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## THE OFFSPRING (CHILDREN) THAT GOD GIVES US



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***“Behold, You have given me no offspring.” (Genesis 15:3)***

If we consider a family, the members within it are extremely important. Father, mother, son, daughter, grandfather, grandmother, grandchildren—each one comes to enrich the family. If even one person is separated from this unity, the very foundation of the family will be shaken. Though the father may be the head of the family, but what does Solomon, the wise one say through the wisdom that he received from God?

***“A wise woman builds her house.” (Proverbs 14:1)***

***“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)***

A wise woman must be skillful in managing her home, which is like her tent. The One who lays its foundation is our God. Because “...***the stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing...***” (Matthew 21:42).

What sustains the house called family is family prayer. If our home is like a house without a roof, then wind, rain, thunder, and lightning will all rush into it like a tsunami or a storm. Therefore, the Bible—the foundation of our home—must be opened daily, read, meditated upon, reflected on, and used to speak and converse with God. If there is one book in this world that should never be closed, it is the Bible alone.

No matter how much wealth a family may have, there are two things that must necessarily be present in every family: one is peace, and the other is the blessing of children / offspring / inheritance.

***“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord...” (Psalm 127:4)***

Living alone in a large house does not bring joy. That house should have our children—the heritage and offspring given by the Lord. If the Lord does not grant them, children will not be obtained. Children given by the Lord are the fruit of the womb, a reward from Him. We should never consider our children as a burden, because children / offspring are gifts given by the Lord. In many families, even if there is so much money and property that they are called landlords, if there is no offspring or heir, all of it is of no use. Joy and happiness have no place there.

Those who have received children should thank the Lord for them and live as an example before them. It is not enough just to receive children; at the proper time, they must be guided into the salvation of the Lord. For parents who belong to the Lord, having children is a great blessing. But if parents do not know God, even though they exist, the children gain no benefit from them. If the children themselves belong to the Lord, there is no greater joy or blessing than that.

**How is the Lord’s grace needed for offspring?**

***“When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren” (Genesis 29:31).***

Thirdly, Jacob (Israel), the grandson of Abraham, came to Haran and stayed in the house of his uncle Laban for twenty years. He said, ***“I have served you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flock...” (Genesis 31:41).***

Jacob, who worked for wages under Laban for fourteen years for Rachel alone, married her and, seeing that she had no children, would have prayed to God. Even after Leah bore four children, Rachel remained

childless. Rachel became jealous of her elder sister and quarreled with Jacob. When Jacob heard Rachel's words, he became angry and said to her, ***“Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?”*** (Genesis 30:2)

Leah's maid was Zilpah. Rachel's maid was Bilhah. Apart from Rachel, the other three bore children. (Leah had six sons and one daughter; Zilpah had two; Bilhah had two.) After this, God remembered Rachel; God listened to Rachel's petition / request / prayer and enabled her to conceive (Genesis 30:22).

Even my maidservant has borne two sons—yet for me alone...

She must have struggled with God for many days, lamenting, “Not even a single child has been born.” But at the appointed time, our God exalted her. Saying, “My God has taken away my reproach / shame,” Rachel named her firstborn son Joseph.

Do you see? It is good to read the Bible patiently and attentively. As Jacob said, without the Lord's grace, offspring cannot be obtained, because the fruit of the womb is a reward that comes from the Lord.

In this world, science and technology have advanced greatly. Humanity has devised all kinds of nuclear weapons—how to survive if world war breaks out again, how to act skillfully and diplomatically. But creating life in the womb is something that only God can do. This one work can never be produced by human intelligence. Therefore, let us receive with both hands the offspring given by God and give thanks to Him all the days of our lives.

