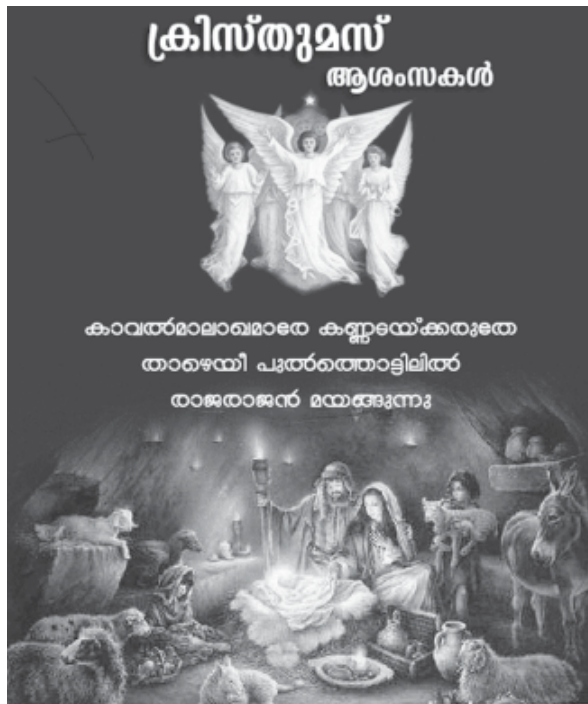




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Christmas 2009



*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year*

Christmas Greetings

Dear Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, and Beloved Brothers,

Heartly greetings of a Merry Christmas and warm wishes of a Happy New Year filled with divine blessings!

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth” (Jn 1: 14).

The fourth evangelist summarizes the very purpose of Jesus’ incarnation in the following words:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (Jn 3: 16).

Matthew unravels the mystery of Jesus’ birth through an angelic interpretation to Joseph:

“... what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins” (Mt 1: 20-21).

Several Fathers of the Church have spoken in their homilies and written in their religious treatises and poems about the Incarnation of the Son of God. The following is from what St. John Chrysostom preached on the Nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ:

I behold a new and wondrous mystery! My ears resound to the shepherd’s song, piping no soft melody, but loudly chanting a heavenly hymn! The angels sing! The archangels blend their voices in harmony! The cherubim resound their joyful praise! The seraphim exult His glory! All join to praise this holy feast, beholding the Godhead here on earth and man in heaven. He who is above

now, for our salvation, dwells here below; and we, who were lowly, are exalted by divine mercy.

Today Bethlehem resembles heaven, hearing from the stars the singing of angelic voices and, in the place of the sun, witnessing the rising of the Sun of Justice! Ask now how this was accomplished, for where God wills the order of nature is overturned. For He willed. He has the power. He descended. He saved. All things move in obedience to God.

Today, ‘He Who Is’ is born. And ‘He Who Is’ becomes what He was not. For when He was God, He became man - while not relinquishing the Godhead that is His. And so the kings have come and they have seen the heavenly King that is come upon the earth, not bring with Him angels, nor archangels, nor thrones, nor dominations, nor powers, nor principalities, but treading a new and solitary path, He has come forth from a spotless womb. . . .

Since, therefore, all rejoice, I too desire to rejoice! I too wish to share the choral dance, to celebrate the festival! But I take my part, not plucking the harp, nor with music of the pipes nor holding the torch, but holding in my arms the cradle of Christ! For this is all my hope! This is my life! This is my salvation! This is my pipe, my harp! And bearing it I come, having from its power received the gift of speech, I too, with the angels sing: “*Glory to God in the Highest,*” and with the shepherds: “*and on earth peace to men of good will.*”

Christmas is a time to try to comprehend the very mystery of God and to wonder at the depth of God’s love. It is a time to feel free; a time to feel joyful; a time to be at peace; a time to be

hopeful; a time to share the good news of God's love with all. On December 25th the world celebrates the feast of God's love and mercy for all humanity. On this day humanity recalls the Generosity is a virtue to be exhibited especially at Christmas time. Goodwill is another virtue that people practise during the Christmas season. Our good will towards others can be shown through our prayers for them. There are many people in the world who need God's help. By praying for them we show our generosity and good will. We are interceding for our brothers and sisters in their time of need. The feast of Incarnation, the event of God becoming man, is the time to pray for one another.

