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In the Footsteps of William Carey to India

By the will of God, 5 of us – Angie & I, Dn Paul Tan, Eld Jeffrey Cheong and Peng Ha went on a 11-days mission trip (31 Oct to 10 Nov) to minister in 3 churches by His grace and strength. We followed in the footsteps of the legendary William Carey, the pioneer missionary to India who came to India to share the gospel in 1793 and built churches and hospitals and a university and translated the Bible In their languages. Indeed, what he said is still true today:



*Expect great things from God,
Attempt great things for God.*

Church Camp and Ministry at New Covenant BPC, India

We thank God for a fruitful time with 30 campers as we studied the Biblical Principles



of Covenant Marriage & the Christian family with zealous participants from CBPCI while Angie taught the children. Pastor Babu caught the vision of having a church camp after he attended our church camp in 2019.

A Pastors' Conference was held on Sat 4 Nov morning where 22 pastors attended, and some heard of the 16th century Reformation for the

first time. There was a lively discussion during the Q&A session.



We visited **Kinderbees Preschool**, a Christian kindergarten by NCBPCI which started 2 years ago and now has 50 children. The mission team taught simple Christian songs, a Bible lesson, and games. We distributed goody bags lovingly prepared by SHBPC members.



We had an uplifting worship service on Sun 5 Nov with 50 worshippers at NCBPCI. The mission team presented a song item "To India with God's Love", Dn Paul gave his testimony and Eld Jeffrey Cheong preached and Pastor Jack conducted the Lord's Supper. Angie taught the children Sunday School class on "The Tabernacle".

We also visited the home of Praveen and Rani for fellowship as invited. We gave him and his son Rajesh business suits as donated by one of our SHBPC worshippers which fit them to the tee and received with deep appreciation and great delight.



Outreaches at Calvary Reformed Church

We spent two evenings at Calvary Reformed Church where the mission team conducted the Children's Outreach program with songs, Bible lesson and games on one evening, and also a Christian family seminar on the next evening. The children including some parents were so enthusiastic and eager to learn and participate in the programmes.



The Family Seminar was attended by 60 adults and children and many were convicted by the Word of God on the principles of Covenant Family Life including youths who attended with their parents.

We also visited the humble home of a church family of Yesudas & Jothy with 3 teenage children to encourage their hearts and had dinner fellowship at the home of Pastor Lazarus & his wife Chandraleela.



Fellowship at Covenant BPCI

On Mon 6 Nov, we had for a blessed lunch fellowship at Covenant BPC which was started in June 2005 by some of us together with Pastor George & Bessy. We recalled how God provided the land and building funds despite the many challenges faced. It now has a growing English and Kannada congregations. The Elim Preschool ministry has about 120 children with almost 20 staff.



Ministry at CALM church

Thank God for protection and safety as we travelled on road 13 hours to our next destination in Telangana. The airline had rescheduled our flight to another day and we had to quickly make alternate travel arrangements by car with our luggage strapped on the top of the car securely. We started at 6am from our hotel in Bangalore in the morning and reached the church in Miryalaguda only at 7pm. We thank God for journeying mercies and good weather.



CALM (Christ Abiding Lighthouse Ministry) Church was started in 2016 by Pastor John Caleb. On the morning of 8 Nov, a Pastors Conference was held at CALM church as we explained the repercussions of the historic 16th century Protestant Reformation that transformed the modern world and the principles behind that dramatic divine change to about 50 local pastors, many of whom have never heard of this great spiritual awakening of all times. During the Q&A session, there were many



good questions asked that included administration of the sacraments and others. One of the pastors asked Pastor Caleb if such a pastors conference could be conducted in his village the next time as it would be relevant in his village context.



A Revival meeting was held on the night of 8 Nov and attended by more than 60 members including children and woman. Sis Peng Ha shared her testimony and Pastor preached from the Valley of Dry Bones of how dead people came alive and made an impact from the inspired teachings of the prophet Ezekiel in chap 37, which is still relevant for a postmodern era in our turbulent world today. Though there were

a few power failures, and the lights went out, the ministry of the preaching of the Word continued faithfully. Our brethren desired the Word of God and were diligently writing down notes and listened intently to Pastor John Caleb who interpreted the message into Telegu.



