL

In the glorious name of the eternal and Holy God, the Lord of lords, we extend our loving greetings on behalf of the **Saththiya Vaarthai** magazine.

“Deal courageously, and may the LORD be with the upright!” (2 Chronicles 19:11)

Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, appointed judges in every city throughout his kingdom. He instructed them, saying, "Fear the Lord and judge the people with integrity and a sincere heart. With God there is no injustice or partiality. Likewise, if you act in the same manner, the Lord will stand by you because of your righteous deeds." The Lord established Jehoshaphat's kingdom because he walked uprightly before Him. Unlike the kings before him, Jehoshaphat did not seek after the Baal. Instead, he followed the example of David, walking faithfully before the Lord and keeping His commandments. Therefore, the Lord blessed him with wealth and honour. In the New Testament, greed is described as being equivalent to idolatry. Likewise, in our own day, rather than seeking worldly blessings as our primary pursuit, we should seek the Lord above all else. Just as God granted Jehoshaphat wealth and honour, so He will provide these things to those who seek first His kingdom and His righteousness.

Secondly, Jehoshaphat appointed the Levites and the priests to teach the Law of the Lord. He sent them throughout the towns of Judah to instruct the people. As a result, the fear of the Lord came upon the surrounding

kingdoms, and they did not wage war against Jehoshaphat.

Just as the greatness of God's Law brought fear upon the surrounding nations, so also, when we treasure God's Word in our hearts and live according to it, His Word becomes the spiritual sword that destroys the schemes and works of Satan, our enemy. Deuteronomy 6:6–9 teaches us that we are to impress God's Word upon our children. We are to speak about it while sitting at home, while walking along the road, when lying down, and when getting up. Let us make every effort to help our children memorise at least one verse of Scripture each day. In God's appointed time, that Word will work powerfully in their hearts. Just as Jesus Christ overcame Satan in the wilderness by using the Scriptures, let us also overcome through the Word of God.

“Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city” (Proverbs 16:32).

On the 5th of July, at the morning worship service of Agni Prayer House Church in Mettur, Mr. S. Rajasekaran gave God's message, and Mr. M. John William explained about the IBT ministry. On the same day, at the morning worship service of the Pentecostal Church in Kolathur, Mettur, Bro. Simon gave God's message, and Bro. Gideon explained about the IBT ministry. On the 26th of the same month, at CSI St. Paul's Church in Tirupur, Mr. Rajakumar explained about the IBT ministry before God's message.

IBT expresses its thanks to the pastors of these three churches, the church elders, the secretary, treasurer, and all the church members who participated, for giving us the opportunity, extending a good welcome, and giving an offering.

The IBT Planning Meeting was held on 18th and 19th July at the Jubilee Memorial Bible College Campus in Chengalpattu District. Rooms were provided for the representatives to stay, a good hall was provided for conducting the meeting, and tasty food was arranged on both days. Pastor Raju, together with the young helpers dedicated to the ministry, carried out everything—from serving food to every other responsibility—with enthusiasm and eagerness. This gave us great amazement. Further, Principal Rev. Dr. Prakash Abraham Matthew also came at the beginning of the meeting and spoke appreciatively about the greatness of the IBT ministry and its leaders. He also prayed for this meeting and for the ministry. On behalf of IBT, the President of IBT, Mr. Jabez

Selwyn, presented him with the translated Word of Life (Malayalam) and Defeat the Despair – Seeds for the Good Soil books as gifts.

On Sunday, 19.7.2026, the morning worship service was conducted. Mr. Rajakumar gave God's message, and Mr. Christopher explained about the IBT ministry. IBT expresses its heartfelt thanks to the Principal of the college for giving permission to conduct this meeting, and to Pastor Raju, who made all the arrangements and wholeheartedly rendered every help, and to all his assistants. May the Lord bless and exalt all of them! Please pray that all the decisions taken in this meeting may be implemented in such a way that they will be helpful for the growth of the ministry.

We pray that God will protect, bless, and lead all of you, the readers of Saththiya Vaarthai magazine, and your family members.

In the Lord's service,
K. Jaisingh

WORLD NEWS

- ★ P. V. Sindhu created history by becoming the first Indian to win the Japan Open Super 750 women's singles title. In the final, she defeated reigning world champion Akane Yamaguchi 21–17, 21–17.
- ★ Uma Maheshwari, a government school student, set a world record by memorising the entire Tolkappiyam, the ancient Tamil grammatical treatise, and writing it out completely in 22 hours.
- ★ For the first time in India's space history, the Vikram-1 rocket, an indigenously developed launch vehicle built by a private company, was successfully launched from Sriharikota on 18 July 2026. It was successfully placed into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) 16 minutes after lift-off.
- ★ Officials announced that the Indian Air Force's Rafale fighter jets will participate in the Pitch-Black multinational air combat exercise to be held in Australia.
- ★ Andy Burnham (56), leader of Britain's ruling Labour Party, officially assumed office as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on Monday, 20 July 2026. He delivered his first address from the Prime Minister's official residence at 10 Downing Street, London.

