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Introduction

When we think of the word 'adversity', we often mean that something has turned against us. There is a strong current against the direction we are going or intend to go. No wonder, the Bible calls the source of adversity as Satan, the "adversary" meaning, that he is against God and everything and everybody who is for God and His ways. We read in **I Pt 5: 8, 9** ***"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."*** Peter knew his enemy for he was tempted to deny Jesus three times and he failed each time. Once, Jesus had to rebuke him by saying "Get thee behind me Satan." (**Mk. 8: 33**) for what he said came from Satan to thwart God's plan.

If we read **Job 1 and 2** chapters carefully, we realize that even blameless, righteous men in the sight of God are not immune to Satan's attacks. In **Lk. 4** we read about the temptations of Jesus. If Jesus had failed in any one of these, the whole plan of Salvation through Grace could have been thwarted.

Having said all this, let us examine the lives of some of the men of God in the Bible who withstood this adversary and trusted God to overcome him.

Habakkuk in the Midst of Adversity

The prophet Habakkuk lived under difficult circumstances and cried out to God, because of the backslidden conditions of Judah. The Lord also sent (**II Kings 24: 1, 2**) raiding bands of Chaldees, Syrians, Moabites, and Ammon to destroy Judah. Habakkuk lived under these conditions and his heart cried out to God for Judah as the Babylonians were about to conquer the kingdom of Judah. In this verse we can actually visualize the condition that he was in. He says in **Hab 3: 17, 18** ***"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation."*** In spite of his situation, his faith did not waver.

Job in the Midst of Adversity

Job was a historic figure mentioned in **Ez. 14:14** ***"Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD."***; and **Jms 5: 11** ***"Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy."*** All trials and troubles we face are not because of our sin as evident from **Job 1 and 2**. Job was a blameless man in the sight

of God. He lost all his assets and his seven children in one day. His friends try to struggle through the question “Why would God allow a righteous man to suffer thus?” In fact if we did not have **Job 1 and 2** chapters that talks about the conversation between God and Satan, we too would be struggling for the answer. Job does not give up on his faith and trust in God throughout his conversation with his friends or in the face of his wife trying to tell him in **Job 2: 9** “Then said his wife to him, 'Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God and die'” In fact he knows that God is his redeemer when he proclaims in **Job 19: 25-27** ***“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.”*** He learns to trust the power and goodness of God in the midst of his adversity when he says in **Job 13: 15** ***“Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.”*** The result of Job's trust in God and His goodness resulted in God blessing him with double of all that he had lost. He had seven sons and three daughters and he went on to have a long life of 140 years and saw his children and grand-children up to a 4th generation!

Daniel's Friends in the Midst of Adversity

The Southern kingdom of Judah was conquered by Babylon. Among the Jewish captives, the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar chose Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

He gave Babylonian names to each of them as Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego. They served in his court among others. Now the king made a huge statue of gold and required at a set time when the musical instruments were played that everyone in his realm should bow down before the statue. His decree was that anyone found not worshipping the image will be thrown into a burning fiery furnace. Some of the Babylonians observed that Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego and they brought a complaint that, these Jewish men did not obey the king's decree. The king was visibly angry and called them in his fierce wrath and questioned them and reiterated his demand that they obey his decree. He ended it by saying, **Dan 3: 15** ***“... And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?.”*** This was definitely a challenge to these godly youth. Their faith in the midst of such persecution is amazing. Their answer to the king is recorded in **Dan 3: 17, 18** ***“If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.”*** Before he cast these three youth into the furnace in his rage, he made the furnace seven times hotter than it usually is. The king called his men and asked them to throw these three youth into the fiery furnace. The king lost some of his valiant men for as they threw these godly youth into the furnace, they themselves were burnt to death. But there was a fourth Man that the king saw in the furnace and here is the king's description in **Dan 3: 25**

“Look” he answered, “I see four men loose walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the fourth is like the Son of God.” The king was astonished and called them to come out and found that they were not hurt or burnt nor was the smell of burning on them! What a witness it must have been to this heathen king about the Biblical true and only God. The faith of these young men was tested under such adverse conditions. Let us remember that the Lord goes through the troubles with us to deliver us. May we trust the Lord for His delivering power.

