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SHIVAJINAGAR, BANGALORE



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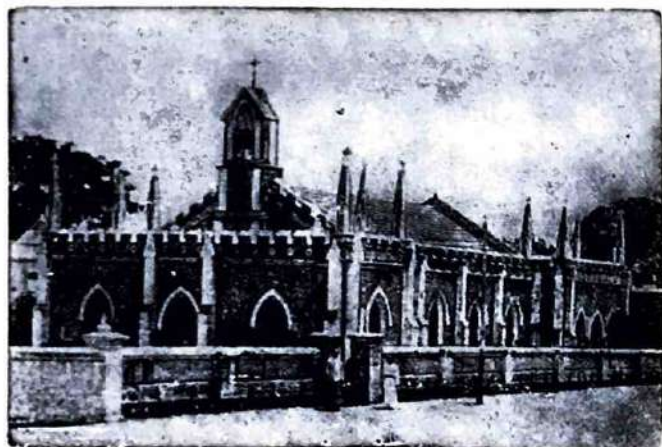
Commemoration Candle



Rt. Rev. Prasanna Kumar Samuel
Bishop - K.C.D.



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"The name of Mission Church of St. Paul"

The Construction

WHY, WHEN AND WHERE

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

"NOW AND THEN"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

First of all, I would like to Praise and Thank the Father Almighty for his blessings upon me and granting me an extension of life by 25 years from 1990 and has given me an opportunity to write the history of "the Mission Church of St. Paul" for publication in the SEPTAQUINTAQUINQUE CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR.

Our church located next to Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital has a great and an interesting story behind it.

To begin with, I urge you to roll back your memories and recollect the fact that turn of the Eighteenth Century and the dawn of the Nineteenth Century was coloured by the British Imperialism and dominance in India. Please note that, I have not recorded the complete history of the Mysore Kingdom or the Fourth Anglo- Mysore War or the history of Karnataka, but have just pen- down a few glimpses of it that are linked with this venerable Church's History.

The onslaught of Tippu Sultan at the hands of the British in 1799 led to the culmination of the Fourth Anglo-Mysore War.

After the 'one day battle', the British set-up their military barracks at Seringapatam, which was the first capital of the erstwhile Mysore Kingdom. The region being flooded with war corpses led to the breeding of mosquitoes, subsequently resulting in the outbreak of a disastrous pestilence of Malaria, forcing the British to evacuate their Military base. On an agreement between the then Maharaja of Mysore and the Madras Government, it was decided to shift the military base from Seringapatam to Bangalore (Fort near City Market). The shifting of the capital from Mysore to Bangalore in 1831 was mostly due to its balmy climate and for a variety of tactical and official reasons.

At first the British troops were stationed in the Bangalore Fort (City Market area) but by 1807 the British felt the need to build new barracks in order to accommodate the increasing military garrison. In response to the request made by the British, the then Maharaja of Mysore

allotted a land spanning across Agaram and the adjoining area near Halasuru village (about 6 Kilometres east of Bangalore). The total area of the Cantonment covered an area over 13 square miles from the Residency in the west to Binnamangala in the east. The Tanneries in the North to Agaram in the south. This led to the birth of another region called 'Petah' (the areas beyond the city market) which was administered by the then Wodeyars of Mysore.

The British garrison, stationed in the Cantonment consisted of Artilleries, Batteries and regiments of the Cavalry, Infantry, Sappers and Miners, Supply and Transport Corps, Bangalore Rifle Volunteers (BRV) and other units. The headquarters of the BRV is a stone building located at the junction of the central street and Cubbon Road, which now serves as the Canteen Stores Department (CSD) for defence personnel. It is said that, the Bangalore Cantonment was the largest military base in south India.

The centre of the Bangalore Cantonment was the South Parade ground (now called Manekshaw Parade Ground on M.G Road).

The establishment of the Cantonment in Bangalore, provided enormous job opportunities. The fact of the reason was that, the areas such as Oosoor, Halasur, Binnamangala, Blackpally were part of the Cantonment and were under the administration purview of the Madras Presidency. Since the Cantonment was connected to Jolarpet (Madras) it brought in many migrants (mostly from Senji near Madras) and other nearby regions. One of the offshoots of this history, is that the Bangalore Cantonment Railway Station (located at Millers Road) was constructed by the British in those days is still serviceable. Today many trains pass through it and connect it to a large number of cities and states in India.

The migrants who settled in a particular area within the Cantonment cultivated white rice and hence the area came to be called "Billi Akki Palli" (the area of white rice cultivation). Another fact of history accounts, that the area in which the Indians (Blacks) resided was called by the Britishers as "Black Pally" (meaning the Residence of the Blacks).

Even to this day, the aged citizens living/ lived in the Black Pally still identify themselves as the residents of Black Pally and not by any current names (Tasker Town or Shivajinagar).

A large number of Indians who lived in the nearby areas like Benson Town, Williams Town, Fraser Town, Cox Town, Cleveland Town and other surroundings served the British officers and their families as cooks, butlers, drivers, launderers and even as sepoys in the British army.

Most of them spoke Tamil and many embraced Christianity.

Apart from administrative interests, the British set a mandate to worship God on Sundays and this became the ever reigning practice, wherever they ruled. And so, the Britishers travelled all the way from the Cantonment barracks to the Fort Church (Bangalore Fort near City Market) to conduct Divine worship services. There was only one Chaplain then to administer the service. Finding it tiresome of travelling a long distant from the Cantonment barracks to the Fort, the then Chaplain and the British officers plotted an area midway between the Cantonment and the Fort and thus St. Mark's Church was born in 1808 (now called St. Mark's Cathedral, No.1 M.G Road). St. Mark's Church, then was meant exclusively to cater the British Officers and their families. Many churches in those days were built by the Madras Government (then called the Madras Presidency).

Since, there were no churches built for the Tamil speaking natives, the then Chaplain, the members of St. Mark's Church in association with the S.P.G Mission Society felt the need to build a separate church for the Tamil speaking masses residing in the Black Pally and the adjoining areas.

Certain records of our church show that till recently not less than 200 families were residents of Black Pally and nearby areas.

It is said that the efforts were made in the year 1835, but it did not materialise. However, the place on which our church stands today was chosen by them in 1838. The record reads as follows:

“The first stone of the church was laid on the fifth day of August, 1839 and the building was completed within six months.

It was consecrated by His Lordship on the 31 March, 1840 with the name of “the Mission Church of St. Paul”.

The act of the consecration particularly expresses that it is dedicated for Divine service in the native language only (i.e Tamil only).

The Tamil service was accordingly commenced on the Sunday following (5 April, 1840) and has been continued without interruption.

Morning prayers are said daily at half past seven, and there are full services with sermons on Sundays at half past 10 a.m and at half past 4 p.m also on Thursday evenings.

The church was visited by Mr. Trevor for the sacraments of Baptism or the Lord's Supper.

It is my greatest delight to mention here, that our church was the first Tamil High Anglican Church in the erstwhile Mysore kingdom (now called Karnataka).

At this juncture, I feel it is my bounden duty to mention the exemplary character of a Godly man by name Rev. George Trevor (S.P.G) who was instrumental in building our church by "opening a subscription in the year 1838 for a double purpose of maintaining schools and building a church".

The corresponding record throws light on the endeavour of Rev. G. Trevor:

"The total cost for the building of the church was Rs. 1250.14 (about 125 Pounds) and of a school room in the church yard was Rs. 89.8 of these sums Rs. 354 were still owing upon the day of consecration, but Mr. Trevor having made himself responsible for the debt (without which the consecration would have been delayed) the liberality of a friend, whose name was not mentioned, was stirred up to send him a donation of that amount the very next day".

Thanks to our Lord for the life and witness of **Rev. Samuel William Coulthrop**, who was ordained and licensed to the spiritual charge for the native congregation of Saint Paul's Church, Bangalore.

Here, I must pause to thank and praise Almighty God for the services of 28 Priests, Deacons and others ordained Priests, who had served in our church, and co-operated with the congregation and the members of the pastorate committees and honoured the decision in various respects of our fore-fathers, who dedicated this church for "Divine Service" in the "native language" only.

I am astonished to find inexplicable records maintained by the S.P.G Missionaries. I reproduce here below on the note of the number of the baptised persons in St. Paul's in those far off days.

"On the opening of the church, the congregation was found to average about eighty on Sunday, and fifty at the weekday lecture, fully double what it was before, it has now increased to 150 ordinarily, and at Easter, Christmas and on other occasions, the church though designed for 200 (which was four times as many had previously been assembled) has been insufficient to contain the congregation. The total number of souls in the Mission (baptised persons) is about 333".

The above note precisely states that the church was designed for 200 and the same was insufficient to contain the congregation which was growing rapidly.

Due to the extension of the Cantonment, many Tamil Christians especially those who love the Anglican Tradition joined our church that necessitated extensions. Therefore, the church building was extended three times periodically.

The first was in 1901. A stone tablet fixed at the Baptistery (North-End) reads as follows:

**TO THE GORY OF GOD
THIS CORNER STONE
OF
THE EXTENSION OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
DUE TO THE BENEVOLENCE OF MR. JOSEPH DAVID
WAS LAID BY
MRS. ROBERTSON
WIFE OF
HONORABLE BRITISH RESIDENT IN MYSORE
ON THE 7TH MARCH A.D 1901
REVEREND S. PARANJYOTI, B. A. PASTOR**

The second was in 1936. A stone fixed on the Western façade of the church (Vestry) declares the following:

**THE FOUNDATION STONE OF
THE EXTENSION OF THIS CHURCH
WAS LAID BY
THE REV. CANON H. H. FLYNN
ON THE THIRTEENTH OF APRIL 1936
AND
DEDICATED BY
THE RT. REV. E. H. M. WALLER D. D.
ON
THE ELEVENTH OF OCTOBER 1938
G. Y. TUCKER, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE**

The third was in 1947. The foundation stone for the third extension of our church is found on the South-end. The tablet says the following:

**THE FOUNDATION STONE
FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE CHURCH
WAS LAID BY
THE RT. REV. H. PAKENHAM WALSH
ON THE EVE OF THE FESTIVAL
OF ST. PETER 1947**

It is to be appreciated and a mention must be made about our Mothers Union which played a prominent role in raising funds for this extension. A rectangular brass plate fixed beside the arch of the Sanctuary reads as follows:

**THIS TABLET ERECTED
IN APPRECIATION OF
THE LAUDABLE EFFORTS OF THE MOTHER'S
UNION OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BANGALORE
IN RAISING FUNDS AND MEETING THE COST
OF THE BUILDING THIS SANCTUARY WHEN
THE CHURCH WAS EXTENDED.**

**BANGALORE
29 JUNE 1950**

**THE PASTORATE COMMITTEE
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**

In order to accommodate the ever increasing Tamil Christians from various distant parts and outskirts of the city, some temporary structures have been put-up in the recent past.