IBT PROGRAMMES



Mr. S. Timothy sharing God's message during the IBT Annual Fasting Prayer meeting on 08.05.2026.



From 20.04.2026 to 25.04.2026, the translators participated in the New Testament checking work held at the Odisha Bapanpalli Children's Home.



On 14.06.2026, representatives and IBT staff participated at the IBT book stall during the Missionary Sunday Sales Festival held at the CSI Christ Church campus, Trichy Road, Coimbatore.



On 31.05.2026, during the Dedication service of 40 missionaries held at CSI Christ Church, Trichy Road, Coimbatore, two IBT translators, Bro. Samuel and Bro. Raja, were dedicated by the Coimbatore Bishop and pastors.



Bro. Simon delivered God's message in the Pentecostal Church in Kolathur, Mettur on 05.07.2026.



Mrs. Navamani Sekar explained the IBT ministry at the Gnanakanmalai Church, Mettur on 21.06.2026.

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On 05.07.2026, at the IMS Church, Malkangiri, Odisha, Field Director Mr. Samuel Gnanadhas delivered the message of God, and IMS missionary, Mrs. Girija Isaac, interpreting his message.



On 18.07.2026, representatives singing songs during the planning meeting held at the Jubilee Memorial Bible College campus, Urupakkam.



On 18.07.2026, Rev. Dr. Prakash Abraham Matthew, the Principal of the college where the planning meeting was held, prayed for the IBT ministry.



Children of the Odisha Bapanpalli Children's Home during their meal time.



IBT representatives who participated in the Planning Meeting.



On 19.07.2026, during the second day of the planning meeting, Rev. Raju welcomed IBT President Mr. P. Jabez Selwyn by honouring him with a shawl.

FIELD NEWS

Translator: Bro. Srinivas Sakat

Language: Bagheli

Mission Station: Kara-Rewa

(Madhya Pradesh)

I offer praise to the Lord who graciously enabled me to carry out the translation work without hindrance during the past month.

In the translation work, the Word List and Biblical Terms for all the books of the New Testament were checked as part of the checking work. For this checking work, I went to the Bapanpalli Children's Home in Odisha State. From **5th to 11th July**, my work was checked together with that of seven other translators. On 14th June, I participated in the missionary gathering held at the ALC Church in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu, and explained about my work. This church has been supporting me. I have been informed that all the work should be completed before the end of this year so that the Typesetting work may begin. Please pray that my work may be completed quickly, that the New Testament along with Psalms and Proverbs may be released at the IBT Logos Camp to be held in May 2028, and also pray for my family.

Promotion Staff: Bro. Gideon

Mission Station: Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)

Praise the Lord!

By the abundant grace of God, the Lord enabled me to carry out the promotion work throughout the past month. For the promotion

work, I went to Rathinapuri, Gandhipuram, Goundampalayam, Uppilipalayam, Singanallur, Sundarapuram, Ganapathy, Saravanampatti, N.K. Palayam, Podanur, Alandurai, Chettipalayam, Perur, Karunya Nagar, and a few other places. I met IBT partners and supporters, received offerings, and prayed with them. I have met the pastors and requested opportunities for IBT promotion meetings in the coming months. These include CSI, TELC, and Pentecostal churches. Please pray that the Lord will speak to the hearts of the pastors so that these opportunities may be granted, and that there may be no hindrances to the release of four Bibles and seven New Testaments with Psalms and Proverbs editions at the IBT Logos Camp to be held in 2028. Please also pray that supporters may be raised up to meet these needs, and pray for my family.

Translator: Sis. R. Anuradha

Language: Badaga

Mission Station: Aravankadu

(Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu)

I thank the Lord who protected me throughout the past month.

As usual, I read the Badaga Bible and sent the recordings through WhatsApp to the Badaga-speaking people. During the past month, the readings sent covered the Old Testament from Zechariah chapter 5 onward, and the New Testament up to Luke chapter 8. The Bible checking work was also carried out in Zechariah. In addition, the checking work of the

Old Testament was completed from Deuteronomy chapter 18 through Joshua chapter 13. Apart from the translation work, fasting prayer was conducted every Wednesday, family prayer meetings were held on Saturdays, and Sunday worship services were conducted. For the promotion work, I went to Aravankadu, Coonoor, and Santhur, met the IBT supporters, received offerings, and prayed for them.

Further, we went to Kil Hosahatti, Mel Hosahatti, and Aravankadu, met the believers, encouraged them to attend the Sunday worship service, shared the Good News with them, and prayed. Please pray that the checking work of my translation may be completed soon before the second edition is published again, and also pray for the church ministry.

Translator: Bro. Sobathram Toppo
Language: Kudukh
Mission Station: Lailunga (Chhattisgarh)

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

During the past month, the translation work was carried out in Paratext. The keying-in work was completed for Psalms 1 through 55. This work has been completed, and the checking work also remains to be completed. In the missionary work, family prayer meetings were conducted at the mission stations of Lailunga and Gudama. About 10–11 people participated in these meetings. In the Kudukh language, the New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs should be completed and printed soon. Since it has been planned to release the New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs in seven languages at the 2028 Logos Camp, this Kudukh language is one among them. Therefore, please pray that my translation work may be completed quickly.