Esther in the Midst of Adversity

God's protection, preservation and mercy are seen throughout the book of Esther, yet His name is not mentioned even once! The feast of Purim is celebrated to this day, by the Jewish people in memory of the events of this book. This happened in the land of Persia (known today as Iran). Many Jews who were captives of Babylon ended up in Persia as it conquered Babylonia. Of some of their descendants, were Mordecai who also took care of his cousin Esther. Esther becomes the queen of Persia by getting married to the king Ahasuerus. Haman oversaw the king's affairs. He hated the Jews because Mordecai who sat at the king's gate refused to bow down to him when he passed by. This hatred of the Jews caused him to get the king's permission to kill all the Jews in the realm at a pre-determined day. At the advice of Mordecai (**Est 4: 14** ***“... and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”***). Esther decides to approach the king to prevent the disaster. She

was in a tough spot, because if she does nothing all the Jews could be killed, if she tries to save the Jews, she might be killed. She picks up her courage and tells her staff as written in, **Est 4: 15** ***“Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.”*** In the midst of great peril, Esther made a brave decision to help protect the Jewish people in the realm of Persia. There is no doubt that she had immense trust and faith in God, in the midst of severe adverse conditions.

Hezekiah in the Midst of Adversity

Hezekiah became the king of Judah when he was twenty-five years old. Hezekiah destroyed all the images that were in the kingdom. In fact here is Hezekiah's testimony as he takes the reigns as king as in **II Kings 18: 5, 6** ***“He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.”*** As a result, the Lord was with him wherever he went. What a blessing for those who put their trust in the Lord. We read of the events that happened in the process of Israel going into captivity to Assyria during the reign of Shalmaneser of Assyria. This captivity was in 722 BC and it was in the sixth year of Hezekiah's reign over Judah. Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah Sennacherib,

king of Assyria thought he could conquer the kingdom of Judah. He sent emissaries to convince Hezekiah to capitulate. The challenge in a nutshell is in **II Kings 18: 29-35**. These emissaries talked to the people in the Hebrew language not to heed to Hezekiah or his faith in God. They even challenged the Lord in **II Kings 18: 35** ***“Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?”*** Hezekiah asks the scribes, elders and Isaiah the prophet to pray for the situation with Assyria. Isaiah proclaims the word from God in **II Kgs 19: 7** ***“Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.”*** Hezekiah receives a threatening letter from Assyria. He spreads the letter before the Lord and asks the Lord to address it. Isaiah then hears from the Lord and tells Hezekiah not to be concerned about it and that God will defend Jerusalem and fight the battle as in **II Kings 19: 33-35** ***“By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.”*** In fact Sennacherib was murdered by his own sons in Nineveh too!

In the midst of a very troublesome situation, Hezekiah exercised his faith and trust in God and the Lord took care of the battle without a fight. All glory be to God who wrought such a victory for king Hezekiah.

Moses in the Midst of Adversity

Moses had a similar experience caught between the Red Sea and Pharaoh's Army and the children of Israel murmuring and grumbling – what a place to be! This event is recorded for us in **Ex 14**. Prior to this event, the Lord had caused ten plagues to happen in Egypt finally ensuring that Pharaoh released the children of Israel from their slavery. The Passover is celebrated by the Jewish people till today in memory of this event. The Lord was leading them as a pillar of fire by night and as pillar of cloud by day. Moses leads the children of Israel, and they camped by the Red Sea. Pharaoh with all his chariots and army pursues them and finds them trapped between his army and the Red Sea. The children of Israel murmured against Moses for they were now fearful. But, here is Moses' answer in **Ex 14: 13, 14** ***“And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.”*** According to God's word, Moses stretched out his hands over the sea with the rod in his hand. The sea parted and the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea on dry land. And when reaching the other shore, Moses stretched out his hands over the sea and all of

the pursuing Pharaoh's army is drowned as the waters come back together. Again, we notice that the Lord fights the battle for them and to God be the glory.