The Children's Outreach was held on the evening of 9 Nov. Thank God for almost 70 children and adults who came for an edifying time of singing by Peng Ha and Angie in Indian saree, games by Dn Paul and the Bible lesson on how the Tabernacle prefigured Christ in the time of the Exodus and how we ought to worship and seek Christ today.

Pastor John Caleb said this was the first time he witnessed how the adults were also interested in the lesson shared to the children and games and singing along with the actions. This was only the second time



the church had a mission team from abroad, except for an Australian evangelist who visited them 6 years ago.



We also noted a young lady of 14 years old who was very attentive, and she diligently marked her Bible as she listened to the messages preached. Thank God for that spirit of 2Tim 2:15 in her.

We visited the home of the village head Srilathee who is a Christian to pray for wisdom for her and her team in the village work and witness for the Lord. Her husband Victor Paul took us to his padi fields as this village is essentially an agrarian community.



We visited the Nagarjuna Sagar Dam in Telangana where we met two lady street pedlars selling sweet lime juice. The mission team purposely bought some of their fruits to encourage them and gave them a tract though they said they are Christians.



On the final day when we were checking out of the hotel, we took the opportunity to give a tips and a gospel tract to the hotel housekeeping staff.

We visited Pastor John Caleb's parents (Gabriel & Grace) in Nalgonda en route on the 3-hours' drive to Hyderabad and the airport.



There is much to learn from the Lord in the small towns of Miryalaguda and Nalgonda, Telangana as we humbled ourselves and shared the inspired and sufficient Word of everlasting life in a Gospel Lighthouse in a dark neighbourhood.

Matt 24:14. Says This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world for a witness unto all nations, then shall the end come.

We need to unite our hearts to pray for one another and missions for the revival of Israel in eschatological focus in this perilous and uncertain times that we are living in.

We pray that the seed of everlasting life that is sown in the hearts of men and women and will bear fruit by the will of God.

Conclusion

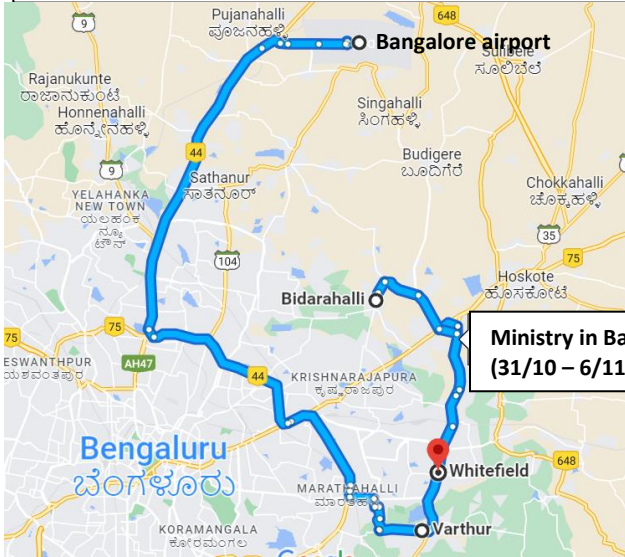
The 10 days of ministry in India has come one to a close. It has been an exhausting but meaningful time as we cross-cultured, ate dosa, idli, chapati, naan, paratha and bryani, and be acculturated with our brethren in India joyfully. It was a joy to serve God though we have weary bodies as we grow older, but we are sustained daily by His sufficient grace.

We thank God for all who supported us in prayers and in giving of gifts to the missions. We brought love gifts to encourage the churches in their respective ministries and needs, goody bags and snacks and stationery for children, adults and families. May the Lord awaken hearts to seek Christ and peradventure another team can come next year for the ripe harvest field of the most populous country in the world with only 3 to 4 percent of Christians to the saving of souls as the Lord leads.

