

RECONSTITUTION OF ST. LUKE'S ANNA NAGAR PRAYER GROUP CORE TEAM

The reconstitution of the St. Luke's Prayer Group Core Team, Anna Nagar took place on September 14, 2010 during the weekly prayer meeting, in the church premises. The discerning team consisted of Irene Preeti (Chairperson MST), Xavier Vinod (MST member), S.A.M. Paul (prayer group member) and Darley Mathew (Outgoing core group leader).

As Mr. Nirmal Ephraim led the prayer group in praise and worship. by indicative voting done by the prayer group members and intercession. The discerning team then spent time in prayer allowed the Spirit of the Lord to guide in forming the new core team.

The members of the new core team are Queenie Xavier, Fatima Fernando, Mary Forrest, Sujith Thomas and Xavier Vinod. Consequently from among them, the prayer group leader Mary Forrest was elected during the core group meeting on September 16.

- Report by Darley Mathew, Outgoing Prayer Group Leader

Taking Christ to the younger generation - A Report on YU4C Outreach

Youth United for Christ (YU4C), is the youth wing of Madras Service Team. Part of the primary mission of YU4C, apart from providing formation to young people and youth prayer groups, is to conduct outreach programs including retreats to schools and colleges in Chennai.

Accepting the call of Jesus in Mathew 18: 12 - 14, the YU4C conducts retreats at various Catholic schools for both Catholic and non-Christian students. The aim of these outreach programs (basic LSS) is to help children know and experience God at an early age and accept Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.

Non-Christian students are taught moral values, which help them know God and be better persons. Several children who had stopped believing in the existence of God have expressed belief in the presence of God after these non-christian retreats.

Sister Nirmala, Principal, St. Joseph Matriculation School, Perambur. speaking about the retreat held for students from VIII, IX, and X standards said, "The students have found it very useful. A student from X Standard said that she had regretted wasting 13 years of her life, but has now understood the worthiness of her life and awesomeness of God's Creation. This program has instilled a new awareness in the minds of children and has helped students understand the values of the Gospel."

YU4C is scheduled to conduct retreats for St. Joseph School Perambur and Rosary Matriculation School, Santhome, in the coming months which we humbly request you to keep in your prayers

YU4C also helps parish youth groups by providing resource persons and worship leaders for their prayer meetings. For more details contact Benedict Jaiwanth (YU4C Coordinator): 9840887161.

- (Report by Benedict Jaiwanth, YU4C Coordinator)

Worship Training at LMPG

Little Mount Prayer Group is conducting a series of worship training seminars as part of an initiative to train people interested in worship ministry.

Modules of this training use both theory and practical sessions to cover concepts like Biblical Worship, role & purpose of worship ministry, team-work, understanding differences between a secular band and a worship team, choosing songs, song transitions, worship progressions, how to engage the congregation, using old and new songs, how to play/sing worship songs, using technology for worship, etc.

The training has presentations, practical demos, videos, individual and group activities and hands-on sessions. Currently the first batch is in progress and series of seminars ends in December.

- Report by Victor Gangai

SMS PRAYER REQUEST :
+91 96771 91057

E-Mail PRAYER REQUEST :
minprays@gmail.com

we're on the web!
www.ccrchennai.in

Editorial

This is the third issue of Spirit Aglow since we re-launched on June 13 at the Pentecost Rally. Since then we have decided to make it a 'bi-monthly' issue (once in two months).

We have also formed an Editorial Team comprising (S.A.M. Paul, Hazel Louis, Alvin Raja, and Joseph Pradeep)

Spirit Aglow is intended to be an instrument to connect different prayer groups, youth groups and ministries in the city with what is happening. In the words of Paul in Romans 1:12 "What I mean is that both you and I will be helped at the same time, you by my faith and I by yours." Spirit Aglow is planned as a means to build each other's faith.

To do this we invite you to share the power of God at work in your lives, in your prayer groups or ministries through testimonies, updates on activities or outreaches that your prayer group has undertaken.

MST Contact info

Dr. Irene Preeti Divien Gangai

Mobile: +91 98411 08145

E-mail: chairperson@ccrchennai.in

E-mail: info@ccrchennai.in

The Madras Service Team:

The Madras Service Team is a body of servant leaders serving the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Chennai representing various prayer groups.



SPIRIT AGLOW

A Newsletter of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Chennai (For Private Circulation Only)

Sep - Oct, 2010
Volume 1, Issue 3

Special Interest Articles:

- Intercession - The Power of God at Work
- MIN Reconstitution
- Testimony - Experiencing the power of Intercession
- MIN Core Team Reconstitution
- St. Luke's Core Group Reconstitution
- YU4C Report
- LMPG Worship Training

Formation Program for Core Group Leaders

A 2-day workshop style formation program animated by Bro. Colin Calmiano will be conducted for potential leaders and core group members.