A portico adjoining the western façade of the church was constructed and dedicated on the 31.10.1993. A side portico on the North side was added in the year 2009.

If God willing, the church may be extended for about 20-25 feet (or as required) on the Eastern side (Altar).

Many of our members are unaware of the fact that our church parsonage, parish hall cum school were the absolute property of the S.P.G. In the year 1961, on 22 March the S.P.G transferred its property to the Church of South India Trust Association (C.S.I.T.A) in Madras.

The properties transferred are:

(a) The Church

St. Paul's Church, Hospital Road extent 24 cents, bounded on the North by Bowring Hospital, East by Parsonage, South by Hospital Road and the West by entrance to Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital.

(b) The Parsonage

St. Paul's Parsonage, Old Poor House Road No. 449, bounded on the North by the Parish Hall. Cum. School East by Old Poor House Road, South by Hospital Road and West by St. Paul's Church.

(c) Parish Hall cum School

St. Paul's church parish hall.cum. School, no.449, old poor house road extent 143*49, Door No. 450 bounded on the North by Bowring Hospital quarters, East by Old poor House Road, South by St. Paul's Parsonage, West by Bowring Hospital Quarters.

A hundred and seventy five years is a long period but it looks as if the church was built just a few years back.

A hundred and seventy five years vanished, but the Red and White coloured Gothic styled Church has stood the test of time and stands majestically as a witness to the glorious past.

These days the church is kept open for people of all faiths. The church is a tower of hope, faith and deliverance. The church is a haven of solace and strength to all people, who rush to the church with tears and anxieties, to pray for the lives of their near and dear ones who are involved in severe accidents, suicide attempts, critical and complicated confinement case and the terminally ill patients admitted in the Bowring Hospital.

The history and truth mentioned above Was and Is possible because of two reasons:

(a) God with us

(b) It is also because of God fearing and dedicated Men and Women, who stood strong and firm withstanding every storm and wave, enduring every pain and anxiety and continued their membership ever praying and ever supporting the church and its Mission for the past 175 years.

Some have served on various committees. Many have liberally and whole heartedly donated for various programmes, renovation of the church, parsonage, parish hall and also to build the extensions and the additional structures.

Some have donated for the music systems, vestments, sacramental elements, altar needs, office needs, furnitures, TV's, electronic goods and for so many other church needs, sunday school and VBS, etc. The list goes on and on and never ceases.

I am thankful to every one for the contributions, donations, offerings with which the church is maintained to its present status for the Glory of God and for the service of His People. Let us therefore enter this holy and blessed church thankfully and -

PRAISE THE LORD

PRAISE GOD IN HIS HOLY SANCTUARY

PRAISE IN HIS MIGHTY HEAVENS

PRAISE HIM FOR HIS ACTS OF POWER

PRAISE HIM FOR HIS SURPASSING GREATNESS

PRAISE HIM WITH THE SOUND OF TRUMPET,

PRAISE HIM WITH HARP AND LYRE,

PRAISE HIM WITH TAMBOURIN AND DANCING,

PRAISE HIM WITH STRINGS AND FLUTE,

PRAISE HIM WITH CLASH OF CYMBALS,

PRAISE HIM WITH RESOUNDING CYMBALS

LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD.

PRAISE THE LORD.

**M. K. JAYAKUMAR
(HON. SECRETARY)**

From the Presbyter

Paul was a wonderful apostle who actively moved to various parts of Asia and Europe, taking the gospel, inspite of pains and persecution, struggles and sufferings. Motivated by the life of Paul, our church has been serving the master and witnessing to his word through these 175 years.



Started as a small congregation in 1840, now it has grown to be one of the biggest congregations in the Karnataka Central Diocese, serving more than 1000 communicant members. During the course of history the church also initiated congregations at Hosur, which has now grown up into a very big congregation and now branching out to two or three churches.

In line with Micah 4 : 1 ff, the church stands as a beacon inviting people who are stranded, suffering, sick etc,. It's very interesting to see the people of other faiths coming to say a prayer or request the pastor or an elder to pray for them. They come back after some time, thanking god for the blessing received. Those who come to the Bowring hospital make it a point to come and thank God for heading them.

During this 175th year the congregation was also conscious to support another new upcoming church. Some of the members very generously contributed to this cause, special commemorative stamp and the first day cover was released, a CD has released in a special service containing the lyrics in their original tunes.

Having been founded by the society for the propagation of the gospel (SPG) the church moves forward in proclaiming the Excellencies of the one who called us from the darkness into his marvelous light

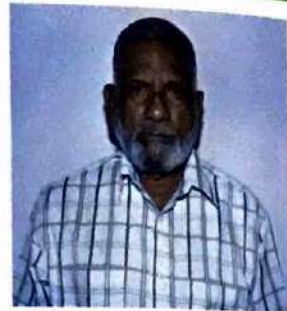
Rev. D. John Milton
Presbyter in-charge

From Across Secretary's Table

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

In the year 1990, our church celebrated its Sesquicentennial Year anniversary (150 years). The then Pastorate Committee released a Souvenir during which period, I had the blessed opportunity to present the Secretary's Report titled "From across the Secretary's Table".



Our then Presbyterian-in-Charge Rev. J. Saduri and the Pastorate Committee members were: Mr. Ravi Premkanth (Treasurer), Mr. V. Arputharaj, Mr. Charles Wesley, Mr. Edwin Joshua, Mr. G. M. Dhanraj, Mr. J. David, Mr. Jacob Daniel, Mr. I.B. Prabhakar, Mr. Solomon Manoraj, Mr. J. Wilson, Mrs. Jem Deva Bala Victor and Mrs. Joyce Zachariah.

I am delighted to present once again the secretary's report with the same title for publishing in the Septuagintaquinque Centennial year Souvenir.

I have no words to praise and thank Almighty God, the Father of all things for the abundant grace and blessing for the enormous gift of life by 25 years (from 1990) and led me to cross half and a quarter century this year (2015).

I confess that, I did nothing extraordinary in our church during the past 30-35 years holding office in various capacities as a Secretary, Treasurer and a Pastorate Committee Member to deserve and receive God's blessing to serve as the Secretary during the Sesquicentennial celebrations in 1990 and now when the church is commemorating its Septuagintaquinque centennial anniversary.

But then, here I am occupying the Secretary's office with fear and confusion as to what to report and what not to report because, I have witnessed and participated in various activities and programs for over 3 decades in general and the last 12 months in particular. However, I had to write my report and just as I sat with prayers for wisdom, knowledge and memory power to recollect the happenings and events during the Sesquicentennial year celebrations, it flashed to me that on 30.03.1989 the P.C Members were preparing to fix a stone tablet (presented by Uncle Paul Premkanth and Family) to mark the beginning of the 150th anniversary. This tablet was to be blessed by the Rt. Rev. C. D. Jathana, Bishop, CSI-KCD and unveiled by Mr. Roshan Baig Minister of State, Government of Karnataka on the following day i.e (31.03.1989).

When we were about to fix the stone on the Western Façade (the outer wall of the choir room) we decided to place a Holy Bible, I.S.P.C.K Prayer Book and a Hymnal underneath the stone tablet. The Presbyterian agreed to the suggestion. A polythene pouch containing the Bible, Prayer Book and the Hymnal was placed between the stone and the building wall and neatly plastered with fervent prayers and hopes to excavate the same during the 175th anniversary and preserve them as a souvenir.

The above was an 'Act of Remembrance' to mark the 150th year celebrations and we believed that our humble decision would keep alive the memories and sacrifices made by the men and women, who laboured for the growth of our church, which is 175 years old now. A few of them stand by my side as live witnesses even today to testify the jubilant historic event.

There was a year-long celebrations culminating in the dedication of our church office replacing the very old cycle shed which was used by our members for many years to park their cycles on Sundays.

This building was dedicated on 01.05. 1990 by Rev. J. R. Henry, Bishop's Commissary and opened by Mr. Oscar Fernandes, M.P and President, K.P.C.C(I) in presence of Rev. J.A.D. Selwyn, Diocesan Secretary and Rev. Solomon Gnanaraj, Civil Area Chairman. Our Presbyter was Rev. J. Saduri and the P.C Members were Mr. G.M. Dhanraj (Treasurer), Mr.V. Arputharaj, Mr. Edwin Joshua, Mr. A. Charles Wesley, Mr. J. David, Mr. Jacob Daniel, Mr. I.B. Prabhakar, Mr. Ravi Premkanth, Mr. Solomon Manoraj, Mr. J. Wilson, Mrs. Jem Deva Bala Victor and Mrs. Joyce Zachariah.

This building is a munificent gift by K.G. Hanumanthaiah a young philanthropist and a well wisher of our church families.

The stone tablet was donated by Mizpha Telugu Church (near East Railway Station) congregation.

The following priests served during the past quarter century (1990-2015). Rev. D. M. Bhaskaran, Rev. J. Saduri (two terms), Rev. D. Victor Thomas (two terms), Rev. D. Moses Jayakumar, Rev. J.A. Victor Joshua, Rev. A. Jeganathan.

Many of our church members have served as Pastorate Committee Members, Treasurers and Secretaries. The Anglican Worship in Tamil language continued. Many landmark projects were executed by the Priests and Pastorate Committees with the support and magnanimous contributions / offerings/ donations made by the members of the congregation.

How fast the days, months and years vanished! After 25 years, when the church was at the door steps of another remarkable milestone, an experienced and knowledgeable priest took charge of the affairs in our church on 01.05.2011.

On assuming charge as the Presbyter-in-Charge of our church, he observed that, there was an acute shortage of water in the church, parsonage and the parish hall. Therefore, the first project, he initiated was to dig a bore well, which was successful and now provides clean, sweet and plenty of water at all times for various purposes.

He also observed that our parish hall constructed in the year 1999 was in a dilapidated condition and he determined to renovate the same. His ceaseless efforts resulted in the construction of a well designed, spacious and a well ventilated parish hall, with a seating capacity of 400 people.

He is a tireless, sincere, honest and experienced priest, who devoutly and meticulously engaged in planning for a successful and glorious celebration of the 175th anniversary of our church. He is none other than our respected and beloved Priest Rev. D. John Milton, a priest with a rich experience and service in more than 10 churches and the office of the Secretary in the Diocese for 4 years in the past and now.