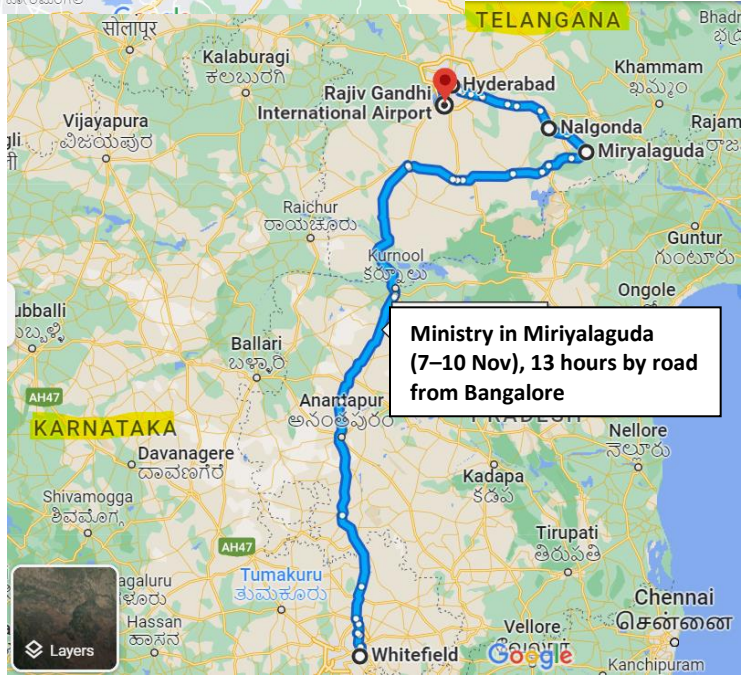
Mt 28:18-20

Jack and Angie Sin

SHBPC India Mission Team to Bangalore (Karnataka) & Miryalaguda (Telangana)



**Ministry in Bangalore
(31/10 – 6/11)**



**Ministry in Miryalaguda
(7–10 Nov), 13 hours by road
from Bangalore**

To India With God's Love

MISSIONARY HYMN

JACK SIN

LOWELL MASON, 1792-1872

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

1. Good news from God a - bove, Is ours - to share a - broad The
2. How shall they hear the gos - pel, un - less His truth is told? How
3. A - rouse the race of In - dians, Of Pro - phet, Priest and King And
4. To Ban - ga - lore in mis - sions, We are all one in call Now

Fa - ther's gra - cious sto - ry, In Christ, our ri - sen Lord For
shall sin - ners be set free, re - pent with heart and soul? To
let the whole cre - a - tion, re - joice and shout and sing Pro -
let us be God's ves - sels, to save man from the fall. I he

neigh - bours near and far, The seed of life be sown. So
all who are in Je - sus, Im - part your life and soul Un -
claim his glo - rious po - wer, In na - ture and in grace Cre -
Sa - viour's great Com - mis - sion, Com - pels us from a - bove, To

spread the news to In - dia, And make tri - une God known.
til 'all hearts f In - dia, have heard the gos - pel so.
a - tor and Cross Be - arer, The Lord of time and space.
pray and work to - ge - ther, That all may know God's love.

(composed this day, 1 Jul 2005 to the glory of God and for the sake of the gospel advance in Bangalore, India to the tune of 449).

With Grateful Thanks from CALM Church

Dear Pastor Jack and the SHBPC Team,

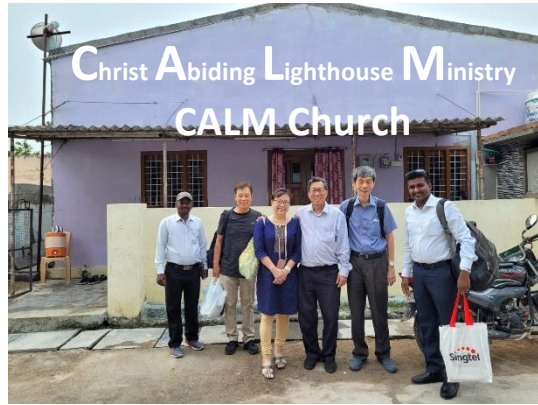
We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment and selflessness during your visit to Miryalaguda. Your decision to persevere through flight cancellations reflects your dedication to God's work.