In the Bible, we see how those without children struggled before God—how they prayed, whether God heard their cries and petitions, what answer He gave, and where and how they spoke to the Lord about offspring. Let us look at a few such people from Scripture:

1. Abraham and Sarah's offspring
2. Elkanah and Hannah's offspring
3. Boaz and Ruth's offspring

The people under these three headings belong to three different kinds of families. In the first heading, both individuals are Israelites. The city called Ur is in Mesopotamia. Through Terah, those who came from the city of Ur to the place called Haran were Abraham, Sarai, Lot, Nahor, Milcah, and her sister Iscah. Those in the second heading are also Israelites. In the third heading, the family consists of an Israelite man and a Moabite woman. Let us see in detail how God gave offspring to these three husband-and-wife pairs.

### 1. Abraham and Sarah's Offspring

***“...Lord God, what will You give me, since I remain childless? You have given me no son...”*** (Genesis 15:2–3)

When Abraham was called, he was seventy-five years old. God gave him many promises.

***“...Fear not, Abram; I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward.”*** (Genesis 15:1)

With many words such as “Do not fear” and “Do not be afraid,” God strengthened Abraham's heart. He shaped Abraham's faith in breadth, depth, and height. All the words the Lord spoke were good for Abraham. Yet, though Abraham was a great landowner and exceedingly wealthy, his heart lacked joy, happiness, and delight. The reason was this: in his palace-like house, he had no son to claim his name, no child to run, play, and rejoice, no son to inherit and govern all his possessions.

In the Song of Ascents (Psalm 128:6), the promise, “You shall see your children's children,” was something he longed to see. This pain filled his heart constantly—while eating, sleeping, sitting, and even while speaking with God. Abraham remained with this same thought

always. And the Lord was watching the thoughts of Abraham's heart.

### **Sarah's Name Was Changed**

***“...And God said to Abraham: As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name” (Genesis 17:15).***

The name Sarah means “princess” and “queen of the world.” Sarah is the only woman in the Bible whose name was changed by God. Trusting the promise spoken by God, waiting for many years, though at times her faith wavered, she did not grow weary but held on firmly—Sarah stands as an example for us all. She is the first woman mentioned in the list of heroes of faith (Hebrews 11:11). She treated her husband Abraham with great respect. See in (1 Peter 3:6) how she calls Abraham “lord.”

### **Abram's Name Was Changed**

The Lord said to Abram, ***“You shall no longer be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of many nations” (Genesis 17:5).***

The very first person whose name God changed was Abram—into Abraham. He was the one who held firmly, without wavering, to the promise spoken concerning his wife Sarah. Yet God saw that Abraham laughed. Then God said, “Your wife Sarah shall surely bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac.”

When Abraham was eighty-six years old, Ishmael was born through Hagar. Now Abraham was one hundred years old, and Sarah was ninety years old. When Ishmael was about fourteen years old, God's promise was fulfilled.

### **The offspring God gave to Abraham and Sarah:**

“The Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken.

For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.” (Genesis 21:1-3)

What did the angel Gabriel say when he came to Mary, the mother of Jesus?

***“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus” (Luke 1:31).***

What did the angel of the Lord say to Zechariah?

***“Behold, your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John” (Luke 1:13).***

In the Bible, even before they were born, the Lord Himself named seven children: Ishmael, Isaac, Solomon, Josiah, Cyrus, John the Baptist, and Jesus Christ.

Do you see? Even Zechariah and Elizabeth received offspring in their old age. Therefore, God who does not change His word does exactly what He says, because nothing is impossible with God (Luke 1:37). What is impossible with man is possible with God (Matthew 19:26).

Immediately after marriage, what families most eagerly expect is the blessing of children. Anything else can be bought with money, but offspring is a family joy that comes only by the grace of the Lord.

### **Elkanah and Hannah's Offspring**

Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife Hannah, saying, “May the Lord give you offspring by this woman in return for the petition she made to the Lord.”

In the Bible, many people praised and exalted the Lord God Almighty through songs. Each of their praises is a precious collection of

verses, often contained within ten verses—words that no one else could compose.