We all know that our church conceived its roots from St. Mark's Church and therefore we cannot tide-over the debt that we owe to our forefathers and Missionaries by whom our church was established and consecrated by the Rt. Rev. George Trevor Spencer D. D Lord Bishop of Madras on 31 March, 1840.

The time had drawn nearer and we realized that this was an opportunity for us to recognize and acknowledge and pay our tributes to the elders of the St. Mark's Church and the Missionaries who were instrumental in raising our church and hence, we resolved to draw a flame from the Altar of St. Mark's Cathedral to light up our Inaugural Candle.

On Sunday the 27 April, 2014, we brought the torch which was lit by the Rev. D. Moses Jayakumar, Presbyter-in-Charge, St. Mark's Cathedral and stilled it on our High Anglican Altar Table. It burned day and night for three consecutive days.

As the dust settled down with the sun rays glowing dim, the Septaquinaquinque Centennial Inaugural service commenced on 01.05.2014 with a majestic prelude. It was a magnificent sight to see the procession around the church with robes, banners, priests, bishop and the congregation.

And during the high eucharistical celebration, the Inaugural Candle was lit by our Guest of Honour Rt. Rev. Y. William, Bishop (Retired) Vellore Diocese from the flame drawn from St. Mark's Cathedral. The 6 other smaller candles attached to the Inaugural Candle were lit by the present priests who served in our church and in their absence, the lights were lit by the other invitees.

Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar, Director, CISRS delivered a highly illuminating sermon on the "Apostle Saint Paul's Mission and the Church walking in his example". The memorable occasion ended with exchange of pleasantries by one and all assembled in the church.

A year long programmes like the Kathakalakshebham, Festivals, Special Services, etc filled the 12 months making the congregation feel the greatness of God and experience his love and mercy.

The Ministries (Sunday School, Women Fellowship and Youth Fellowship) were allotted a month each to showcase their talents and to glorify God.

The Choir, the Youth and the Sunday School won many prizes at various forums organized by the Diocese and area churches.

The Musicians accompanied the choir and played their musical instruments in a splendid manner.

Many developmental projects were carried out and executed especially the much awaited and anticipated Parish Hall, which was dedicated on 21.05.2015 and blessed by the Rt. Rev. P.K. Samuel, Bishop, CSI-KCD.

Due to the Lenten season, the 175th anniversary celebrations concluded with a solemn High Eucharistic service on 19.04.2015, instead on 31.03.2015. Bhagavadhar Dorairaj Vedanayagam Sastriyar delivered the sermon. The Bishop Rt. Rev. P.K. Samuel greeted the congregation and followed by the other priests and invitees present on the occasion.

A Postal Cover and 'My Stamp' were released to mark the 175th anniversary of our church.

A C.D with lyrics sung by Rev. Agilan and our Youth was released to commemorate this jubilant ceremony.

This was a day of happiness, contentment, peace and blessing to one and all.

A day to remember, a day to cherish and a day to thank the Invisible, Omnipresent, Omnipotent and loving God for leading us all these 175 years, especially during this Septaquinaquinque Centennial year.

Before concluding my report, I would like to thank all the priests with whom I had the opportunity to serve as the secretary for the last 25-30 years. They are a source of inspiration. I learnt a lot from them, because everyone was unique in themselves.

I thank all those who served the church from time to time as members of the pastoral committee, choir, musicians, organists and the members of the women, youth fellowship, sunday school, VBS staff and assistants whose contributions over these 25 years has greatly helped in the growth of the church.

A special thanks to all the members of our church for their generous contributions, offerings, donations and tithes especially over the last 12 months.

I take this opportunity to convey my very special thanks to Rev. D. John Milton, Presbyter-in-charge, whose plans, schemes, administrative capabilities got us through the Septuagintaquinque centennial celebrations.

I appreciate and thank him for his guidance, support and suggestions, which helped me in bringing forth the church history with the title "The Mission Church of Saint Paul" and the Secretary's Report.

I thank the following Pastorate Committee Members, who extended their co-operation and support during the biennium (2013-2015) Mr. John Christopher. M (Treasurer), Mrs. Anitha, Ms. Bhavya Rajeev, Mr. C. David, Mr. Enoch. J, Mr. Isaac Benhur Prabhakar, Mrs. Jana Richard, Mr. Solomon Manoraj.

I will be failing in my duties if I did not pay tributes-

Brother Edwin Joshua. He served as the Secretary of this church and the Men Society. He was an Altar assistant and shouldered many other responsibilities. He taught me the intricacies of the office of the Secretary. He taught me to maintain silence at all times even if I was abused, ill treated, degraded while performing my duties as a Secretary. His predictions, "God will take care of them" has been proved in many cases and on many occasions.

Secondly, it is my good friend Mr. Ravi Premkanth, who served as the Treasurer for many years, a choir master and Altar assistant. Both of us had a sort of "telepathy connection" because all our individual plans and thinking for the church on the previous day would be the same, when compared on the following day. Mr. Ravi was elected as Treasurer of our church on 29.06.2013 and performed his duties faithfully and honestly, ever toiling till his last breath (24.10.2014). A void, that cannot be filled so easily. I miss him a lot.

Thirdly, our Sextan Mr. Kariappa. He came from Chennapatna as very small boy during the ministerial years of Rev. G.J.R. Athistham. Hardworking, sincere and honest sextan till his departure from this world.

Lastly, I would like to remember and mention the names of Mr. V. Arputharaj, Mr. Jacob Daniel and Mrs. Joyce Zachariah, senior members, who rendered their services to the church as the members of the pastorate committee during the Sesquicentennial year celebrations.

My respects and prayers for the departed souls.

And finally, I thank the Father who has given me an opportunity to serve Him and His people in this 175 year old church.

M. K. Jayakumar
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

"Great is Thy faithfulness O Lord my God"

This song is true in my life, when I recount my memories, I am grateful to God because the Church has moulded me to be involved in the life and Ministry of the Church. I am third generation in this Church. My Grand father Late. Rev. J.D. Sagayam served as a Hon. Presbyter of the CSI KCD and my father Late Moses Chandrashekar was in the Choir and involved in the Church Ministry.



Though I am unworthy, yet I am thrust with responsibility of being the Treasurer of this Church. Celebrating 175th year of this Church is an important milestone in the history of this Church. Being a Treasurer in this great Church is a Blessing to me and my family. God has given an opportunity to serve his people. The sudden demise of Mr. Ravi Premakanth who was elected as the Treasurer for the Biennium 2013-2015 left a vacuum. Mr. Ravi Premakanth as Treasurer did a wonderful job. One cannot forget his hard and meticulous way of maintaining our Church Account as a Treasurer.

This has helped me to keep the accounts of the Church without any hazel.

The income of the Church for year 2013 - 2014

Opening balance	Rs. 390509.03
Closing balance	Rs. 454870.77

The income of the Church for year 2014 - 2015

Opening balance	Rs. 454870.77
Closing balance	Rs. 2351151.77

We meet all needs of the Church for e.g.,

Sunday School Ministry (yearly)	Rs. 50000 - 100000
Youth Fellowship Programme (yearly)	Rs. 25000
Women's Fellowship	Rs. 40000
Choir (yearly)	Rs. 50000
Charity (monthly)	Rs. 18000
Christmas Programme	Rs. 350000

Apart from this regular year marked expenditure, we spent huge amount for the up keeping of the Church and regular maintenance expenditure.

The giving of the Congregation of our Church such as MFO, T O , Sunday Bag offering etc., is great. Because of their giving, we are able to conduct programmes and activities in our Church, The church is a movement we should take it forward. As of now Our Church activities are only centered around Church. We need to reach out

It is our desire for as we celebrate 175th year, we should start a Church in another place as Bangalore is vast developed. As an outreach programme, we should strive to purchase a land away from Bangalore City, and establish a Church in that Area.

I take this opportunity to thank all members of the Congregation for their prayers and support. I thank all the members of the Pastorate Committee for their guidance.

Last but not the least my beloved Presbyter Rev. D. John Milton for all his advice and help that extends every now and then.

Glory be to God. Amen

M. John Christopher

Treasurer

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From

Rev. Y. David

Kurinjinagar, Poigaikaraipatti
Kallanthiri Post - 625 301

To

Rev. John Milton

Presbyter-in-charge

Mr. Jayakumar

Secretary



Dear friends in Christ,

I am very happy to know that St. Paul's Church is celebrating the 175th Anniversary.

Greetings to all of you who gather at St. Paul's Church for the celebrations.

St. Paul's Church, located in a prime space in Bangalore, has a unique history. This church has its own tradition, built up over the years. The church members are happy and proud to preserve these traditions.

The St. Paul's Church is a worshipping community. People from far away places in Bangalore come regularly to worship here.

Although I served at St. Paul's Church only for a very short period, I enjoyed my work and stay there. The Church members were extremely affectionate.

This affection was amply demonstrated during my wedding at the Ecumenical Christian Centre, Whitefield. A sizable number of St. Paul's Church members were present at my wedding, in spite of the long distance and the difficulties to reach ECC.

I am very happy to know that all the persons baptized by me, are faring well in life, and all whose wedding I solemnized, are leading happy married lives.

This 175th Jubilee is not only an occasion for celebration, for all the blessing on this Church, but also, a time to reflect and discover in what ways this church community has to serve its own members as well as the society at large.

We are living a very critical period of history, facing innumerable problems, including the survival of the human race, in the context of global warming and climate change. The church has to discover ways to respond to the challenges we face.

I wish you all the wisdom needed to involve effectively in these issues, and contribute towards solving these problems, and making our Earth a safe place for the coming generations.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Y. David

Rev. D. M. Bhaskaran

Retd. Presbyter KCD

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20th February 2015

Greetings!

It gives me great pleasure to extend my Congratulations and warm wishes to my brother Rev. D. John Milton, Presbyter, Mr. M. K. Jayakumar, Secretary, Mr. M. John Christopher, Treasurer and Members of the Pastorate Committee and Members of the Congregation on the occasion of the 175th Anniversary of St. Paul's Church.

I must express my most sincere thanks to the Office Bearers of the Pastorate Committee for extending an invitation to my wife and me to be a part of the celebrations.

As I read your invitation, I recalled that part of my journey as a Presbyter. I am indeed proud and happy to have been involved in the growth of this great congregation. It is my prayer that the church will continue to be relevant not only to its congregation but also to the entire society giving hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, help to the helpless and encouragement to the dejected while spreading the Gospel.