North Zone:

Dates: Oct 9 & 10

(Sat & Sun)

Time: 9.15 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Sat)
9.15 a.m. 5 p.m. (Sun)

Venue: Divine Mercy Church, Chintamani, Shenoy Nagar
Coordinator: Xavier
+ 91 9841362420

South Zone:

Dates: Oct 30 & 31

(Sat & Sun)

Time: 9.15 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Sat)
9.15 a.m. 5 p.m. (Sun)

Venue: Little Mount Prayer Group Hall
Coordinator: Irene Preeti
+91 98411 08145

Bible Study @ St. Luke's Church, Anna Nagar

Mr. Nirmal Ephraim has been conducting regular Bible Study classes at St. Luke's Church for the past several years.

Timings:

Mondays - 7pm to 8pm

Venue: **St. Luke's Parish Hall**
All are welcome to attend!

Intercession - The Power of God at Work

The Power of God is at work when we intercede. Tremendous, beautiful things can happen through this power of Intercession.

THREE Models as Intercessors:

Paul - an apostle of today

Mary - a refuge of sinners

Jesus - the Saviour of the World

THREE Big Needs to pray for:

The Harvest - Pray that He sends more labourers for the harvest

Unity - Pray that they may be one as we are one

Holy Spirit - How much more will the Father give the Holy Spirit?

THREE Challenges:

We CAN

Support ALL other ministries

Change the WORLD

Fill HEAVEN

THREE Requirements:

LISTENING EAR to hear the cries of the needy

COMPASSIONATE HEART to Reach out to the needy

PRAYING HANDS to keep Praying for the needy

THREE QUALITIES:

UNITY "If two of you agree in asking" it will be done

BOLDNESS "I thank you Father that you always hear me"

IN THE NAME OF JESUS "Whatever you ask in my name I will do"

THREE Lessons:

1. Believe that the Holy Spirit dwells in you

2. Don't grieve the Holy Spirit

3. Be filled with the Holy Spirit

THREE Pleas:

Here is my needy friend

You have in abundance

I am your friend

THREE Persons involved:

We pray and address all our intercessions to **God the Father**

With **Jesus Christ**, Lord and Saviour seated at the throne the grace, the Eternal Intercessor Through Power of the **Holy Spirit**, the Paraclete.



What is your Response?

Will you JOIN our Call to Intercession?

Where? When? Whom to Contact?

The Madras Intercessory Network and YU4C have centralised intercession at different places in the city at different times. Please choose a venue according to your convenience and make it a point to attend, so that together when we agree as one community in prayer, it will be granted to us.

Join Centralized Intercession on these dates and time:

North Zone Intercession

2nd Monday,

St. Aloysius Convent, Choolai

(6.30 to 8 p.m.)

Coordinator

Anita Johnston: 9841627827

South Zone Intercession

2nd Monday,

Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Little Mount Church

(7.30 to 8.30 p.m.)

Coordinator

David Joshua: 9884036462

YU4C Intercession

All Saturdays,

St. Thresa's Church Campus, (7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.)

Coordinator

Benedict Jaiwanth: 9840887161

MIN Core Team Reconstituted

The MST met with members of the previous MIN core team as well as intercessors from other prayer groups to discern the new MIN core team on Friday, September 10, 2010.

The day began with a praise and worship led by Neil Yourey. We were blessed with several directional prophecies as well as prophecies of encouragement which encourage the team to work fast and to do more that what was being done for the glory of God. A prophecy of encouragement emphasised on the need to be bold on the battlefield of prayer.

Following the praise and worship, Mrs. Margaret Rosair spoke about the urgent need before us as intercessors. She said that we need to be persistent in our efforts to ensure fruit of our prayers. “We are the arms of the Body of Christ, the Church and when we stop praying, the people fighting the battle start losing,” she said while calling on the ministry of intercession to be a channel of grace for the renewal in Chennai.

The discernment team met while the rest interceded for the intentions of the renewal and the various prayer groups in Chennai. Six members apart from three members of the Service Team were discerned as the new MIN core team.

New MIN Core Team (2010 - 2013):

- Michael Roby (Mandaveli)
- Rekha (Velachery)
- Vinitha Patrick(Little Mount)
- Mary Forrest (Anna Nagar)
- Marie Surrao (Choolai)
- Margaret Rosair (Peravalur)
- Anita Johnstone (Peravalur / MST)
- Avril Johnson (Choolai / MST)
- David Joshua (Santhome / MST)

About the Madras Intercessory Network:

The MIN Core Team meets once a month. It plans and arranges retreats and training for Intercessors in Chennai. Most prayer groups have an exclusive intercessory cell / group which meets to pray regularly for local needs. The MIN organises central intercession on Second Mondays of each month. From October 2010, the MIN will be organizing centralized intercession at an alternate venue in South Chennai (Little Mount Blessed Sacrament Chapel) apart from the intercession venue in North Chennai (St.Aloysius Convent, Choolai). MIN has also been operating an exclusive SMS Prayer Request helpline to receive prayer requests through SMS and forward the same to intercessors who are part of MIN.