Let us conclude this meditation on Christmas with a further reflection:

"Today before you say an unkind word -
Think of someone who can't speak.
Before you complain about the taste of your food -
Think of someone who has nothing to eat.
Before you complain about your husband or wife -
Think of someone who's crying out for a companion.
Today before you complain about life -
Think of someone who went too early to heaven.
Before you complain about your children -
Think of someone who desires children but they're barren.
Before you argue about your dirty house someone didn't clean
or sweep -
Think of the people who are living in the streets.
Before whining about the distance you drive -
Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job -
Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish
they had your job.

But before you think of pointing the finger or condemning
another -

Remember that not one of us is without error and we all answer
to God.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down -

Put a smile on your face and Thank God you're alive and still
around."

If we reflect on the words above, I am sure that we will have a great Christmas celebration this year. Let not Christmas 2009 pass by uneventfully as another ordinary event; let it influence our lives, touching us deeply, transforming us drastically to be apostles of God's love, men of prayer, and agents of peace and reconciliation. May the Son of God who became one like us bless us abundantly so that we may be his trusted missionaries to spread in today's world the message of Christmas, i.e. reconciliation, peace, joy, and love!

Fr. James Athikalam

Contribution of the MST in Indian Mission Congress-2009

India's first ever Mission Congress, christened 'Prabhu Yesu Mahotsav', on the theme 'Let Your Light Shine' was held at the St. Pius X College, Goregaon, Mumbai, from 14th to 18th October, 2009. The general purpose of the congress was to deepen one's faith, to acknowledge one's right and duty towards the mission work and to create awareness of mission needs, providing opportunity to give public witness of Christian. The Indian Mission Congress was jointly organized by the three Catholic Individual Churches in India - Latin, Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara. About 1300 delegates, including 112 bishops, around 240 priests, 300 nuns and 20 seminarians representing various religious congregations, major seminaries and dioceses and lay leaders from 160 dioceses of India attended the Congress.

The Syro Malabar presence and participation in the congress was praiseworthy and many appreciated our involvement through exhibitions, cultural programs, solemn celebration of the Divine Liturgy etc. It was the task of the Commissions for Evangelization and Pastoral Care of the Migrants (CEPCM) to plan and present the face of the Syro Malabar Church to the Indian Catholic Community. The commission chairman Bishop Sebastian Vadakel and the secretary of the commission Fr Justin Vettukallel were part of the executive and organizing committees of the Indian Mission Congress. The MST's presence and contribution indeed stood out in the congress. Rev Fr Shaji Sasserry was the Director for the cultural program, he was assisted by Rev. Fr Kuriakose Azhakath. The Exhibition was designed and prepared by Rev. Fr Joseph Ayyamkanal with technical assistance from IMPACT Thevackal. Rev. Fr Ashok Kollamkudy made lyrics, composed music for the cultural program and gave training to the groups in Kalyan for singing in the Divine Liturgy. Rev. Fr Sebastian Kizhakkal gave the main talk on the first day of the congress. Rev. Fr Paul Mudathottiyil represented MST and Rev. Fr Joseph Venattumattam and Bro. Joseph Kavunnukattil represented Ruhalyaya. Fr Antony Pulickamandapam was the priest representative from the diocese of Ujjain. Thus Indian Mission Congress became an occasion for MST to prove its loyalty to our Mother Church and commitment to the mission.

A Unique Gathering

The first batch students of Deepti College were gathered on 24th and 25th of October 2009 at the Pastoral Institute of the diocese of Pala, to celebrate the ruby-jubilee of their arrival at Deepti College in August 1968. They were 35 in number. 21 became priests out of 35 who joined Deepti college as the first batch. The ex-seminarians were also invited. Eleven of them with their families came for the gathering. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Thuruthel, their Rector and other members of the staff also were invited to the gathering. Since the first batch students were sent to St George's College Aruvithura for pre-degree course, the professors were also invited to enrich the occasion. Rev Fr Sebastian Thuruthel, the rector of the first batch blessed the gathering with his beautiful message. Prof. Emmanuel in his address told that brothers from Deepti were real models for the other students of St George's college. They were also given a warm welcome to their *alma mater*, by Deepti fathers. Some of the ex-seminarians have offered their financial contributions for the priestly formation in the MST. Let this be an inspiration for every batch to make such gatherings. Congratulations to Rev Fr Joseph Myladyil the coordinator of the gathering who took much pain to organize it.