I should acknowledge my gratitude to my co-workers during my ministry in St. Paul's, some of them are in the presence of our Lord Mr. John Wesley, Mr. Charles Wesley, Mr. Kantharaj, Mr. Rapheal, Mr. Arputharaj, Mr. Edwin Joshua, Mr. G. Dhanraj, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Richard, Mr. Ravi Premkanth and Mrs. Joyce Zachariah.

The 175th Anniversary of St. Paul's Church is an occasion for joyful thanksgiving and a renewal of our commitment to face the new challenges ahead of us. As we lift our hearts in gratitude for our past accomplishments in faith and trust, we also lift our hearts in asking the blessing of the Spirit to guide us as we continue our journey. May we all find strength to attain fullness of life for us and for the rest of the generations to come.

On this note, I would like, on behalf of my family and my own behalf, to congratulate St. Paul's Church on its 175th Anniversary.

And let the light so shine among men while continuing the walk of faith

Rev. D. M. Bhaskaran

Retd. Presbyter KCD



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To,
Rev. John Milton
Presbyter-in-charge
St. Paul's Church
Shivajinagar
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Date: 04-03-2015

Dear Rev. John Milton,

My greetings to the St. Paul's Family, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. An anniversary is always a time to celebrate, to introspect, and to look ahead. And I am indeed honoured and privileged to greet the presbyter-in-charge, Secretary, Treasurer, the members of the Pastorate Committee and all the members of the St. Paul's Family, on this auspicious occasion of celebrating the 175th anniversary of the founding of the church.



My family and I have fond memories of No.1 Jumma Masjid Road, which still remains our address in a few of our documents. The grand Anglican tradition, the rich worship, the elegant altar, the divine pulpit and so on, bring varied emotions and feelings when I sit to ponder over my spiritual experiences in the church. We did, I must say, cherish our ministry and fellowship in the church compound. We still recollect and remember all the times of fellowship, eating, chatting, fighting, debating that we had in the parsonage, the church hall, inside the church and the church office.

During my tenure at St. Paul's, we did face many challenges, and I thank God for giving me the strength to deal with it and thank the members all for the enormous support that they rendered to me and my family at times of need, especially when my wife had been to England for her higher studies. My children grew up to being young men in that compound and they too have warm-hearted reminiscences that capture our conversations even till today.

My heart still remains there as I have served there for two terms and it gives me great joy to hear that you are marching towards a glorious 175. I am happy and overjoyed to pray for all the members of the St. Paul's family, that as a congregation together you may see not just 175, but the many more years to come in the future. May God grant you His blessings and give you success in all your future endeavours that would bring glory to God alone.

May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you Peace. Amen.

Yours in His Service

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It is a great joy for me to write few lines where I was born and nurtured in spiritual life.

Over the years the Church has evolved, from a humble beginning and today as a testimony to many. My association with this great church is right from my child hood. I was Baptist in 1951, was confirmed in 1969 and was married in the year 1979. I was a choir boy from 1962 onwards, was an Organist from 1971 to 1976. It is a great blessing for me to be a part of this historical church. My joy was doubled when I became the Presbyter of the Church in the year 1990-1995 and again in 2008 - 2011.

Celebrating 175th year Anniversary of St. Paul's is a time to reflect on what our priorities should be as people of God. Acts 2 gives us plan of action. They devoted themselves to the Apostles in teaching and fellowship in the Breaking of the Bread and prayers.

My wife and children do join me in congratulating you on a distinguished history of 175th year. We recollect all days in St. Paul's rejoicing in the fellowship. We pray for God's continued rich blessings on St. Paul's as we seek to be faithful to Him and seek to be the Church. He is calling you to be today and for years that lie ahead.

I am indeed proud and honoured to be a part of a church which continues to make great stride. May God continue to bless you all as you strive to keep the flame alive.

Rev. D. Victor Thomas

Rev John Milton
Presbyter In charge
St Paul's Church



I am extremely happy to send this message of greetings on the occasion of the 175th anniversary celebrations of my Mother's Church.

The church carries the name being the only church in the Diocese which faithfully endeavors to maintain the Anglican tradition in its worship using the old Anglican prayer book. People who have a passion and liking for the Anglican tradition and the tamil worship based on the old Anglican liturgy make it a point to come and worship in this church without worrying about the distance they had to travel.

I have very fond memories of my life at St Paul's which remain fresh in my mind and which remain for ever. The first stage in my full time ministry in the Diocese is getting a recommendation from the local church and I was excited to get that recommendation in 1970. The excitement is not in just getting the recommendation but in the process through which this happened because I almost lost the chance of applying to ministry during that year. My Sunday School superintendent Rev Reuben Jacob was the motivating force behind me to apply for full time ministry. My application did not reach the Diocese on time and hence I was not called for interview. When he heard about this he took me to meet the Presbyter Rev G J R Athistam who explained that it is the Pastorate Committee that should give the endorsement and since the PC was not functioning for some reason he could not forward the application to the diocese. Greatly disappointed Rev Reuben Jacob took me to meet Bishop Sargeant to recommend my case and to explain to him the difficulty in getting the recommendation from the church. Bishop Sargeant was kind enough to intervene in the matter and on his suggestion the Presbyter gave his personal recommendation instead of the recommendation of the PC and the same was accepted by the diocese. I appeared for the interview as a special candidate under the instructions of Rev Thomas E David who was the Convener for the Ministerial Committee. This experience which set the stage for my full time ministry is my foundation. It was a timely intervention and God showed a way to move forward.

Another experience that will always remain in my memory is what happened in the year 1972 after one year of theological studies. As I was returning home for the term holidays I sent a letter to Rev A D John, the Commissary in the Diocese informing that I will be in Bangalore and will be happy to get involved in any ministry. He asked me to meet him immediately after my arrival. When I met him there was surprise waiting for me. He informed me that since the presbyter to St Paul's is yet to come and take charge and since there is no one to co ordinate the day to day programmes and the worship, that I should be at St Paul's to take all the worship and other arrangements till such time the new presbyter comes and takes charge. Getting some responsibility in my own church I considered as a blessing. In addition to this when the presbyter arranged for the following Sunday expressed his inability to come I had

to inform to Rev A D John to get permission to request other presbyters. When I informed him and suggested the names of other presbyters who could be requested, he asked me to conduct the service and preach. This was something that I never expected in my life after one year of theological studies. I tried to avoid by giving some reasons but he was firm in instructing me to conduct the service and preach. With the help of God I conducted the worship and preached the sermon. The passage on which I preached was Luke 7:11-17 Mother donot cry. The greatest delight was to see my mother sitting in the pew during that service and preaching. It was a moving experience for me.

In 1995 I came to the church as Presbyter Incharge which was a great blessing. I had a fruitful ministry but had to leave after two years because of a overseas proposal that the Moderator of CSI suggested for me. He recommended my name to serve in a parish in Dubai for three years. As I got relieved from the responsibilities and was preparing to leave the country, the news came from the Moderator that the proposal did not materialize. It was too late to change the transfer decision in the Diocese. I missed the wonderful chance of serving in my own church for a full time. I had seen the leadership given to the church by Pastors and lay leaders for more than 50 years. The church continues to grow and people who come here to worship on Sundays and other days of the week, particularly people of other faiths are greatly blessed. The famous government hospital by the side of the church caters to the physical needs of the people and the church cares for the spiritual and the physical needs of the hundreds of people.

I wish the anniversary celebrations a great success and pray that the leadership will strive to maintain the church and its traditions to be a source of blessing to many people.

Rev. Dr. Moses Jayakumar

Message



Dear Rev. John Milton

I am honoured by the invitation given to me to pen this message for the Souvenir to be released on the concluding part of the 175th anniversary celebration of St. Paul's Church. The Souvenir will be the sweet memory of the historic occasion of this church for the future generation.

I thank God for the opportunity given to me to serve Him and His people as the Presbyterian-in-Charge of this church from 2003 to 2008. Though I came across certain unpleasant situations I enjoyed my ministry here and by God's grace I successfully completed my tenure of five years in this church.

According to history St. Paul's Church was the first Tamil Anglican church in the erstwhile Mysore state. The uniqueness of this church comprises its traditional Anglican order of Worship, the maintenance of the flowery alter decoration every Sunday (except Lenten season) the Holy Vestments of the Priest who conducts the Worship services. This attracts majority of the people to come to Worship God in this church from different parts of Bangalore without minding the distance.

I am happy to acknowledge that during my tenure of service, certain notable projects were carried out. The major projects are the renovations and raising of the compound wall from 3ft to 7 ft height to avoid nuisance from hooligans and inquisitive pedestrians. In addition to this the open area around the church covered with sand and marshy soil was concreted and dedicated on 11th July 2004.

The other major project was the renovation of the whole church building which was in a very bad condition. The whole church was repaired and replastered. The whole incandescent bulbs and old model chandeliers were replaced with new bright bulbs and attractive chandeliers. The old ceiling fans were replaced with new wall mounted oscillating fans. Today the interior of the church has a bright and festive look. The renovated church was dedicated on Whit Sunday the 27th of May 2007. Along with these projects, to overcome power failures during Worship Services and other programs a diesel generator set with 15 kv was installed. Though the bank balance was very little at that point of time, by the grace of God, and the generous contribution and donation of the congregation members, all these projects were executed to the fullest satisfaction of one and all. With the support and cooperation of the then Secretary, Treasurer, Steward and P.C members the above mentioned projects were completed successfully.

I thank God for the privilege given to me to become a member of this Church along with my family after my retirement. I also thank Rev. John Milton, the Presbyterian-in-Charge for utilizing me in God's Service and for his kindness. On this joyous occasion I extend my hearty greetings to the whole St. Paul's family. May the 175th Anniversary celebration of the Church be an occasion for us to deepen our Christian commitment and strengthen our relationship with Christ to witness Him in this world.