### **Songs of praise in the Old Testament:**

1. The song sung by the Israelites and Moses (Exodus 15:1–19).
2. The blessed words of praise sung by Hannah when she left the little Samuel at the temple in Shiloh with Eli and thanked the Lord (1 Samuel 2:1–10).
3. The Psalms—150 songs of praise sung by kings and prophets.

### **Those who praised the Lord in the New Testament:**

1. Zechariah the priest (Luke 1:68–79).
2. Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:46–56).
3. Simeon's song of praise (Luke 2:25–35).
4. The angels' song and the testimony of the shepherds (Luke 2:9–19).

The one man who praised the Lord of lords and God of gods with songs, using various musical instruments, and gained an enduring place in the Lord's heart was King David. Praise is an important duty for us as human beings.

Elkanah had two wives: Peninnah and Hannah. Hannah had no children. On one occasion, Hannah went to the temple at Shiloh, because Peninnah continually provoked her and caused her deep sorrow—just as Hagar spoke bitterly to Sarah when she conceived. Distressed by this, Hannah realized that no human could solve her problem, but that God could do everything. With that faith, Hannah sought the Lord and made a vow.

“O Lord of hosts... if You will give Your servant a male child... I will dedicate him to the Lord,” she prayed (1 Samuel 1:11).

Hannah believed that the Lord would surely answer. The Lord had temporarily closed Hannah's womb, because He was preparing a great blessing for Hannah and for Israel, and glory for Himself. Hannah did not know this and suffered in anguish.

There is one thing we must never forget to practice in our lives: it is our duty to comfort those who are in deep sorrow. Even those who hate us—we must speak words of comfort in their time of grief and pray for them.

The Lord removed the barrenness of Hannah's womb and gave her a precious prophet as a child. When the time came to bring the child to the temple and dedicate him to the Lord, Hannah fulfilled her vow.

### **Hannah, who fulfilled her vow:**

*“Hannah said to Eli, ‘My lord, as your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord”* (1 Samuel 1:26, 28).

Hannah, the very son she longed for and received through prayer, offered him wholly to the Lord.

According to her vow, Hannah brought the child to the house of the Lord. Though separating from her child was painful for Hannah, she fulfilled her vow. She gave to the Lord what was most precious to her. Like Hannah, do we give to the Lord what we truly desire and cherish, or do we give something merely because we feel we must give?

Hannah praised the Lord wholeheartedly for the good gifts He had given her. The praise of Mary and the praise of Hannah appear almost the same. Praise and thanksgiving are essential in life.

Samuel ministered before the Lord, wearing a linen ephod. Every year, whenever Hannah came to offer the sacrifice, she would bring a small robe she had made for him. She would see the child Samuel and Eli, and then return. She never failed to pray in the temple before leaving. On one such occasion, when she was leaving after praying at the temple in Shiloh, Eli blessed both of them—Elkanah and Hannah—and said, “May the Lord grant you offspring by her.”

Hannah did not forget the Lord or her son who served Him. Would the Lord forget Hannah? The Lord rewarded Hannah for what she did for Him. Indeed, the Lord looked upon Hannah with favor. Hannah conceived and bore three sons and two daughters.

The Lord surely blesses those who love Him and give to Him.

### **3. The Offspring of Boaz and Ruth**

***“...May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. And through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez...” (Ruth 4:11).***

From Abraham to Boaz, Boaz was born in the twelfth generation. He was an ancestor of Jesus Christ. The Book of Ruth is a very small book, consisting of only four chapters. It is structured around four themes: tears, duty, waiting, and marriage.

Is there any barrier that love cannot break? The Book of Ruth portrays a noble relationship of love between a mother-in-law (Naomi) and a daughter-in-law (Ruth) in a home that had no children, yet where they loved one another deeply. It is truly an excellent book that all young women should read. There are only three main characters in this book: Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz.

In terms of location, there are only two places: Moab and Bethlehem.

### **Who was Naomi?**

She belonged to a family living in Bethlehem: Elimelech, his wife Naomi, and their sons Mahlon and Chilion.

During the time when the judges ruled, because of a famine in Bethlehem, the house of bread, they moved as a family to a nearby land that did not know God, called Moab.