Paul in the Midst of Adversity

One would think that godly Christians would not suffer at all in this world. The Apostle Paul disproves this opinion. In fact as we read through the book of Acts and Paul's epistles in the New Testament, we will find large number of instances of his sufferings. Let us just consider a few of them. Soon after Paul's conversion, he was asked by the Lord to go to Damascus and meet with a godly man named Ananias. Ananias tried to explain to the Lord how Paul was persecuting the church, but the Lord's answer was, ***"But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake."*** (Acts 9: 15, 16).

Sure enough, Paul went through much adversity during his ministry for the Lord. He lists some of them in **II Cor 11: 23-28**. Paul, after his conversion, may have ministered for about 30 years. This epistle was probably written during the middle of his ministry and surely does not cover a lot of other difficulties he faced during the second half of his ministry. In this passage he summarizes his sufferings, ***"Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths often. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save***

one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness."

However, this list is long enough for us to understand how much Paul had to withstand during his ministry. I am sure that his faith was tested sufficiently, but he continued to press on as in **Phil 3: 14** ***"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*** Paul's faith withstood all the adversities he encountered, **Rom 8: 37-39** ***"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."***

Stephen in the Midst of Adversity

Stephen had a short ministry, but a very powerful one. His ministry is recorded for us in Acts Chapters 6-7. There was a complaint by Greek widows, that they were being neglected but not the Hebrew widows. The apostles took action immediately to correct the situation. They wanted 7 men of good reputation and filled with the Holy Spirit to be selected to respond to the

matter. Among the seven that were chosen was Stephen. Stephen's personal testimony is quite impressive as in **Acts 6: 8** ***“And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.”*** Some of the men from a certain Synagogue got together and tried to dispute with Stephen regarding his faith in the Lord Jesus. They could not withstand his wisdom and knowledge of the scriptures. As a result of this, they plotted to bring false charges against Stephen. They also stirred up the elders and the people to go against Stephen. They all got together false witness and accused Stephen of being blasphemous. After such accusations were brought against him they looked at him steadfastly, but saw his face 'as the face of an angel'. Stephen found himself in a very dangerous situation. These men who joined together were bent on either changing the faith of Stephen or have him killed before his preaching led others to the Lord Jesus Christ. The High priest questions Stephen about the accusations brought against him.

It is interesting to note that Stephen begins his message with Abraham and takes them through the slavery of the children of Israel in the land of Egypt for 400 years. He then talks about the great signs that the Lord showed in Egypt before Pharaoh released them from slavery. He then takes them through the wilderness journey of the children and the miracles God wrought for them on the way to the promised land. He, also recounts the miracle of how the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea on dry land. He also quotes the words of Moses from **Duet 18: 15** ***“The LORD thy***

God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;” This connects Jesus to Moses's prophecy of the Messiah Jesus. Stephen gave them a summary of the Old Testament and how the Israelites rejected God all along the way. This angered the crowds that were listening. They decided to take the law into their own hands and picked up stones to kill him. Stephen looked steadfastly into heaven, **Acts 7: 56** ***“And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.”*** They did not want to hear anymore from Stephen and stoned him till he died. Paul who was then called Saul watched all of this happen and consented to it. In spite of all the hatred and the threat of death Stephen held on to his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Conclusion

We live in a challenging world and Christians worldwide face enormous challenges of false doctrine, vain philosophies, and add to it the influence that social media has on their minds. The devil has many tricks and devices to attract us and take our attention from the Lord. This is a constant battle that we have to fight and win. We need to be in the word of God, in prayer and in fellowship with other believers to be strong in the Lord and not allow ourselves to be distracted. Yet, in all of these oppositions and doctrines and diversions I pray that our faith will stand in the midst of any adversity.

- Dr. Sam Russell

IBT PROGRAMMES



On June 2nd, the memorial day of IBT President Rev. Prof. S. Panneer Selvam, Mr. M. John William is delivering the Word of God at the IBT Center.



From June 11th to 27th at the IBT Center, Mr. Ebenezer Ilango (Wycliffe India), who worked on the Lambani NT page setting, with translator Bro. Paramesh.



Release of the Badaga Audio Device containing New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs held on June 14th at the CSI Luke Church Parish Hall, Kotagiri.



At the release function of the Badaga New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs "Audio Device," young girls dressed in Badaga attire performed a traditional dance.