Invoking God's abundant Blessing's

Yours in His Service

Rev. A. Jeganathan
Presbyter, CSI - KCD (Retd)



St. Paul's Church

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The Rev. I. Eleazer	1861 - 1870
The Rev. G. Lazarus	1870 - 1882
The Rev. I. Ignatius	1882 - 1886
The Rev. Thomas Duraisingh	1886 - 1888
The Rev. Cornelius	1888 - 1894
The Rev. M. D. Israel	1894 - 1896
The Rev. S. Paranjothi	1896 - 1925
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The Rev. James Barnabas	1926 - 1929
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The Rev. R. Ezekiel	1937 - 1945
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The Rev. E. S. Paramanandan	1957 - 1968
The Rev. M. P. Henry (Deacon)	
The Rev. G. J. R. Athistham	1968 - 1971
The Rev. Y. David	1971 - 1972
The Rev. M. K. Arnold	1972 - 1976
The Rev. G. J. R. Athistham	1976 - 1983
The Rev. James Willam	1983
The Rev. D. M. Bhaskaran	1983 - 1987
The Rev. J. Saduri	1987 - 1990
The Rev. D. Victor Thomas	1990 - 1995
The Rev. D. Moses Jayakumar	1995 - 1997
The Rev. J. Saduri	1997 - 2002
The Rev. J. A. Victor Joshua	2002 - 2003
The Rev. A. Jeganathan	2003 - 2008
The Rev. D. Victor James	2008 - 2011
The Rev. D. John Milton	2011 -



Rev. S. Paranjoti
(1896-1925)



Rev. N. Yesudian
(1925 - 1926)



Rev. G. Y. Tucer
(1933 - 1937)



Rev. R. Ezekiel
(1927 - 1945)



Rev. A. S. Lokapathy
(1945 - 1957)



Rev. Dr. E. A. Paramanandan
(1957-1968)



Rev. G.J.R. Athistham
(1968 - 1971 & 1976 - 1983)



Rev. James William
(1983)



Rev. D. M. Baskar
(1983 -1987)



Rev. J. Saduri
(1987 - 1990 & 1997 - 2002)



Rev. Y. David
(1971 - 1972)



Rev. Daniel Jacob
(Deacon)



Rev. D. Victor Thomas
(1990 - 1993 & 2008 - 2011)



Rev. D. Moses Jayakumar
(1995 - 1997)



Rev. A. Jeganathan
(2003 - 2008)



Rev. John Milton
(From 2011)

Rev. M. K. Arnold
(1972 - 1976)

Rev. J. A. Victor Joshua
(2002 - 2003)

Women's Fellowship

The women's fellowship of St. Pauls church has been playing a greater role through the history of the church. The stone tablet stand as witness to the contribution and work of the women's fellowship. This tradition still continues and their presence can be still felt in every developmental work. Some of the ministries are being carried out with full enthusiasm and commitment, like prayer cell, hospital visit, cottage prayer meetings and counseling sessions.

Few sisters visit the hospitals regularly, visiting the patients, praying for them, strengthening the relatives and distributing new testaments, this ministry has brought many people closer to Christ. Few members are involved in counseling and building families through matrimonial which has brought happiness in many. Weekly prayers are not the time of prayer alone but also a time of sharing the burdens of one another which has led to acquiring financial assistance to some of the needy people.

The highlight of the 175th year celebration was a session with a transgender pastor by name Rev. Bharathi, which opened our eyes to the pains and problems faced by transgenders and our responsibilities in addressing their grievances.

In a very big way contributions are made of the upkeep of the church. A beautiful name board was erected at both the entrances of the church which glows at night inviting the people to the church, at the same time adding beauty to the building.

Thus the womens fellowship not only grows stronger in fellowship but also grows deeper in faith

Youth Fellowship

**The spirit filled church is the Lord's church,
And is always faithful to do the Lord's will.
They heed the calling to a lost and dying world,
And spread God's word over mountain and hill.**

- Judy Crowe "The Spirit filled Church"

The Lord Jesus Christ called us all to proclaim the gospel, throughout the world and St. Paul's Church has been fulfilling this mission for the past 175 years. As this '*spirit filled church*' completes its 175 years of glorious service, we are honoured to be members of this congregation and also proud to be called the youth fellowship.

There is a brotherhood within the body of believers and the Lord Jesus Christ is the common denominator. Friendship and fellowship are the legal tender among the believers. Our youth fellowship consists of a group of such young friends brought together by faith and belief. This faith and belief is realized every Sunday through a session of praise, prayer and worship.

Every group has a uniting factor which binds individual souls together, for us it is music and our love for it. Music has taken us places, won awards for us and has found us a place in the audio CD released to commemorate this anniversary. Our music has led people in worship, young and old alike, in our church and outside, especially during Christmas.

Two important aspects of a Christian's life is "to love and to serve." This has been our mission and the zeal to fulfill this mission has led us to visit orphanages, old age homes and homes for people with special needs and show our love and serve them with our heart.

Just like a tree is made stronger with more roots and a building is made stronger with more pillars, a body in Christ is made stronger with more believers. Therefore, we would like to invite the youth of our church to join us and help this fellowship grow.

The presbyter, pastorate committee and the family of St. Paul's Church have constantly endeavored to encourage this storehouse of talent by creating opportunities to exhibit all of it, for which we are immensely thankful and we hope to become a bigger and better fellowship in Christ, in the years to come.

Thanks be to God,

The youth fellowship
St. Paul's Church

Sunday School Report

Children are the backbone of our society and the future pillars of our church. According to Psalm 127 : 3, the Bible says, 'Children are an heritage of the Lord, and the first fruit of the womb in his reward'.

Just as we would protect our earthly possessions, these gifts from the Lord, we believe they need to be protected from the ways of the world, and we need but to lead them in the light of the Lord.

The Sunday School at St. Paul's Church consists of a bubbly group of small children to the adolescent. These enthusiastic children spend every moment of the sessions learning verses from the Bible, singing new choruses/songs of praying every week after week. They also participate with boldness in the Inter-class/Inter-church competitions held every year.

Every opportunity is utilized; where teachers encourage children to take part at every programme or competitions conducted by the Civil Area Council and especially St. Paul's Church Sunday School have consistently won at the Palm Sunday Rallies.

Much wider exposure is where churches from all denominations exhibit their talents organized by the United Theological College (UTC), our children with zeal take part in every event.

Where there is clear vision and clear guidance, there will be clear results. To create a desire for God's word. Our Sunday School Children from 10 years and above belong with other Indian Churches are motivated to enroll in the 'BIBLE TREASURE HUNT' competition.

There is no life without being on knees, there is no ministry without a prayers life'. Sunday School teachers on every Thursday evenings through chair prayers, pray for the Sunday School Ministry, for the church and especially for all children.

Able headed by our Sunday School Director Ms. Priscilla and dedicated teachers under the supportive guidance of Rev. John Milton, Presbyter in-charge.

The Sunday School at St. Paul's Church is one of the Predominant activities of the church.

The children have shown a lot of promise to shine for God in the days to come. Thus indeed St. Paul's Church is backed of a future secure in the Lord.



St. Paul's Church Pastorate Committee 2013 - 2015



St. Paul's Church Pastorate Committee 2015 - 2017



St. Paul's Women's Fellowship



St. Paul's Women's Fellowship (Office Bearers)



St. Paul's Choir



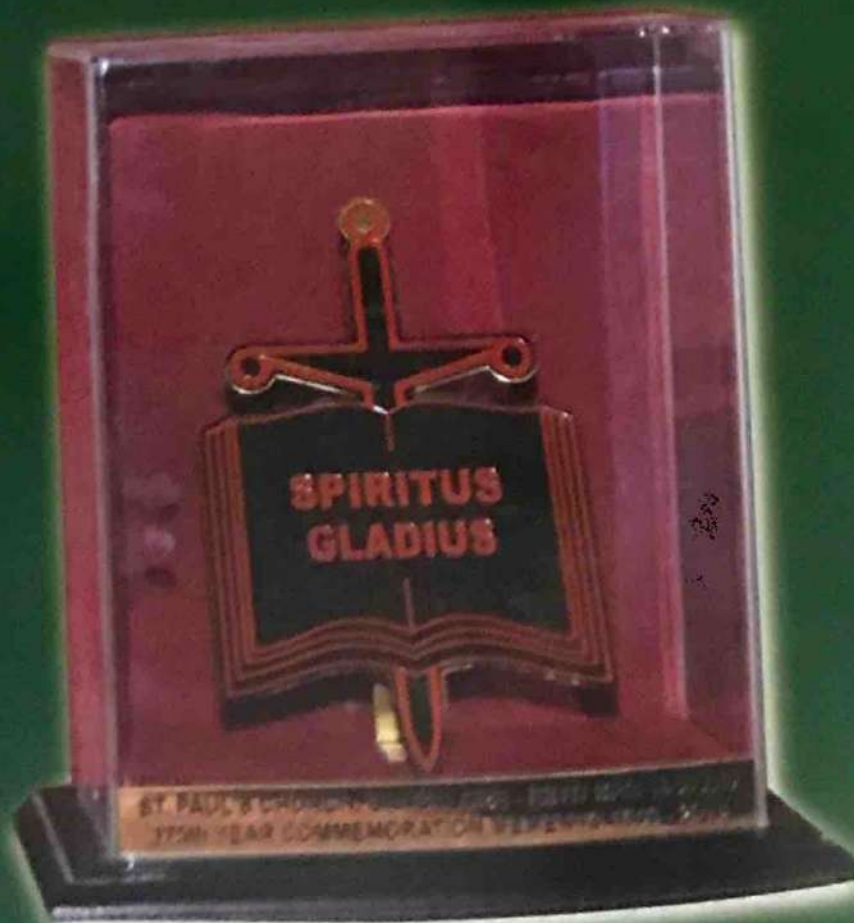
St. Paul's Youth Fellowship



St. Paul's Sunday School



St. Paul's Sunday School (Staff)





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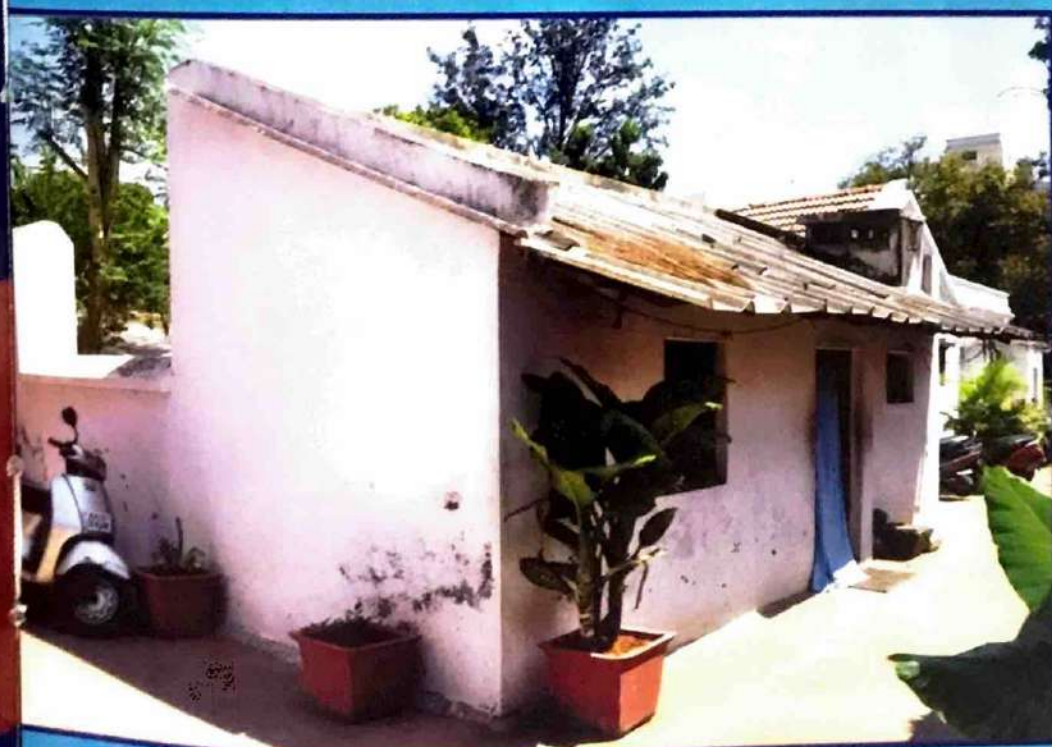


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Thirty years ago I met a remarkable young man who was intelligent, knowledgeable, confident, eloquent, noble, honest, humble, charming and above all a Godly person. He became the love of my life and one of the best gifts God gave me. It was the Lord who brought us together, we took Oath to be husband and wife in St. Paul's Church, Bangalore in His presence.