St Paul Region, Ujjain

• Founder's day celebrated

MST fathers in Ujjain gathered at the Regional House, Mendya on 18th November in anticipation to commemorate the founder's day (21 November). The prayer service led by Rev Fr Joy Panjikaran helped the members to reflect over the virtues of the founder of the MST, Mar Sebastian Vayalil, of



happy memory. Rev Frs Paul Mudathotty and Antony Perumanoor from the central team were present.

• New Regional councillor

Fr Thomas Chenganaripampil is appointed new regional councillor of St Paul region, Ujjain. Wish you all the best in your new responsibility. He

replaces Rev Fr Vincent Kadalikkattilputhenpura who is leaving for Switzerland in January 2010 in view of higher studies in Canon Law. While thanking Fr Vincent for your great service in St Paul region, Ujjain, the MST family wishes all the best for your studies.

● **40 years of missionary life in Ujjain**

Rev Fr Joseph Karikilamthadam celebrated his fortieth year of his missionary life in Ujjain by spending 40 days in prayer. He spends daily five hours in reading the Holy Bible. The MST family appreciates your dedicated and zealous missionary life.

St.Thomas Region, Mandaya

Programmes in the Year of Priests



● **Spiritual Renewal Seminar**

In connection with the Year of Priests a seminar was conducted on 5th November at Santhome, Mandya. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kizhakeyil, the resource person, led the participants to imbibe the vision of the Popes regarding

the character, role and mission of Catholic priesthood. The life, teachings and mission of the Patron of Priests, St John Maria Vianney, was also presented so well that participants could take lot of inspiration from him to live out the Missionary Priesthood effectively and with full dedication. The Holy hour was the climax of the spiritual renewal seminar. Mandya missionaries thank sincerely Rev Fr Sebastian Kizhakeyil.

● **Daily Prayers for the Priests of the Santhome Region**

Prayer is the backbone of Missionary life. During this year of priests, the missionaries pray for all the MST Priests as per the list given by our D.G. Besides, Mandya Missionaries (Priests, Sisters and laity) pray daily in the Mass and pray in a special way for a Priest of the St Thomas Region, Mandya. To understand, appreciate and imbibe the unique Priesthood of Jesus, monthly recollections are preached on various aspects of the Priesthood of Jesus and Priestly life this year.

● **Walking in the Foot Steps of St Thomas**

The missionaries of St Thomas Region made a pilgrimage to the holy places of Mylapore on 27th November. The pilgrimage was a wonderful occasion to pray together and offer Holy Qurbana at the tomb of the Apostle in a quite serene peaceful atmosphere. All prayed sincerely for the Society, MST Superiors & members, its missions, the people and a special intention was carried in the prayers for Mandya mission to become a Diocese soon.

Ad gentes programmes

- Deepti Nivas, the Rehabilitation Centre for the Disabled, is organizing several activities for the multi disabled under the leadership of Fr Binish Arackal and Fr Francis Kureeckal.
- One day seminar organized at Asha Sadan with the Judges and Advocates of Mandya town on the Human Rights and particularly on the Rights of the Disabled was effective. The cultural programmes by the Mentally Challenged Children of Asha Sadan special school gave colour and enthusiasm to the audience and chief guests. The District Judge highly appreciated our service to the weaker sections of the society esp. mentally challenged children.
- This year Asha Kirana (HIV-AIDS Centre in Mandya) joined hands together with the ODP Social Work Centre (of Mysore Diocese) to celebrate the World AIDS Day (Dec.1) with a colourful rally and meeting in the town which was attended by thousands of people, Doctors, Nurses, AIDS patients, SHG groups etc..
- The Health Camp organized by the Social Work Dept of Mandya Mission in collaboration with INTEL company Bangalore and Doctors of Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospital Bangalore, at Asha Sadan on 7th December, was very beneficial to the hundreds of people from villages around Mandya town and all our SHG groups of Mandya town.

St Alphonsa Region, Sangli

Social Action

Micro Insurance Agency

Sangli Mission Society has taken a Micro Insurance Agency in collaboration with LIC. There were four training sessions conducted at Sneh Sadan Hatkanangale and Cherish Amberi for the Self Help Group (SHG) members in Kolhapur, Sindhudurg and Sangli districts. Already 208 members were enrolled the policy with it. Best Wishes and Congratulations to Rev Fr Joy K V for the new endeavor for the women empowerment programmes.