The origin of the name Moab: Lot had two daughters. Through their father, both daughters bore sons. The elder daughter's son was named Moab; the younger daughter's son was named Ben-Ammi. They became the fathers of the Moabites and the Ammonites. The Moabites and the Ammonites were not to be admitted into the assembly of the Lord, even to the tenth generation (Deuteronomy 23:3).

**There was one exception: Ruth, the Moabite woman.**

A family that knew God went to the land of Moab, which greatly grieved the Lord. Not only did they leave their dwelling place, the house of bread, but Elimelech and Naomi also took wives for their two sons there. This caused great sorrow to God. The three women in the house became widows—Elimelech, Mahlon, and Chilion all died.

### **Naomi and Ruth Return to Bethlehem**

***“I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty...” (Ruth 1:21)***

When Naomi left Bethlehem for Moab, she went with four people. After reaching Moab, it appeared as though her family had increased to six. Hearing that the Lord had visited His people and given them food, Naomi arose to return to the land of Bethlehem. The Lord did not send Naomi back alone; He also sent with her Ruth, the Moabite daughter-in-law, the wife of

Mahlon, to be her companion. Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem.

### The Heart and Eyes of Boaz

#### His eyes:

**“...Whose young woman is this?”**  
(Ruth 2:5)

#### His heart:

Then Boaz said to Ruth, “My daughter, listen to me. Do not go and glean in another field, or leave this one, but stay close to my female servants.” (Ruth 2:8)

The name Boaz means “wealthy” or “man of substance.” He was generous and kind to the poor.

He commanded his servants, “Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. Also let some grain fall purposely for her; do not rebuke her.” For the welfare of the family, Ruth did not hesitate to do humble work. Boaz measured out six measures of barley, put it in her shawl, laid it on her, and said to Ruth, “Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.”

#### The Heart and Protection of the Mother-in-law.

Naomi’s heart was deeply touched by the love of her daughter-in-law, who had trusted her. She addressed her daughter-in-law affectionately, calling her “my daughter.” The world says that a daughter-in-law can never become a daughter, and a mother-in-law can never become a mother—but Naomi and Ruth came to change that notion.

Naomi said, “My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you...?”

“Should I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you? Now then, wash yourself, anoint yourself, put on your garments, and go

down to the threshing floor where Boaz is staying,” said Naomi.

Naomi, considering Ruth’s welfare more than her own, told Ruth to go and meet Boaz. Ruth, who excelled in obedience, immediately did according to her mother-in-law’s words. Naomi sent Ruth because she knew Boaz’s good character; she did not send her with any wrong intention.

### Ruth, the Moabite Woman Who Knew God

**“...Your people shall be my people, and your God my God”** (Ruth 1:16).

Ruth made seven commitments to her mother-in-law Naomi. As her final commitment, when a daughter-in-law says, “Nothing but death will separate me from you,” it reveals her deep devotion to God and the heart of her aged mother-in-law who had surrendered herself to live for others. Ruth’s bond with her mother-in-law, more than with her own relatives, and the way she conducted herself with trust and protection, are truly admirable.

#### Ruth who Took Refuge in God

Boaz said, “May the Lord God of Israel reward you fully, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”

Boaz was an Israelite nobleman, a very wealthy landowner. Many people worked to manage his fields, harvest the crops, and gather the sheaves. Many Israelite women may have come and gone to Boaz’s field. But Ruth was firm in her confidence that God Himself would take charge of her marriage.

Let us reflect on how the love of a daughter-in-law blessed Ruth. Her life flourished because she received a loving mother-in-law who supported her, a noble husband, and a male child (Obed) whom Naomi could hold and raise in her lap. Ruth was blessed with offspring.

This matter came from the Lord. What God has joined together, let no man separate.

Nothing is impossible with God. Because Ruth married Boaz, the Israelite nobleman, God made her home like that of Rachel and Leah, who built the house of Israel. Through the offspring Obed, Jesus was born in her lineage.