Ravi Premkanth born on 1-6-1956 was christened in St. Paul's Church, Bangalore as Boaz Samuel Ravindranath. From childhood he has been attending St. Paul's and St. Andrew's Church Sunday Schools. He took his confirmation in St. Paul's Church.

Ravi had actively participated in the youth fellowship and was the secretary for more than a decade.

He was a great lover of music and he learnt to play the Piano (in the same church) from Mr. Tejas and played on many occasions in the church services (English). He was a choir boy and then a choir master. He formed a special church choir with church members of all ages from 3 to 70 years. He composed special spiritual/Christmas songs, taught the choir and participated in inter church choir competitions and won many prizes.

For more than two and half decades he was in the church pastorate committee. Most of the time he worked as a treasurer. He struggled hard to keep the flag of St. Paul's Church, Bangalore flying high.

He worked hard incessantly to continue the Anglican tradition in the church. He studied theology with Anglican tradition specialization. For more than one and half decades he assisted the pastors in high Anglican altar at St. Paul's Church. Each and every vestment of pastors/bishops and the altar table tells his work of art, which he kept up till his last breath. One of the pastors who spoke in Ravi's funeral service said "There is no place in this church where Ravi did not tread".

He was a great philanthropist also a person who gave his time 24 x 7 to help anyone in need.

He fulfilled all his duties successfully as a son, a student, a pilot, an employee, a committee/church member, a treasurer, a best husband and an obedient child of God who completed his race and left all of us on 24-10-2014 and he is now dwelling in eternity, praising and worshiping the Creator and saviour forever and ever.

With gratitude to my beloved/unforgettable husband .

Mrs. Lydia Ravi



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*Best wishes for 175th Anniversary Celebrations from
Ravi Jebakumar & Family*



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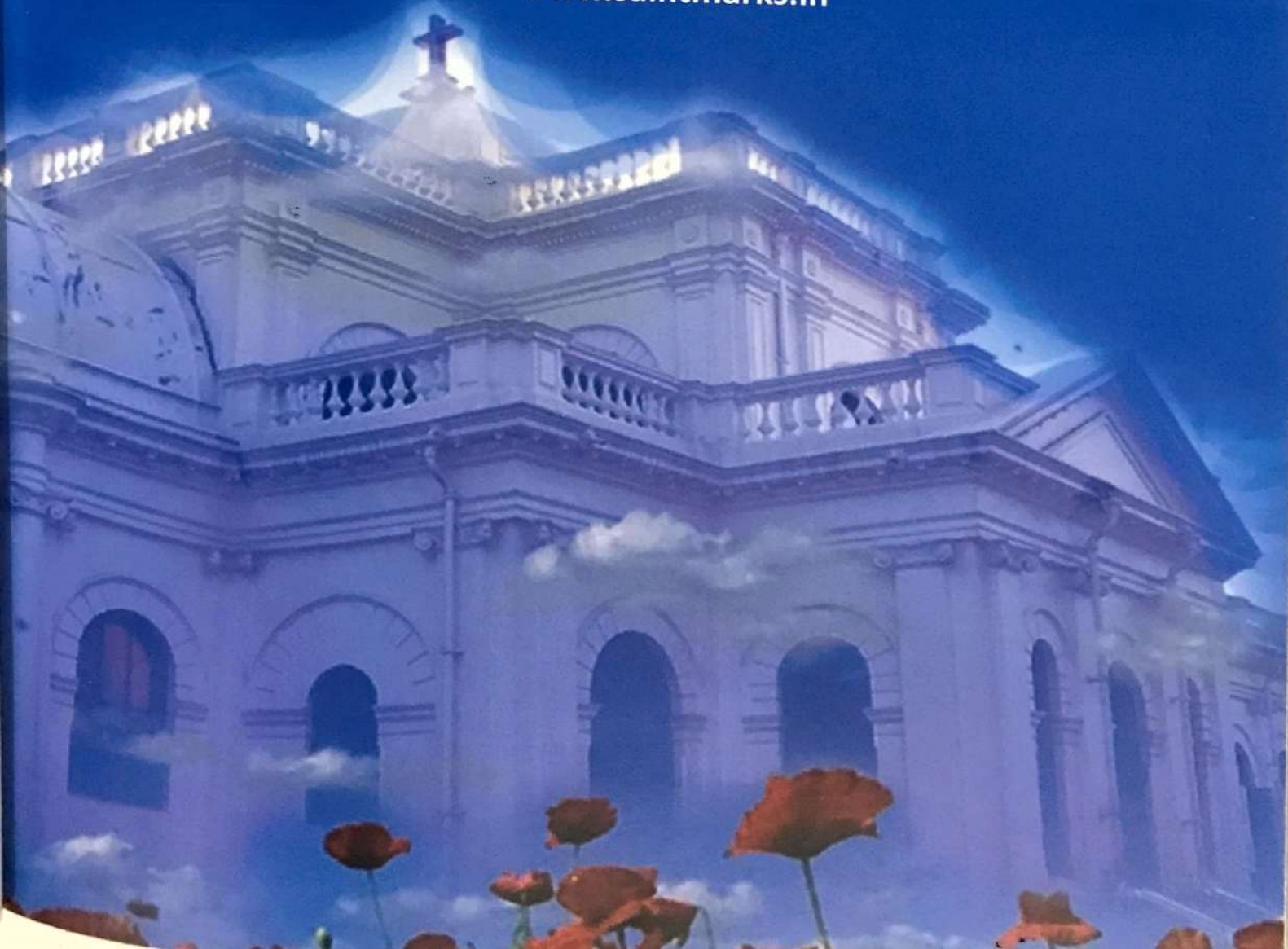
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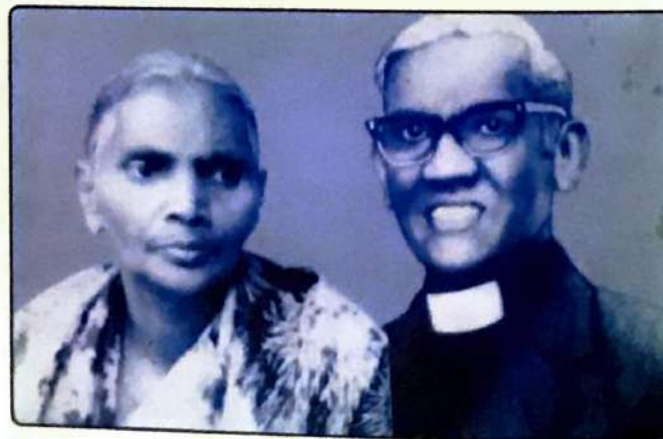
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ஆண்டுகள் 175களை கடந்து தனிச்சிறப்போடு தலை நிமிர்ந்து நிற்கும், நான் அங்கத்தினராக இருக்கும் பெருமைக்குரிய எமது பரிசுத்த பவுல் ஆலயத்தினையும் அதன் அங்கத்தினர்களையும் பெரும் மதிப்பிற்குரிய ஆயர் அவர்களையும் மற்றும் பரிபாலனக்குழுவினரையும் கரம் கூப்பி சிரம் தாழ்த்தி வணங்கி வாழ்த்துகிறேன்.

இறைவன் பாதத்தில் வைக்கப்படும் பொருள்கள்/காணிக்கைகள் யாவும் மறைந்த உன் மனைவியின் பெயரிலே படைப்பதின் நோக்கம் என்ன? இது என் நண்பரின் கேள்வி. சரியான கேள்வியே பதில் ஒரேவார்த்தையில், அடக்கிட முடியாது.

புத்தியுள்ள ஸ்திரி தன் வீட்டைக் கட்டுகிறாள். புத்தியில்லாத ஸ்திரி தன் கைகளினால் அதை இடித்து போடுகிறாள். - இது நீதி.

குணசாலியான ஸ்திரியைக் கண்டுபிடிப்பவன் யார்? அவளுடைய விலை முத்துக்களைப் பார்க்கிலும் உயர்ந்தது, இதுவும் நீதியே “நான் கண்டுபிடித்தேன்”.

இதுபோன்று எத்தனையோ விளக்கங்கள் கூறி முடித்து விடலாம் உண்மைச் சம்பவங்களை மட்டுமே இணைத்திடல் முழுமையாக உணர்ந்திடமுடியும். கீழே முழுமையாக படியுங்கள், சரிதான் என்பீர்கள். அக்டோபர் 1951 கேரள மாநிலம் Arnakal என்ற இடத்தில் அதன் பெரிய தேயிலைத் தொழிற்சாலையில் வேலை கிடைத்தது. சுவாஸ்யமான கவலையற்ற கட்டுப்பாடற்ற வாழ்க்கை, குறைந்த சம்பளம் எப்பொழுதும் தட்டுப்பாடு ஏற்படும். நாடுகளே கடன் வாங்கும்போது நான் என்ன விதிவிலக்கு? ஏப்ரல் 1955ஆம் ஆண்டு, ஆசிரியையாகப் பணிபுரிந்து வந்த பெண்ணை, கால்கட்டாக போட்டதல்லாமல் என் வீட்டாரே என்னைப்பற்றி நற்சாட்சி பத்திரமும் கொடுத்தனுப்பிவிட்டார்கள்.