Participants at the release function of the Badaga New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs "Audio Device."



On 29.06.2025, Bro. Gideon is delivering the Word of God at the CSI Robertson Memorial Church, Tiruppur.

IBT PROGRAMMES



On 08.07.2025, at the "MUT Retreat Centre" in Ottanchatram – Retired Missionaries.



On 13.07.2025, Bro. Simon is delivering the Word of God at the Gnanakanmalai Church in Mettur.



On 19.07.2025, Mr. Rajakumar is delivering the Word of God at the IBT planning meeting held in Kotagiri.



Participants at the planning meeting held in Kotagiri on 19.07.2025.



On 20.07.2025, Mr. Athisayam is delivering the Word of God at the OBC Church in Ooty.



On 20.07.2025, Mr. Samuel Gnanadhas is delivering the Word of God at the "New Life Prayer House" Church in Kotagiri.

EDITORIAL

In the sweet name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we convey our loving greetings on behalf of *Saththiya Vaarthai* magazine. ***“He who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Matt. 23:12).***

Two men went to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee's prayer before God was as though he exalted himself, considered himself righteous, and looked down on others. But the tax collector's prayer was one of deep humility before God; he stood at a distance, did not dare to lift his eyes towards heaven, but beat his chest and said, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Jesus Christ said that it was the tax collector who went home justified.

Nebuchadnezzar was still the king of Babylon. One day, while walking on the roof of the palace, he said, “Is this not the great Babylon that I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?” While the words were still in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven: “King Nebuchadnezzar, the royal authority has departed from you. You will be driven away from among people and will live with the wild animals. You will eat grass like the oxen. Seven periods of time will pass over you until you

acknowledge that the Most High rules over the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He pleases.” At that very moment, the word concerning him was fulfilled. He was driven away from his royal authority and ate grass like the oxen. After some days had passed, his understanding returned to him, and he praised and exalted the Lord. The Lord restored to him the position he had lost.

When David was king over all Israel, as he was bringing the Ark of the Covenant from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David, he danced with all his might before the Ark, wearing a linen ephod. Michal, the daughter of Saul, saw David, and noticing that he was wearing only the linen ephod and not his royal robes, she spoke of him with contempt. But David humbled himself, saying, “I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humble in my own eyes.” Even when David had opportunities to kill Saul, the first king of Israel, he refused, saying, “I will not harm the Lord's anointed.” He compared himself to a mere flea and humbled himself before Saul as well. Among all the kings of Israel, the Lord exalted David the most.

When we humble ourselves not in times when we lack skills, wealth, honor, or blessings, but like David, when we have all these in

abundance, it is then that we truly exalt God.
"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up." (James 4:10)

On the 8th of July this year, a one-day gathering for retired missionaries was held at the MUT Retreat Centre in Ottanchathiram. More than 40 missionaries, both those who had served and those still serving in various missionary organizations, participated in the event. Mr. G.N. Sundar, Mr. Thambidurai, Mrs. Elizabeth, and Mr. George William were among those who attended. Messages from God's Word were shared, and two doctors gave valuable advice on maintaining good health in old age.

On the 13th of July this year, at the Fire Revival Church in Mettur, Bro. Gideon preached God's Word, and Mr. M. John William explained the IBT ministry. On the same day, at the Siloam Church in the same town, Bro. Gideon preached God's Word, and Mrs. Navamani explained the IBT ministry. That same day, at the Gnanakanmalai Church in the same town, Bro. Simon preached God's Word, and Bro. Shanmugavel explained the IBT ministry.

The second IBT planning meeting of this year was held on 19.07.2025 at the "High Field UESI Conference Hall" in Kotagiri. A total of 42

representatives, along with some newcomers, participated. Bro. Rajakumar shared God's Word. Mr. Jabez Selwyn IBT President, Mr. Varamani Raj Secretary, and Mr. Samuel Gnanadhas Field Director also attended the meeting and gave their counsel.

The following day, at the OBC Church in Ooty, Mr. Athisayam shared God's Word, and Mr. Samson presented about the IBT ministry. On the same day, at the CSI Wesley Church in Kotagiri, Mr. Varamani Raj explained the IBT ministry and preached God's Word. That same day, at the Badaga "New Life Church" in Kotagiri, Mr. Samuel Gnanadhas preached God's Word, and Mr. Rajakumar explained the IBT ministry.