(Samanvya) for the Disabled

World Disabled Day

December 3rd, World Disabled Day was commemorated in different



centers of Alphonsa Region of Sangli Mission. On this occasion there were many programmes conducted in centre level as well as in district level. Anugraha-Khed, Pratiksha-Vilavade, Jeevadan-Zarap, Cherish-Amberi, Shanti Nivas-Khotalwadi and Ashadeep-

Sangli were the prominent centers among them.

Special School Children's meet

Samanvya organized one day get-together of the special school children of Alphonsa Region at Kolhapur. More than 300 students from special schools of the region participated in the event. Rev Fr Thomas Karamel, the Regional Director, addressed the gathering and spent the whole day with the children and their parents.



Praise and appreciation to the organizers especially Frs Sibichan Vadake puthenpura, Joby Njalliyil, Rev Sisters and their team for the endeavor.

New CBR Centres

New Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Centre for the disabled was inaugurated at Bhenduwade village in Hatkanangle taluka of Kolhapur district and ten in Sangli districts will immediately start to function. For the inaugural



ceremony at Bhenduwade, members of the local administrative body were present and appreciated the endeavor.

DILASA (For the PLHAS)

On World AIDS Day, December 1, programmes were conducted at three district headquarters of Sangli Mission namely Sangli, Kolhapur and Ratnagiri.

Dilasa Sangli organized rally in Sangli and the prominent dignitaries of district administration such as Collector, Commissioner, Mayor, CEO,

SP, SDO, DHO were a few among them and a big population consisting of PLHAS and students from different schools were present for the function. Fr Sabu and his team deserve the appreciation, congratulations.

Kolhapur Dilasa together with the DAPCU of the district participated in the rally. One slum and a village consisting of 2000 and 180 families respectively were sensitized by the help of local representatives and administration. Half day seminar on HIV/AIDS was conducted in one school in Kagal Taluka of Kolhapur district. A word of appreciation is needed to Fr Roshan and his team.

Dilasa Ratnagiri, Community Care Centre (CCC) had a vigorous programme on the World AIDS Day. CCC was entrusted the whole responsibility to conduct programmes in district headquarter. On the same day the new counseling room of the CCC was inaugurated. There were a rally, street play, candle procession and a human-chain was formed to show the unity and compassion to the PLHAS. There was a big crowd comprising of School Children, other NGOs and organizations participated in it. One of the local newspapers set apart a page for DILASA Ratnagiri, which was given by District Health Department. Mrs Rekha Jain, Programme In Charge of CCC in Maharashtra and Goa states, commented on CCC Ratnagiri as “This is the Optimum CCC for its referrals and collaboration with other agencies”. Congratulations Fr Siju and his comrades for the worth deserving achievements.

Dilasa, Sindhudurg Nagari

Dilasa, CCC for the PLHAS, at Sindhudurg Nagari was sanctioned to Sangli Mission Society and this is the third CCC for SMS. Sangli Mission has already initiated the works in the district headquarter of Sindhudurg.

New Mission Stations

PALVI

Palvi, means sprout, the new mission station at Sindhudurg Nagari (Oros) the district headquarter of Sindhudurg was blessed by Rev Fr John Kizhukarakattu in the presence of Regional Director Rev Fr Thomas



Karamel on first of December with neighboring priests and some migrant Christians. Rev Fr Biji Alex Kudukkamthadom the priest- in- charge started to stay in a rented house.

Asmita Samaj Seva Kendra

St Joseph mission centre at Kodoli became an independent mission centre in Sangli Mission. Rev Fr Paul Painadath is the priest in charge and takes care of the local Christians and initiated various activities under the name Asmita Samaj Seva Kendra. Congratulations to Fr Paul for the new endeavor.

Blessing of the Foundation Stone

Very Rev Fr James Athikalam, Director General of MST, blessed the foundation stone for the retreat hall in Amlashram, at Talsande on November 28th and the stone was laid by Rev Fr Thomas Karamel on the feast of Immaculate Conception, December 8. Rev Fr Joseph Arthanakunnel needs to be praised for the charismatic renewal activities in Maharashtra.

NCC Camp at Khutalwadi

Shanti Nivas Khutalwadi shared its premises with its limited facility for the National Cadet Corps (NCC) camp for ten days. There were 1500 NCC cadets from all over India. It was an enriching experience for the



Shanti Nivas as well as NCC cadets. Rev Fr Dileep Nalanadiyil and Rev Sisters lived the good neighbor of the Bible.