எதிர்பார்த்த கட்டுப்பாடு, கெடுபிடி எதுவுமில்லை. புத்திசாலியாக நடந்துகொண்டான். அவன் கையிலிருந்த சிறுசேமிப்பை கொண்டு என் கடன்கள் தீர்த்து வைக்கப்பட்டன. நான் வெட்கப்படவில்லை. ஊர் முழுக்க கடன் வைத்திருப்பவன் அந்த நல்ல காரியத்தைப்பற்றி நினைக்கலாமா! எனது தலையாய தேவைகள், மொத்தமாக பெறப்பட்டு Stock செய்யப்பட்டது அது என்ன தேவைகள்? துருவி துருவி கேட்கக் கூடாது. அறிந்துக்கொள்ள முயற்சிக்கவும் கூடாது.

கணவன், மனைவி உறவில், அன்பில் தொய்வு இன்றி ஒருவரையொருவர் புரிந்து முழுமையாக நேசித்து வாழ்ந்தோம்.

கஞ்சத்தனம் இல்லாத சிக்கனம் கடைபிடிக்கப்பட்டது, நல்ல பெண்மணிக்கு அதுதானே அழகு.

கேரளத்தின் பீர்மேடு என்ற பகுதியில் பெரியதொரு பிரசித்தம் பெற்ற தேயிலை தொழிற்சாலை நான் Time Keeper தொழிலாளர்கள் நிரந்தரம் மற்றும் தேவைக்குதக்க எடுக்கப்படும். தொழிலாளர்களில் ஏறத்தாழ 800 பேர் இருந்தார்கள், அனைவரும் என் கட்டுப்பாட்டுக்குள்ள்தான். கட்டுப்பாடும் கெடிபிடியும் அதிகம் தான் ஆனாலும் தொழிற்சாலைக்குள் மட்டுமே.

என் மனைவி எனக்கு ஒரு படி மேல். வீட்டிற்கு வரும் தொழிலாளர்கள், அன்பாக நடத்தப்படுவார்கள். ஒரு சிலர் அடுப்பு அறைவரை சென்று பானையிலிருந்து காப்பி பருகிச் செல்வார்கள். முக்கியமாக (துபால்காரன்) என் மனைவி கடும் சொல் கூட கூறமாட்டாள். பணம் படைத்தவர்களை விட சராசரியானவர்களையும், ஏழைகளையும் மட்டுமே அவளுக்குப்பிடிக்கும். மற்றும் ஜாதி பார்க்கும் பழக்கமும் கிடையாது. அவளிடமிருந்த நல்ல குணம் எனக்கு பிடித்தது.

எனக்கு குறைந்த சம்பளமேயானாலும் OverTime தாராளமாக கிடைத்தது, சேமிப்பாள்.

1960ஆம் ஆண்டு Arnakal Tea Factoryயிலிருந்து குடகு மாவட்டத்தைச் சேர்ந்த Wooli Gooly Estate Office-ற்கு Check Roll - Cum - Store Keeper என்ற பதவி தரப்பட்டது. Tea Estateஐ விட்டு என் மனைவிக்கு வர மனதில்லை தான். மாறுதல் பிடிக்கவில்லை என்றாலும் பிடிவாதமாக மாறுதலை நான் விரும்பினேன் புறப்பட்டோம். அங்கு உடனடியாக முதல் வேலையாக என் மனைவி தபால் அலுவலகத்தில் சேமிப்பு ஆரம்பித்தாள். Suntikoppa என்ற சந்தையில் தேங்காய் முதல் அரிசி வரை மற்றும் என் சொந்த தேவைகள் உட்பட அனைத்தும் Stock செய்யப்படும். தபால் அலுவலகத்தில் சேமிப்பு உயர்ந்தது.

இரண்டே ஆண்டுகள் மட்டுமே Bababudin Giriயில் அமைந்துள்ள Kathelekhan என்ற Estate அலுவலகத்திற்கு Check Roll - cum - Despatch Clerk என்ற பதவி. Coffee Despatch செய்ய வாரம் ஒருமுறை Tarikere Townக்கு வந்து தங்க வேண்டியவரும். ஒருவருக்கு மட்டுமே Batta கொடுக்கப்படும். சிக்கனமாக செலவு செய்து இருவர் செலவையும் சமாளிப்பதோடு திரும்பும்பொழுது மலிவாக கிடைக்கும் சாமான்களை வாங்கி சேமித்திடுவாள். Post Office நிதி வளர்ந்தது திறமை இருந்தது. இறைவனின் கருணையுடன் ஆசீர்வாதமும் நிறையவே இருந்ததே.

நான், வேலை விஷயமாக கடுர் செல்ல நேரிடும் போது அவளுக்கு நடுத்தர அன்பான முஸ்லீம் குடும்பம் நட்பாக கிடைத்தது. அவர்களுடன் சேர்ந்து ஊதுபத்திக்கு மருந்து உருட்ட உதவுவாள். “எண்ணித்துணிக கருமம்” சுறுசுறுப்பாக இருந்தாள், செயல்பட்டாள்.

Bababudin Giri Kathlekhan Estate வாழ்கை முடிந்தது. 1977 செப்டம்பர் மாதம் Bangalore City H.O.க்கு மாற்றப்பட்டேன். வீடு தாபனஹள்ளி என்ற கிராமம் எஸ்குட்டா போகும் வழியில் தங்கல் கிராம் வேலை நகரம். காலை 7.00 மணிக்கு புறப்பட்டு மாலை 9.00 மணிக்கு வீடு திரும்புவேன். அவள் உழைப்பைக் கண்டு நானும் சில பகுதி (Part Time) நேர வேலைகள் பார்த்து வருவேன்.

வங்கிகளைப் பற்றி அதிகம் தெரியாத அவளுக்கு சிறிது வழிகாட்டினேன். 15 நாள், 45 நாட்கள் என்று சேமிப்பு நிதியுண்டு. 10,000/- முதல் 20,000 வரை வங்கியில் சேமிப்பு (FD) நிதியில் சேருவாள். மற்றொரு வங்கியில் அதிக வட்டி கிடைக்கும் என்று கண்டால் Immature Close செய்து வேறு வங்கியில் Deposit செய்வாள் அந்த நேரங்களில் வங்கிகள் தற்போது போன்று KYC போன்ற கெடுபிடிகள் எதுவும் கிடையாது. பரிசு கொடுத்து வரவேற்பார்கள்.

சில ஆண்டுகள் உருண்ட பின் அஞ்சலகத்தில் MIS - SCSS என்று ஆரம்பமாகிவிட்டது. முகவர் அதிகமாக Commission தருபவர்களைத் தேடி அவர்கள் மூலமே சேமிப்பில் சேருவாள் அதிகமாக Commission தரும் முகவர்கள் கிடைத்தால் முகதாட்சணியம் இல்லாமல் பழையவரை கழற்றி விட்டுவிடுவாள். அஞ்சலக சேமிப்பு மிகவும் உதவிற்று. இறைவனின் மேலான ஆசீர்வாதம், அவளுடைய திறமைக்கு, மேலும் மேலும் வலுவூட்டியது. மோர் மிளகாய் மொத்தமாக வியாபாரம் செய்யும் ஒருவர் குடும்பம் நட்பாக கிடைத்தது. அவர்களிடம் பேரம்பேசி 5 Kg - 10 Kg மிளகாய் பெற்று சிறிய Packetகளாகப் பிரித்து Yeswanthpur வரை எடுத்துச் சென்று கடைகளுக்கு Supply செய்வதுமல்லாமல் தனது சொந்தமாக வெண்ணெய் பிஸ்கட்டும் தயார் செய்து Packet போட்டு அதையும் Supply செய்து வந்தாள்.

“தற்காத்து தற்கொண்டாள் பேணித்தகை சான்ற சொற்காத்துச் சோர்வியாள் பெண்”. இறைவன் ஆசீர்வாதம் தொடர்ந்து இருந்தது.

நான் செய்து வந்த Share Transaction செய்யும்படி தூண்டினேன். அது சூதாட்டம் போன்றது எனக்கு வேண்டாம் என்று கூறிவிட்டாலும் சிறிது சிறிதாக பிடிப்பு ஏற்பட்டது. ஆரம்பித்தாள் எப்பொழுதும் விலை ஏற்ற இரக்கங்களை பார்த்து எனக்கு உபதேசம் பண்ண ஆரம்பித்துவிட்டாள். நான் கழன்று கொண்டேன். நான் Messenger ஆகிவிட்டேன் அதிலும் இறைவன் ஆசீர்வதித்தார். அவள் வளர்ச்சி எனக்கு இன்றும் ஆதாயமே, புரிந்திருக்க வேண்டுமே என் நண்பருக்கு.

நமது பரிசுத்த பவுல் ஆலயத்தின் தொடர்பு பற்றியும் கூறித்தான் ஆகவேண்டும். 1977ஆம் ஆண்டு அங்கத்தினராக சேர்க்கப்பட்டோம். 18 கிலோ மீட்டர் தூரத்திலிருந்து (தர்பனஹள்ளி) 1992வரை வந்து கொண்டிருந்தோம். ஒரு கிறிஸ்துமஸ் தினம் அதிகாலை ஆராதனையில் கலந்துகொண்டு விடும் எண்ணத்தில் கடைசி பஸ்ஸில் கிளம்பி வந்துவிட்டோம். Lodgeல் அறை கிடைக்கவில்லை. கோயிலுக்குள் போய் விடலாம் என்று வந்தால், நுழை வாயில் பூட்டப்பட்டிருந்தது. Rev. D. M. Bhaskaran அய்யா அவர்கள் குருவானவர் அவர்கள் வீட்டிற்குச் சென்றோம். அவர்கள் தங்கும் வசதி பண்ணிக்கொடுத்ததோடல்லாமல் காலையில் குளிக்க வசதியும் பண்ணிக்கொடுத்தார்கள். தண்ணீர் தட்டுப்பாடு என்பதை பின்னர்தான் உணர்ந்தோம்.