We earnestly request the local supporters, *Saththiya Vaarthai* magazine readers, and church pastors in each area to help us obtain permission to introduce the IBT ministry and to share God's Word. For the glory of the Lord's name, if we take one step forward, He is able to bless us many times over. Please continue to pray. We are praying that the Lord will keep you and your family safe from all harm and crown you with His goodness.

In His Service
K. Jaisingh

FIELD NEWS

Translator: Bro. Srinivas Saket

Language: Bagheli

**Mission Field: Kara Reva
(Madhya Pradesh)**

Praise the Lord!

By the grace of Jesus Christ, in last month's translation work, quotation marking was done for the Old Testament portion from Psalm 78:1 to Psalm 150:6, and from Proverbs chapter 1:1 to chapter 3:35. In missionary work, Sunday worship services and the second-Saturday fasting prayer meeting were conducted.

Through prayer, the Lord granted complete healing to two people who had been sick. Fifteen people are willing to take baptism. Many people who speak the Bagheli language do not know Jesus Christ. The Gospel must reach them. Through BSI, the checking work of the Bagheli-language New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs needs to be carried out. Only if this work is completed quickly it will be possible to publish it in the next Logos camp. Therefore, please pray for this work and for my family.

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Promotional Staff: Bro. K. Sundhar
Mission Field: Chennai (Tamil Nadu)

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Last month, the Lord, who protected me like the apple of His eye, graciously enabled me to travel to many places for the IBT promotion work — meeting IBT partners and supporters, receiving their offerings, and praying for them. For the promotion work, God gave me grace to go to Red Hills, Pammadukulam, Soorapet, Lakshmipuram, Athur Puzhal, Kolathur, Anjukam Nagar, Vetri Nagar, Thanikachalam Nagar, Jawahar Nagar, Periyar Nagar, Retteri, Senthil Nagar, Korattur, Madanakuppam, Ambattur, Avadi, Ayanambakkam, Ayanavaram, Perambur, Anna Nagar, Mugappair, Villivakkam, Koyambedu, Maduravoyal, Valasaravakkam, K.K. Nagar, M.G.R. Nagar, Saligramam, Periyar Pathai, Keelkattalai, Ashok Nagar, Saidapet, Adyar, East Tambaram, Raja Keelpakkam, Santhoshpuram, Kovilambakkam, Madipakkam, and many other places.

In Chennai, at the Samuel Gospel Church in Adyar, I met Pastor. Titus Samuel and explained about the IBT ministry. Please pray that opportunities may be given to conduct IBT promotion meetings in this church, that the Lord may bless the couple Suresh Sam and his wife (whom I met) with the gift of a child, that opportunities may open to conduct IBT

promotion meetings in churches across Chennai, and also for my children's studies.

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Translator/ Missionary:

Bro. Keshab Mirgan

Language: Mirgan

Mission Field: Kondapuri (Odisha)

Glory be to God!

Last month, the Lord helped me in carrying out my translation and missionary work. In the translation work, within the Old Testament, I keyed in from Job chapter 1:1 to chapter 20:29 into the computer using the Paratext software. On June 2nd, in remembrance of the IBT founder's memorial day, I organized a prayer meeting. Many missionaries participated in it and shared their experiences about the founder.

House prayer meetings were conducted in Surahandi and Payirsakuba villages. In these meetings, prayers were offered for the rulers of India, for the sick, for missionary ministries, and for the general needs of the villages.

Please pray for my translation work and for my family. My target is to complete the entire Bible work by December 2026. Kindly pray for this as well.

Translator/ Missionary: Bro. Samuel Santa

Language: Kuvi

Mission Field: Upperkandi (Odisha)

Glory be to God!

In the translation work last month, in the New Testament section, from the Gospel of Luke chapter 1: verse 80 to chapter 22: verse 71, the passages were read and checked for verification—titles, word checks, commas, and full stops were corrected. For missionary work, I went to Kejargota village and met Brother Theba, to whom I shared the Gospel. I prayed for his mother and for the healing of a cut injury on his leg. Group checking with people well-versed in this language is also planned. Only after that it will be possible to send the work for page-setting. Please pray for these tasks to proceed without hindrance and for my family as well.