We are deeply moved by the active participation of Pastor Jack Sin and the team, especially considering their senior age. Your enthusiasm and energy have left an indelible mark on all of our hearts.

Thanks for the sermon shared in the Pastor's conference about the Impacts of the Reformation. Such a teaching was new for most of them. since most come from charismatic backgrounds and mostly independent churches. Few other expected pastors did not turn in due to wedding of another pastor's son at the same time on the same day.

The church meeting at the evening, where Pastor Jack Sin shared about revival, was an answer to our prayers. For the last four months, we had started to pray for revival, and the Pastor shared about the keys to biblical revival. It was a great blessing to all of us.

On the 9th evening, Sister Angie's teaching on the Tabernacle was the first time someone taught so clearly with visuals regarding the Tabernacle. Sister with her Golden colour wedding saree was like royalty. It suited her well. Her teaching it



was received with much attention. It made a great impact on the lives of especially adults; at the same time, the kids were so impressed to see the Tabernacle. It was very lively. Bro. Paul also led the kids in games; our kids will never forget Him because of how they enjoyed the games.



Aunty Peng Ha's active participation with her blue saree was so charming to behold. She was walking naturally with a 6-meter saree wrapped around, it was not easy to walk around unless for someone who is used to it. but her help in teaching the actions for the songs and her help in organizing the kids during the games is really appreciated.

I am able to write these reviews from our church's view because people were praying last night in the prayer meeting about how they had been blessed.

Your prayers and the love gifts you shared have brought immense joy and encouragement to us. Your sponsorship of the inverter for CALM Church demonstrates your genuine care for our needs. We apologise for we could not give anything in return.



We are personally touched by the humility of the team, their readiness to eat anything placed before them, and travel by any means on autos and bikes and also stay in a not up to mark hotel, without complaining is a great example for us. I personally apologise to the church for not being able to provide the best care since it was first time for us to host a team.



We are profoundly grateful to SHBPC for enabling Pastor Jack and the team to embark on this mission to India. Your collective efforts have touched lives and inspired us all. Thank you for being a beacon of hope and spreading love through your mission.

Finally, the thought that most of our church shared with us and what we also feel is true is that just two days were too short for us but first time even making it to Miryalaguda travelling 13 hours by road from Bangalore without giving up and spending so much to reach us is something we will never forget, we are very grateful.

Once again, Thank you Pastor Jack Sin, Sis Angie, Dn Paul, Eld Jeff and Aunt Peng Ha.



With heartfelt thanks,
Ps John Caleb.
CALM Church, 12 Nov 2023

Memory Verse

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Lord's Day Sunday Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on ***The Body of Christ & Missions (Acts 13:1-16)***", the quarterly series on "***The Nature and Duties of the Body of Christ***".
3. Next Sunday, Pastor will preach on "***The Body of Christ & the World (Rom 12:1-13)***".
4. As Dr Kwong Leen is away at a conference, the Sunday School class after the worship service will be combined:
 - Psalms by Pastor
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on Kingdoms, Covenants and Canon of the Old Testament and the Parables of Jesus. Join us for a time of profitable learning. [Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode:625551]
6. Pray for our brethren in their travels: John Wong (10-20/11), Dn Yue Kay (15-27/11), Almon John (19/11 - 1/12), Eld Loke (20/11 - 1/12), Paul Kong (24/11 - 4/12), Agnes Ho (28/11- 7/12), Dn Paul (28/11- 18/12).
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode:218178]
8. We need willing hands and hearts to assist in the weekly cleaning of the premises. Do let Dn Yue Kay if you are available to serve in this area.
9. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.