Missionary towards Africa

Imbibing the spirit and enthusiasm of St Thomas, Rev Fr Soby Thannickapara left for African Mission in the month of December from Alphonsa Region. All the best wishes from Sangli Mission to Rev. Fr Soby.

Visits

Director General

Director General Very Rev Fr James Athikalam visited all the missionary members who were present in Alphonsa Region as well as women religious in the region at the end of November. DG appreciated the hard works,

encouraged the missionary personnels and their simple life to witness Christ in different activities.

Bishop of Pune

Rt Rev. Dr Thomas Dabre, the bishop of Pune, has visited the regional house. He praised and appreciated the works of the MSTs in this region.

Provincial Superiors DSS, MSMI and SMS

Vice provincial of DSS visited Alphonsa region and encouraged their sisters in their dedicated works. Rev Sisters expressed their interest to collaborate with more mission stations in Sangli mission.

MSMI Vice provincial and a Councilor visited the sisters of their congregation and encouraged to strive for the gospel.

SMS Mission superior and Councilor visited Sangli mission in order to encourage mission work by SMS sisters.

All have praised the works of the Sangli mission. Sincere Thanks from Sangli Mission.

Academia

Exorbitant talents are being performed by the students throughout the Annual School Gatherings during the months of December and January in schools of Alphonsa Region.

Deepti Minor Seminary Melampara

Parents' day

It was a home coming for the minor seminarians at Deepti. The parents of

the second years gathered at Deepti Bhavan on 12th November 2009. Rev Fr James Athikalam, the Director General and Rev Fr James Kurukilamkatt, the rector enriched the participants with their messages.



MOC- Jeevan Jyoti

Mission Exposure

Brothers were sent two by two to five mission stations in Mandya for ten days to get mission experience. The live in programmes helped the brothers to have a concrete experience in different types of mission *ad gentes* works in the mission.

Experience of a missionary from Africa

Rev Fr Thomas Chirackal visited the MOC and shared his African mission experience with the brothers.

Three days in a mission station

All ten brothers spent three days with the people in the village of Jakkannahalli near Kikkeri. Brothers visited all houses of the village, took tuition for the students, cleaned the road and performed two hours of cultural programme. It rejuvenated their spirit to be missionaries feeling with the needs of the people. Brothers are sent to spread the message of Christmas through variety entertainments in different mission stations.

Ruhalaya Seminary

Dramatic presentations on the life of six priestly saints

Ruhalaya Major Seminary witnessed six colorful dramatic presentations on the life of six priestly saints in the month of November. The brothers in Theology and Philosophy staged the lives of Sts. Maxillian Colbe, Damian, Valentine, Augustine, Don Bosco and Vianney as the part of one act play competition conducted in connection with the Priestly Year. Well thought and developed narration on St. Damian by 2nd years won the first prize in theology section and simple but inspirational presentation on St. Vianney by 2nd years won the first prize in philosophy section. Congratulations to you brothers!

Blessing of IMPACT

A long cherished dream of an MST house in Ernakulam/Cochin has materialized on Nov. 8, 2009. His Eminence Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, blessed and dedicated IMPACT, the missionary animation and communication centre of MST. On the occasion, Cardinal Vithayathil praised the pioneering work of the MST missionaries and expressed his great

happiness that MST has opened a house in the diocese of Ernakulam and close to the Major Archiepiscopal Curia.

Very Rev. Fr James Athikalam, the Director General of MST, and Very Fr Sebastian Thuruthel assisted the Major Archbishop in the ceremony. The Director General sprinkled the house with holy water blessed by the Major Archbishop. He also lighted the fire in the kitchen together with Fr. Kurian Kochettonnil. Several MST priests were present at the ceremony. Numerous Priests, Sisters and laity from the neighbourhood participated in the function. Altogether 500 guests were present. The ceremony was followed by refreshments for all and cultural programs by children.



IMPACT Building and Location

The new building of IMPACT is situated at the corner of a one acre plot at Thevakkal. A master plan is ready for the whole plot and roads are laid and trees are planted accordingly. It is a two storey building, to which two more floors can be added. The ground floor consists of offices for various departments of missionary animation and communication, a multipurpose hall and a dining hall for about 30 persons, and kitchen. The first floor has 3 bedrooms for the priests in residence as well as two guest rooms, a dormitory/hall and a chapel.