NOTICE TO READERS

In response to many requests, we are pleased to inform you that the book “Sorvum Theervum” has been printed in its 6th edition and is now available for sale at the IBT office. The current price of the book is Rs. 100/-. Those who require a copy may contact the IBT office.

GOOGLE MEET PRAYER

Those who wish to pray for the IBT ministries through Google Meet are invited to contact the following persons:

Mr. E. D. Rajakumar – 80502 64321
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Mr. Sahaya Swedon – 74899 66860
Every Sunday: 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Mr. Paul Jeyasudhan – 097904 84572
Every Wednesday: 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM

PRAY FOR THE BIBLE BOOKS PROPOSED TO BE RELEASED IN THE LOGOS CAMP 2028 BY IBT

Language	Translator	State
Holy Bible		
1. Mirgan	Keshab Mirgan	Odisha
2. Kalahandia	Pitambar Mahanand	Odisha
3. Deshia	Christdan	Odisha
4. Bhojpuri	Sudhir Kumar	Uttar Pradesh
New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs		
1. Dingal	Altaf Hussain	Rajasthan
2. Kuduk	Shobatram Toppo	Chhattisgarh
3. Bhageli	Srinivas Saket	Madhya Pradesh
4. Bundeli	Devesh Kumari	Madhya Pradesh
5. Sora	Gada Mandal	Odisha
6. Kuvi	Samuel Santa	Odisha
7. Siddi	Prakash Siddi	Karnataka

INDIAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS – ERODE BRANCH 20TH FAMILY BLESSING MEETING – 2026

Venue : CSI Brough Church Parish Hall, Brough Road, Erode.
Date : 02-10-2026, Friday
Time : 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Chairperson : Rev. Edinbaro, TELC, Erode
Speaker : Mr. Amirtharaj (Erode)
Praise and Worship : IBT Team, Erode

Melodious songs, Mission Field sharing, Challenging Message, Missionary Testimonies
All are cordially invited. Lunch will be provided.

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- Readers of Saththiya Vaarthai who wish to receive the magazine (Tamil and English versions) through WhatsApp are requested to send their details to the IBT **WhatsApp number: 90470 57414**.
- The Tamil and English editions of Saththiya Vaarthai Magazine are also available on the IBT website : **www.ibtword.com** You can download, read, and be blessed through these resources.

BIBLE NOW IN 800 LANGUAGES

Wycliffe Bible Translators has announced that the Bible has been translated into its 800th language, meaning 6.2 billion people have the entire Bible translated in their native tongue. The acceleration of Bible translation in recent years is remarkable considering that it took over 1,900 years for the first 400 languages to be translated, but only 28 years for the next 400 languages.

– Decision

- Precept from Forerunner Magazine July 2026

NEED

A promotional staff serving in Chennai requires a two-wheeler. Due to the high maintenance cost of the existing old vehicle, it has become necessary to provide a new one. The estimated cost for the new vehicle is Rs. 1,10,000. Please pray that sponsors/supporters will be raised to meet this need.

Those who are desirous of supporting our varied ministries are requested to send their offerings to the following banks through ECS or scanning the QR Code through your phone.

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IBT REPRESENTATIVES

Those who have a burden for ministry and are willing to join the IBT ministry as voluntary workers (Representatives) can introduce the IBT ministry in their respective areas and organise small groups for prayer.

Those who wish to know more details are kindly requested to contact the IBT office at the following **mobile number: 90470 57414**

PRAY AND PRAISE!

1. Praise the Lord for providing supporters who have come forward to sponsor the printing of the Bibles in four languages, New Testaments, Psalms, and Proverbs in Seven languages which are planned to be released during the Logos Camp 2028. Before printing, the typesetting work will be done twice and thoroughly checked, after which the printing process will begin. Pray that the financial needs for the typesetting work will be met and that more supporters will come forward to support this ministry.
2. Praise the Lord for the successful completion of the IBT Planning Meeting held as planned on 18th and 19th July at the Jubilee Memorial Bible College campus, Urapakkam, Chengalpattu District. Pray that the decisions taken during this gathering will be implemented without any obstacles.
3. Let us praise the Lord for enabling the translators working on the New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs to come to the IBT Coimbatore Centre from 16th August and continue their translation work. Praise God for granting them safe journeys from various states. Let us pray that they, along with the four Full Bible translators and the Bundeli translator (NT, Psalms & Proverbs) who will be coming from the first week of September until the end of November, will complete their assigned work successfully. Pray that after returning to their respective mission fields, they will begin the Group Checking process effectively.
4. Praise the Lord for the C.S.I. Christ Church, TVS Nagar, Coimbatore, which has come forward to support an IBT missionary. Let us pray that the pastor, secretary, treasurer, and the entire church will be richly blessed by the Lord.

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