### **When Will the Lord Bless Offspring?**

“I will pour My Spirit upon your descendants, and My blessing upon your offspring” (Isaiah 44:3).

A person may desire children, but for the Lord’s blessing to rest upon that offspring, one must:

1. Repent,
2. Receive baptism,
3. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When we live this way, there should be no doubt that the Lord will bless the children He has given us. Just as the Lord granted offspring to Abraham, Hannah, and Ruth, He will surely grant the same blessing to our families.

Let us pray, praise, give thanks, and receive blessings!

— **Mrs. Pearl Quily Rajah**

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# EDITORIAL

On behalf of Saththiya Vaarthai magazine, we extend our loving greetings and New Year wishes to you, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Many who were with us last year have not entered this year. Let us lift up countless praises and thanks to God, who protected us from all kinds of evil throughout the past year. May the Lord Himself help us to keep the new resolutions we have made in this new year until the very end.

***“Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the one who is vile continue to be vile; let the righteous continue to do right; and let the holy continue to be holy” (Revelation 22:11).***

May the Holy Spirit help us in this new year to grow more than last year in our prayer life, Bible reading, and holiness.

Every human being living in this world tends to continue doing whatever they do—whether good or bad—more and more. That is, a person will either increase in sin or grow in holiness and devotion to God. In Revelation 2:4, the Lord says, ***“I have this against you, that you have left your first love.”***

Why does love for the Lord grow cold in the last days? When the disciples asked Jesus, “What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the world?” He replied, ***“Because lawlessness will increase, the love of many will grow cold” (Matthew 24:12).*** As the days of the Lord’s return draw near, wickedness will increase.

Knowing that he has only a short time, Satan deceives people into committing bold sins, stirring worldly desires, and disobeying the commandments of the Lord. Laziness, the spirit of indifference, and the cunning works of Satan enslave many and separate us from loving the Lord. In 2 John 1:6, we read that love is to walk according to His commandments.

When we keep the Lord’s commandments and walk in His ways, He establishes us as His holy people. His desire is that we obey His Word and live holy lives.

***“I am holy; therefore, you also be holy” (1 Peter 1:16).***

From November 17 to 27, at the IBT Center in Coimbatore, Old Testament translation review work was carried out by translators from Odisha:Brother Keshab Mirgan (Mirgan language), Brother Pitambar Mahanand (Kalahandia language), Brother Christdan (Desiya language), and from Uttar Pradesh, Brother Sudhir Kumar (Bhojpuri language).

From the BSI in Bengaluru, Rev. Dr. Subramani connected with the four translators via Zoom meetings, listened to their work, and offered valuable guidance.

On December 11, IBT representatives visited the “SARAAL” De-Addiction Centre at Neelambur, Coimbatore, shared the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ, and provided lunch on behalf of IBT. On the 10th of this month, the first planning meeting for IBT’s 2026 activities will be held at the IBT Centre in Coimbatore. Please pray that all representatives may participate, share good counsel, and that new

representatives may be found for areas where there are none.

We pray that in this new year 2026, matters that were delayed and did not happen in past years will be accomplished, and that the Lord

will fulfill your requests and make this a blessed year.

Your brother in the Lord,  
**K. Jaisingh**

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## WORLD NEWS

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- In the Democratic Republic of Congo, 32 people lost their lives when a bridge collapsed at a copper mine. The accident occurred at the Kalando mine in Lualaba Province in the southern part of the country.
- U.S. President Donald Trump has warned that he would impose an additional 500 percent tariff on imports from countries, including India, that trade with Russia.
- At the Asian Archery Championship held in Bangladesh last month, India won 3 gold and 2 silver medals.
- India created history at the World Cup Boxing finals by winning a total of 20 medals—9 gold, 6 silver, and 5 bronze.
- Microsoft, the U.S.-based technology company, has announced that it plans to invest ₹1.58 lakh crore in the field of artificial intelligence in India, according to the company's Chief Executive Officer, Satya Nadella.