The IMPACT centre is located at Thevakkal and is situated in Kalamassery Municipality, and is within the boundaries of Greater Cochin Development Authority, with pin -code as Cochin 21. It is by the side of the Thevakkal HMT road and is 6 kms from Kalamassery via HMT (4kms) and Co-operative Medical College (2kms) and KINFRA (1 km). Nearest Railway station is Aluva (8kms) via Ashokapuram and NAD. You can reach Thevakkal by bus from Edappally (8Kms) in a bus bound for Pookattupady (4kms), which is on the Aluva-Thripunithura route.

Kakkanad is 6 kms from IMPACT and Mount St. Thomas 3 kms. All are welcome.

IMPACT Program

IMPACT is the Missionary Animation and Communication department of MST. This department functioned from the Generalate for several years and was shifted to Thevakkal in 2007 and was functioning from a rented facility. Kadukumani magazine and quiz programs are run from IMPACT. Other programs include mission exhibitions, GEMspark personality development program for children, Bible Quiz on Divine TV, Media education programs. IMPACT also organizes national and international workshops and conferences on communication ministry. With the new centre and more facilities IMPACT hopes to run several new programs in promoting missionary awareness and communication ministry.

The impact website: www.impact-initiatives.com is under construction with all main pages already uploaded. You are welcome to visit us online and onsite, and stay with us.

TRAILBLAZERS: New DVD film on MST

A DVD film on mission and vision of MST was released on Nov. 8, 2009 during the blessing of IMPACT, Cochin. The Major Archbishop Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil released it by handing over copies to the Director General of MST and to Very Rev. Fr Bosco Puthur, the Rector of St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Aluva. The film is titled Trailblazers – signifying pioneering spirit and work of MST priests. The 30 minutes long film is an attempt to capture the spirit of MST through the words of the members, especially the founding fathers. Almost all the major missionary activities of MST are covered in the film, which was shot in the three MST regions and at the central house. The unique missionary vision and style of MST come to light in the short film.

The film is produced by IMPACT and shot and directed by Mr. Jain Joseph. Copies will be available for all in the New Year.

Biblical Storytelling workshops

In the month of October, IMPACT organized 4 national level workshops on 'Biblical storytelling as a new paradigm for evangelization' and an international conference on Biblical Stories in the digital culture.

These programs were organized in collaboration between Gotell Communications, Dayton USA and IMPACT. (for details see the www.impact-initiatives.com and www.gotell.org)

The IMPACT workshop in Delhi took place at NISCORT, the CBCI sponsored media institute for students of journalism on journalism in digital culture. The two day program highlighted the challenges of audiovisual and multimedia culture to journalism.

Two three- day workshops ‘Biblical Storytelling in Oral and Digital Culture’ were organized in Bangalore and Cochin for 60 priests, sisters, teachers and laity. These workshops presented telling stories from the Bible as a new paradigm for evangelization in oral cultures as well as in the emerging visual culture of film and television. Every one likes to hear stories as they are interesting and engaging. Thus stories of Jesus can be ‘told’ orally to all people as a tool for proclaiming the Gospel. Since biblical stories are Word of God, they have the power to touch the hearts of the people.

The most significant program was the 3 day international conference on “Biblical Stories in the Digital Culture” organized by IMPACT at NSK Bangalore. 55 Bible scholars participated in this workshop, which explored themes like the oral origins of the Bible, performance criticism, audio-visual rendering of the Biblical stories. Fr Lucien Legrand gave the keynote address and papers were presented by several scholars from India and abroad.

This series of program included also three extension lectures on ministry in the digital communication culture for the Staff and students of Dharmaram Vidyakshetram, St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute and United Theological College at Bangalore.

Kadukumani GEMspark



Grow... Equip... Manifest... shine like GEM. Every child and every person is a precious and unique gift of God in this world. It is our duty to grow in all the levels- human, spiritual and intellectual, equipping ourselves to manifest as

children of God emanating the rays of God’s love.

Reaching out to thousands of youth and children Kadukumani GEMspark creates a new chapter in the missionary animation and communication programme of MST. This is a 2/3 days package for school/college/ catechism students. Since we have a fusion of spirituality, morality and dynamism we can reach out to both Christians and non-Christians. The team is equipped with multi-media classes, mini exhibition, school counseling, etc. Singing, dancing, learning and praying together we aim to create an ambiance of spiritual and moral renewal. we have already conducted GEMspark in Soccorso Higher Secondary School Mala, St. Joseph’s Higher Secondary School Changanassery, St. Maria Gorethy School Chennad, St. Antony’s Collge Mala, St. Mary’s H.S.S. Arakulam, Carmel School Kalloor, Boys Town Pala.