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Missionary: Sis. Subitha

Mission Field: Bapanpalli (Odisha)

Greetings in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

We thank God for keeping us safe and enabling us to carry out the children's home ministry throughout the month of June. On the 4th, early in the morning, we returned from the worksite to our office. From the 15th, the

children began arriving at the children's home. We cleaned the campus and all the rooms and prepared for the new academic year. From the 20th, classes for the children commenced. We went to Kalimala to purchase necessary items for the children's home. We thank God for helping us to buy a new gas stove for the children's home. Due to the change in weather

(rain), three children developed fever and vomiting. We prayed for them, took them to the hospital, and cared for them. Lokumi, a believer from our church in Andaguda village, was very weak. We went to her house and prayed for her. Please continue to pray for our children's home ministry and for the staff as well.

WORLD NEWS

- ❖ Following heightened tensions between the neighboring Southeast Asian countries of Thailand and Cambodia, the armies of both nations clashed on Thursday, resulting in 11 deaths.
- ❖ In Pakistan's Punjab province, the total death toll from rain-related incidents has risen to 258, with 488 people injured.
- ❖ India–UK Free Trade Agreement: India is set to gain trade opportunities worth Rs. 2 lakh crore. The free trade agreement, aimed at increasing market access between India and the UK, was signed on July 24.
- ❖ In Russia, a passenger plane crashed in a mountainous region on Thursday, killing all 48 people on board, including passengers and crew.

Our Vision & Mission

Our vision is to translate the Bible into all Indian languages that have not been translated yet, making the Word of God available to every community in their mother tongue.

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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 Chennai require a two-wheeler. The present two-wheeler is frequently breaking down and maintenance cost is high. We need Rs. 1,10,000/- to purchase a new two wheeler. Kindly pray to get supporters to meet this need.

3. The office computer which is used to work with media and website is often gets repaired. To purchase an updated computer requires of Rs. 78,000/- Kindly pray to get supporters to meet this need.

- Treasurer
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1. Praise the Lord for the successful completion of this year's second planning meeting, held as planned in Kotagiri on July 19th and 20th. Also, thank God for the opportunity on the 20th to share God's Word and introduce the IBT ministry in two churches in Kotagiri and one church in Ooty. Pray that the pastors who gave the opportunity and the congregations who participated will be blessed by the Lord.
2. Praise the Lord that during last August, five translators came to the IBT Centre in Coimbatore to carry out their translation and checking work. Among these, it has been planned to release the complete Bible in the four languages and New Testament in one language in the next Logos Camp. Kindly pray for this.
3. Brother Ramalingam, serving as a promotion worker in Kotagiri, met with an accident earlier this year while in Coonoor. As he and his wife were about to board a bus after visiting a home, a two-wheeler collided with him, resulting in a hip fracture. During March and April, while he underwent treatment, his wife, together with their two sons, faithfully visited supporters, collected offerings, and sent them to the IBT office, ensuring that the ministry work continued without interruption. This act stands as a clear testimony to their deep dedication and commitment to the work of IBT. By God's grace, in June month both Brother Ramalingam and his wife resumed their ministry with renewed enthusiasm and energy.
4. Let us praise the Lord who, upon knowing the needs of the IBT ministry, promptly provides supporters at the right time to meet those needs. For the past few months, an announcement has been published in the Saththiya Vaarthai magazine seeking supporters for 2 Nos two-wheeler vehicles. As soon as some regular helpers saw the notice in the magazine, a brother from Panruti contributed Rs. 1,00,000/- towards purchasing one two-wheeler. By God's grace, this enabled one promotional worker to receive a new vehicle. Please pray that the Lord will bless this brother and his family from above and guide them with every good thing, for understanding the importance of the needs and helping at the right time.
5. Praise the Lord that, despite various forms of persecution faced by Christian missionaries in the northern states, missionary work is continuing. Pray that obstacles will be removed so that the Gospel may quickly reach those who have not yet heard it.

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