முதன்மையாக எனக்கு நண்பர்களாக கிடைத்தவர்கள் திருவாளர்கள் லாரன்ஸ், ரிச்சேர்ட், D. ஆனந்த் மற்றும் Late P. John Christopher, Captain Samuel அவர்களின் குடும்பமும் ஆகும். திரு. ஜெயக்குமார் (இன்றைய செயலர்) அய்யா அவர்களுமே, Rev. சாதூரி அய்யா அவர்கள் ஒருமுறை ஜெபத்துடன் கூடிய உல்லாசப் பயணத்திற்குச் அழைத்துச் சென்றார்கள். என் மனைவிக்கு அவள் வயதில் பாதி வயதையுடைய திருமதி. விஜி லியோநார்ட் நட்பாக கிடைத்தார்கள். என் மனைவி மறையும் வரை இருவரும் ஒருவரில் ஒருவர் நட்பாகவே இருந்தார்கள். மகிழ்ச்சியாகவே இருக்கிறது, அன்புக்கு அணை ஏது!

என் மனைவி படுத்த படுக்கையாக இருக்கும்போது, வீட்டில் வந்து அவளுக்கு நற்கருணை கொடுப்பதற்கு ஒழுங்கு பண்ணுவதாக நண்பர் திரு. ஐசக் நீயூடன் அவர்கள் கூறினார்கள். நான் அது மரியாதைக் குறைவாக இருப்பதாக எண்ணி வேண்டாம் என்று கூறிவிட்டேன்.

எல்லாவற்றிற்கும் சிகரம் வைத்தாற்போன்ற நிகழ்ச்சி பெருமைக்குறிய Rev. John Milton அய்யா அவர்கள் என் மனைவியை ஒருமுறையோ இருமுறையோ தான் பார்த்திருக்க முடியும். என் மனைவியின் நினைவு பீடத்தின் மேல் எழுதுவதற்கு வசனம் கேட்டு அன்றையச் செயலர் திரு. டேவிட் அவர்களை கூட்டிக்கொண்டு அய்யா அவர்களிடம் சென்றேன்.

ஒரே நாளே பார்த்திருந்த அய்யா அவர்கள் கொடுத்த வசனம் மத்தேயு 25ம் அதிகாரம் வசனம் 21. எப்படி இது அய்யா அவர்கள் மனதில் தோன்றியது. எண்ணி வியக்கிறேன் பார்த்தமாத் திரத்தில் குணத்தை புரிந்துகொள்ளும் ஆற்றலை நினைத்து வியந்துகொண்டேயிருக்கிறேன். தெரிந்துகொள்ள ஆவல், தைரியம் வரவில்லை. அவர்களுக்கு கொடுக்கப்பட்ட இறைவனின் வரம் அது.

என் மனைவியின் மறைவு தினமாகிய 19 March அன்று ஆண்டுதோறும் நினைவிடம் வந்து ஜெபித்து ஆறுதல் கூறிச்செல்வார்கள். மதிப்பிற்குரிய அய்யா அவர்களுக்கு எனது மனமார்ந்த நன்றி, நன்றி, நன்றி..

என்றும் வணக்கத்துடன்
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எங்களை அளவுக்கு அதிகமாய் நேசித்து வழிநடத்துகிற எங்கள் அன்புள்ள பரமபிதாவே, சபைகளின் மத்தியிலே உலாவிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறவரே, உமக்கு ஸ்தோத்திரம். ஜெபத்தை கேட்கிறவரே, உமக்கு ஸ்தோத்திரம்.

எங்கள் St.Paul's சபையை பெங்களூர், சிவாஜி நகர் பகுதியில் 175 ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்பாக நிறுவினதற்காக உமக்கு ஸ்தோத்திரம். இந்த 175 ஆண்டுகளும் இச்சபை உம்மில் நிலைத்திருப்பதற்காக உமக்கு ஸ்தோத்திரம். இங்கு அனேக மக்கள் கூடி ஆராதிக்க வேண்டும் என்ற பாரத்தோடு இந்த சபையை நிறுவினவர்களுக்காக உமக்கு ஸ்தோத்திரம். இந்த சபையில் ஊழியஞ்செய்த எல்லா போதகர்களுக்காக, மூப்பர்களுக்காக மற்றும் ஊழியர்களுக்காக உமக்கு ஸ்தோத்திரம்.

இங்கு இனி வரும் காலங்களிலும் ஆராதனைகள் தடையில்லாமல் நடைபெற கிருபை தாரும். இச்சபையின் மூலம் அனேக மக்கள் கிறிஸ்துவை அறிந்து கொள்ள, ஆதிகால திருச்சபை போல அனல் மூட்டும். இச்சபையின் மூலம் சபையைச் சுற்றிலும் சுவிலேச ஊழியங்கள் வாரந்தோறும் நடைபெற அனுக்கிரகம் தாரும். இச்சபை மலைமேல் இருக்கும் பட்டணம் போல சிவாஜி நகர் பகுதியில் பிரகாசிக்கச் செய்யும், ஆண்டவரே. இச்சபையிலிருந்து அனேகர் மிஷனரிகளாக புறப்படவும், மிஷனரி பாரத்தோடு செயல்படவும் எழுப்பிவிடும். ஒரு கூட்ட மக்கள் இச்சபையில் எப்போதும் திறப்பின் வாயிலிலே நிற்கவும் கிருபை தாரும்.

இதுவரை இச்சபையில் கொடுத்து வருகிற நல்ஐக்கியத்திற்காக நன்றி ஆண்டவரே. தொடர்ந்து இங்கு எந்நாளும் சபை மக்களிடையே ஒருமனப்பாட்டைத் தந்து உம்முடைய நாமத்தை மகிமைப்படுத்தும். சபை ஆராதனை வேளையில் ஒவ்வொரு வாரமும் பரிசுத்த ஆவியானவர் பலமாய் அசைவாட கெஞ்சுகிறோம். சபை மக்கள் (பாடகர் குழு உட்பட) ஆவியோடும் உண்மையோடும் இயேசுகிறிஸ்துவை துதித்துப் பாட உற்சாகப்படுத்தும். செய்தி வேளையில், பேசும் தாசர்களை மறைத்து நீர் வெளிப்படும். ஆவியானவர் சபைகளுக்குச் சொல்லுகிறதை காதுள்ளவன் கேட்கக்கூடவன் என்கிற வசனத்தின்படி பரிசுத்த ஆவியானவர் சபை மக்களின் இருதயத்தில் கிரியை செய்து, வாசம் செய்து மறுபெருப்படுத்தட்டும்.

எங்கள் சபையில் ஒவ்வொரு வாரமும் தவறாது நடைபெறும் சிறுபிள்ளைகள், வாலிபர் மற்றும் பெண்கள் கூடுகைகளுக்காக உமக்கு ஸ்தோத்திரம். இக்கூடுகைகள் எப்போதும் கிறிஸ்துவுக்கு பிரியமானதாக, பயபக்தியுடன் நடந்து இவர்கள் மூலம் சமுதாயத்தில் தேவ நாமம் மகிமைப்பட்டட்டும். வாலிபர்கள் வருங்கால சபையின் தூண்களாய் மாறட்டும். மூப்பர்கள் எடுக்கிற எல்லா நல்முயற்சிகளின் மூலம் எங்கள் சபை உமக்குள் வளர்ந்து பெருகட்டும்.

இதில் பங்கு பெறுகிற ஒவ்வொரு குடும்பங்களிலும் உம்முடைய கிருபை, அன்பு, சமாதானம் தூழ்ச்செய்து ஆசீர்வதியும். இங்கு ஆராதிக்க வருகிற ஒவ்வொருவருடைய பெயரும் ஜீவபுஸ்தகத்தில் எழுதப்பட்டட்டும். ஆண்டவரே. இச்சபைக்கு பல கிளை சபைகள் உருவாகி, இதன் எல்லைகளை தேவனாகிய கர்த்தர் விரிவடையச் செய்வாராக. இயேசுகிறிஸ்துவின் இனிய நாமத்தில் மனத்தாழ்மையோடு ஜெபிக்கிறோம், பிதாவே, ஆமென்.

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I HAD A CHANCE TO MEET St. PAUL!!!

- By N.Natania Kiruba D/o Newton Raj

During the 175th year celebration of St.Paul's church, I met an old man in the church.He was very kind to me and he shook hands with me.

NATANIA : *I have seen you somewhere. May I know your name?*

St.PAUL : *Yes, sure, my name is Paul. I lived after JESUS ascended. They call me St. Paul.*

NATANIA : *Wow!! You are St.Paul?!!.. I don't know what to say!...I have read about you in the Bible. Mmmm . . . I don't know what to say!!... Welcome to St. Paul's Church 175th yearCelebration. You were a persecutor how did you become a propagator?*

St.PAUL : *It was because of the Grace of God upon me, he chose me to be an instrument.*

NATANIA : *Is it so? You must have gone through many journeys then!*

St.PAUL : *The intention for exploration was not sight-seeing but the search for souls. I preached the gospel, unitedthe people and built a church. Again I went to another place and did the same. It was Christ's love that compelled me to preach the gospel. Woe to me if I preached not the Gospel! I faced the pressure of the concern for the churches every-day.*

NATANIA : *Great uncle!What is the message you want to give to St. Paul's church in this 175th yearcelebration?*

St.PAUL : *Every member of this church should grasp how high, deep, long and wide, is the love of Christ should be rooted in him and proclaim the gospel wherever they are.*

DAD : *Natania! Natania! It is time to get up!*

NATANIA : *Dad! Where is Paul?*

DAD : *Which Paul, your cousin Paul?*

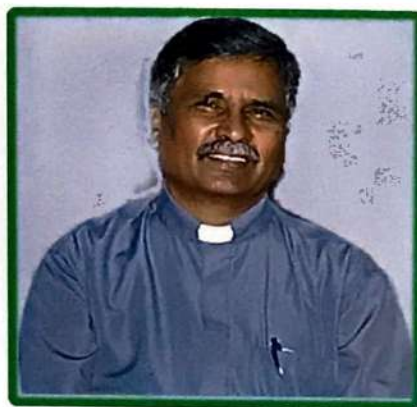
NATANIA : *No Dad! St. Paul. He was just chatting with me.*

DAD : *What! Did he really talk to you! You must be dreaming, Natania.*

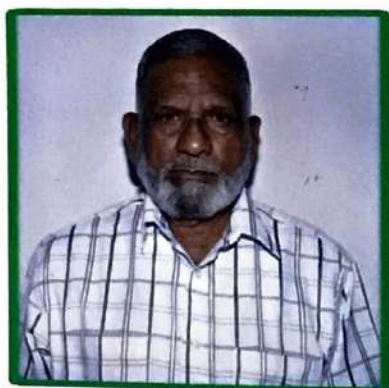
Natania was speaking to herself, *"Wow!!...What a wonderful dream I had!!!....I must know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and do something great for God, like St.Paul."*



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