- (Report prepared by Joseph Pradeep with inputs from Mrs. Margaret Rosair and David Joshua)

I experienced the power of Intercession in my life - A Testimony

My name is Neil Aloysious Yourey married to Maria Bellard in 1998 and now with the grace of God we are blessed with three children, Britney 11 years, Tiffany 7 years and Joel 2 years and 9 months.

I was introduced to the Charismatic Renewal through the Little Mount Prayer Group shortly after my marriage in 1998. While there were a lot of positive changes that took place, it was three years before I could pray with faith.

In the year 2003, my wife Maria was to deliver our second baby. She was in hospital and a C-section had been planned for her the next morning.

The night before that Maria was very tired was struggling to sleep when there was a sudden knock on the door and when I opened it, it was the doctor and nursing staff with a stretcher. A lady in the room opposite to us was rushed to the operation theatre. But she died during the treatment. Maria had seen all this and was crying and said that she wanted to go home immediately.

I took her and we reached home at 3 a.m. when Maria told me that she was not having any movement in her stomach. I asked her since when and she told me since the time the lady had been rushed to the operation theater. I was shaken and felt her abdomen and there was no movement.

I was literally in tears and was frightened but somehow got the grace to pull myself together. I took the Bible, placed it on her stomach and prayed with her. Even as we were praying I felt the Bible move and we continued to pray as Maria felt the baby begin to kick inside. Maria started crying with pain because of all the movement.

The Lord had kept his promise as in Isaiah 43: 1- 5 “Thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine.” The next day we were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Tiffany.

A couple of months after this momentous event, my dad called us from the USA and said that Mom was diagnosed with cancer. We started praying for her and also requested Aunt Philo for intercessory prayer and the MIN of which I was a part of at that time. I used to chat with my parents and we felt very sad when we saw our mom becoming bald because of the chemotherapy.

One day Dad called us and gave us good news that the doctors had found no trace of the dreaded cancer inside her body.

The doctors were shocked and said that this was a miracle of healing. Mom died six years later on September 1, 2009. May her Soul rest in Peace!

Today I stand up knowing that whatever is to take place, my God Reigns and he's king over my life. He will provide for me as he did to the Israelites in the wilderness.

Neil Yourey has been a part of the Charismatic Renewal in Chennai for the past 10 years and has been closely associated with the Madras Intercessory Network (MIN).

Bible Quiz Intercession

Identify the men and women of God who 'Interceded' for others!

1. Who prayed the following prayer and for which city? "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only TEN can be found there?"
2. Who sought the favor of the Lord and pleaded with Him in the following manner: “Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people”
3. Which great man of God identified himself with the sins of his people sins of intermarrying people who commit detestable practices - and appealed to God for forgiveness?
4. Which great prophet prayed thus: “Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.”
5. Who mourned, fasted and prayed before the God of heaven like this - “O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name”
6. Which great leader interceded for His followers?
7. Who fell on his knees and cried out “Lord, do not hold this sin against them”- for his murderers?
8. For the people of which city did St. Paul pray as follows: “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!”
9. Who prayed this prayer? And for which city was this prayer directed to? “...so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ”
10. What was St. Paul's prayer for the Colossians as he addressed his letter to them?

(Contributed by Hazel Louis, Adyar)

Answers

1. Abraham. For the city of Sodom
Ref: Genesis 18:20-33

2. Moses Ref: Exodus 32:11-13

3. Ezra Ref: Ezra 9:6-15

4. Elijah Ref: I Kings 18:36-37

5. Nehemiah Ref: 1:3-11

6. Jesus Ref: John 17:6-26

7. Stephen Ref: Acts 7:60

8. Ephesians Ref: Ephesians 3:14-20

9. Paul to the Philippians
Ref: Philippians 1:9-11

10. Fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding
Ref: Colossians 1:9-17)

Spiritual Cheer Children's Prayers

Pray for me

One Sunday a young child was "acting up" during the mass. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle.

Finally the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out.

Just before reaching the safety of the foyer the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

God answers our prayers

During the priest's sermon one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Gary's mother was horrified and she pinched him into silence.

After church, his mother asked: "Gary, whatever made you do such a thing?" Seven year-old Gary answered soberly: "I asked God to teach me to whistle... And He did, just then!"

Happy as I am

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time as I am."

Last Issue's Solved Puzzle Who said that?



Source: http://www.twopaths.com/Crossword/cw_Who_Said_That.htm