Visit of the Auxiliary Bishop of Kottayam Arch diocese

Visit of Bp Pandarassery to Deepti Ashram - MST’s Care Home for the HIV +ve Children in Delhi.

The MST family keeps in prayers **Dr. Daniel Acharuparampil**, 70, Archbishop of Varappuzha and president of the Kerala Catholic Bishops’ Council who is called to eternal reward on 28th of October 2009.



Prayerful best wishes to the New Bishop of Bijnor. Mar John vadakel

NEW RELEASE

A new book titled , "All About Christmas, A Historico- Biblical Study of the Birth of the Messiah" is written by Rev Fr Sebastian Kizhakkeyil and published by St Paul's Publication.

A Collection of Marathi devotional songs on saints named "Thare Yesuche" was released by Fr Paul Painadath

A CD by the name Sanjeevni containing super devotional Hindi songs by Rev Fr Ashok MST is available to the public. Congratulations to all of you.

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Prayer

In the Year of Priests, Let us be more united with the Lord. The General Council has decided to assign for every priest a day to be spent in prayer. Each one is free to spend the day in the manner he feels comfortable to be with the Lord and pray for allover the world and especially for the MST priests.

Prayer day

February 2010

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| 1. Kottukapallil George | 15. Kulathupurayidom Jacob |
| 2. Kozhippatt Thomas | 16. Kuliraniyil Mathew |
| 3. Koonamparampath Varghese | 17. Kumminiyil Michael |
| 4. KoorumullumpurayidomGeorge | 18. Kumplamthanam Thomas |
| 5. Koothottil John | 19. Kuzhuppallil Abraham |
| 6. Koottumkal Joseph | 20. Kunnath Varghese |
| 7. Koottumkal Sebastian | 21. Kunnel Kuriakos |
| 8. Koottumkal Sebastian (Jr) | 22. Kunnumpuram Kurian |
| 9. Koovackal Abraham | 23. Kuppayil Johnson |
| 10. Kudiyiruppil John | 24. Kureeckal Francis |
| 11. Kudukkamthadam Antony | 25. Kuzhikandathil George |
| 12. Kudukkamthadam George | 26. Madhavappallil Thomas |
| 13. Kulappurath Augustine | 27. Madukolickal John |
| 14. Kulathumkal Joseph | 28. Mailadyil Joseph |

March 2010

1. Maliekal Joseph
2. Maliekal Michael
3. Mampillil George
4. Mampilly Thomas
5. Mandapathil Thomas
6. Mangalappilly Elvis
7. Mangalathil Thomas
8. Maniamkeril John
9. Manichirickal Thomas
10. Manjalankal Thomas
11. Manjamattam John
12. Manthara Jose
13. Maprakavil Joseph
14. Maprakavil Mathew
15. Marappillil Luke
16. Marottikudy Augustine
17. Mattam Emmanuel
18. Mattam Joseph
19. Mattathilanickal Chacko
20. M. D. Thomas
21. Mecheril George
22. Monoth Varghese
23. Mookenthottam Kurian
24. Moothasseril Mathew
25. Moozhayil Kuriakose
26. Mulangasseril Mathew
27. Mullamangalam Sebastian
28. Mullappallil George
29. Mullappallil Joseph
30. Mulluvengapurath Mathew
31. Mundackal George

April 2010

1. Mundiavil Augustine
2. Munjanatt Antony
3. Muringayil Cherian
4. Muthanatt George
5. Muthuplakkal Joseph
6. Muttathupadam George
7. Nadackal Varghese
8. Naduviledathu Abraham
9. Nalannadiyil Sebastian
10. Naikarakudy Paul
11. Naralakattukunnel Gracious
12. Nattunilath John
13. Nayathuparampil John
14. Neendukunnel Jose
15. Nellikunnel Mathew
16. Nelloor Cyriac
17. Njallaniyil Ephrem
18. Njalliyil Sebastian
19. Njarolickal Sabu
20. Olapurackal Thomas
21. Olickal George
22. Olikkara Joseph
23. Oppenmakal Joseph
24. Ottalamkal Joseph
25. Painadath Paul
26. Palackathadathil Kurian
27. Palappurath Benedict
28. Pamplany Thomas
29. Pandampadathil Abraham
30. Panjikiran Joy