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*“Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things.” (Joel 2:21)*

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# FIELD NEWS

## **Brother Sobathram Toppo**

**Language: Kudukh**

**Field: Lailunga (Chhattisgarh)**

Praise be to the Lord alone! Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

Last month, in the New Testament translation work, the following books were worked on with paragraphs, cross-references, and footnotes: Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians, I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, Hebrews, James, I Peter, II Peter, I John, II John, III John, Jude, and Revelation.

The above-mentioned books are being entered into the Paratext software. It has been decided to publish a combined volume of the New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs at the next Logos camp, and the related work is in progress.

In missionary work, cottage prayer meeting was conducted every Thursday in the village of Kedama. Please pray for my translation work and for my family.

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## **Promotional Staff : Brother Gideon**

**Field: Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)**

By the abundant grace of the Lord, from October 21 to 25, I was able to go to Sivakasi and parcel and send calendars to representatives and promotional workers.

On October 12, during the morning worship service at Vision Church of God, Podanur, I had the opportunity to share God's Word on behalf of IBT and to explain the IBT ministry. Brother Rajakumar delivered the message, and I explained the IBT ministry. I thank the Lord for this opportunity.

I am also seeking opportunities to conduct IBT promotional meetings in CSI, TELC, and other churches. Please pray that such opportunities may be granted.

For promotional work, I visited the homes of IBT partners and supporters in Karunya, Goundampalayam,

Podanur, Rathinapuri, Gandhipuram, Raja Veethi, Singanallur, Ramanathapuram, Thudiyalur, Peelamedu, Ganapathy, Saibaba Colony, Chitra, and Perur, received offerings, and prayed for them.

In addition, I went to the IBT office for administrative work and posted magazines.

Please pray for my promotional work and for my family.

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## **Translator : Sister Poongili Davidraj**

**Language: Toda**

**Field: Greenland, Ooty (Tamil Nadu)**

Glory be to the name of the Lord! I thank God who blessed the ministry and my family last month.

In translation work, in the Old Testament book of Exodus, I re-checked and keyed in from chapter 20:11 to chapter 30:38.

Sunday worship services are being conducted at the church in my field, Glenmorgan. My husband, Mr. Davidraj, is leading the worship. This church, which was built 135 years ago and became damaged condition, by God's grace, now become a DBM mission field under the Coimbatore CSI Diocese. This is a ministry being done for our Toda community.

In the worship services held here, we glorify God by reading the Bible and singing songs in our own language. Every Wednesday, a fasting prayer meeting is held at this field, attended only by women.

Due to certain obstacles, we are unable to distribute the books published by IBT in the Toda language (New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs). However, many people are interested in the audio devices that contain recorded versions of the New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. Therefore, please pray that sponsors may be provided so that more of these audio devices can be purchased and distributed to the people who speak this language.

# PRAY AND PRAISE!

1. As planned, last November four translators came to the Coimbatore IBT Centre and, from the 17th to the 27th, carried out checking of Old Testament portions in their respective languages. Praise the Lord for this. Pray that the same kind of work may also be done in their respective fields, and that all tasks may be expedited so that page-setting work can begin in the year 2027.
2. Praise the Lord for the IBT supporters and partners who, having understood the needs of the IBT ministry last year, wholeheartedly gave their offerings and were a great help to the work. Pray that they will extend the same cooperation this year as well, and that those who know about the ministry will introduce it to those who are not yet aware of IBT's work.
3. We have learned that many people have requested the audio devices containing the New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs published in the Toda language. These devices will be very helpful for people who cannot read, enabling them to know the Lord and live in Him. Those who are able may purchase the device for Rs. 400. Pray that sponsors may be found for those who are financially unable but have a strong desire to receive this device.
4. Since IBT's one-day meeting is planned to be held at the Coimbatore IBT Centre on the 26th of this month, let us pray that many young people will participate and benefit from this gathering, and that through it the Holy Spirit will grant them a burden and a desire for ministry.

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