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hope that it will be glowing here after.

The Spirit Aglow will be acting as one of the main links between the Prayer Groups and the Madras Service Team. Hence we expect that all the Prayer Groups will keep feeding us with the reports of all its activities. Both personal testimonies as well as testimonies regarding the ministries (God's Hand in the Ministries) are welcome.

Initially the Spirit will be released every quarter. The success of this News Letter will depend upon your co-operation with us.

May God bless you all.

Editor



From the Desk of the Chairman

On behalf of the newly installed Madras Service Team I want to thank the Lord and each one of you for giving us an opportunity to serve you. We trust that you will continue to uphold us in your prayers.

In my teachings on the Holy Spirit, I often ask people a question.... "How much of the Holy Spirit do you have ...?" The answers come in percentages... Not too many dare to go above 50%. Then I point to a senior, gifted, active member of the community and ask "How much of the Holy Spirit does this person have..." the percentages are much higher... I then proceed to say, "We all have all of the Holy Spirit - 100%. But the issue is "How much does the Holy Spirit have of you?"

The Word of God reveals to us that God wants to give us His Spirit freely to all who ask... In Acts chapter 10 and 11 we read about how Peter

was convinced by a vision to go to the house of a gentile from Caesarea named Cornelius. As he was preaching the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message and they even began speaking in tongues. The Jewish believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles (Acts 10:44,45)

Today, it is obvious that there is a great need among people to come into a loving relationship with Jesus and accept Him as Lord and Saviour of their lives. For this to happen we the people of God need to respond like Peter, by laying aside our prejudices and stepping out in obedience. The Holy Spirit calls us to humble ourselves and with creativity and innovation take the Gospel to people in need. The relevant question we need to ask ourselves is.... How much of me does the Holy Spirit have?



Frequently asked questions (F.A.Q.)

CALL TO INTERCESSION

>> What is wanted (Is. 59:16)?

A new generation of Prayer Warriors

REQUISITES:

1. Loving hearts
2. Listening ears
3. Praying hands

>> What is intercession (Jn. 16:23-25)?

1. It is prayers on behalf of others, motivated by love.
2. It is prayer to the Father, in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit (the Trinitarian dimension)

>> Who is an Intercessor?

1. One who is a channel that allows God's love to flow to the needy and suffering people.
2. One who is in partnership with the Divine to
3. Win souls for the Kingdom of God.

>> What is the role of Intercession (Heb 4:16)?

1. For extending His kingdom, defeating Satan and his empire of darkness and evil.
2. For fulfilling God's eternal plan of blessings in the lives of all people on earth.
3. For revival in the Church and for the gospel to reach the ends of the world.

>> Why should we unite in prayer (Mt 18:10-20)?

God always honours unity in prayer. God may choose one of the group to bear a special burden or exercise special faith.

>> What are the levels of united prayer?

1. Prayer partners
2. Prayer groups
3. Intercessory cells
4. Central intercession – call given by leaders
5. Widespread movement of prayer at special times.

>> Do you want to become mighty in Prayer?

>> Do you want God to use your prayer life more than ever before?

If so.....bow your head before God in wonder, love and adoration that He has called (unworthy as we are) into partnership with Christ in His throne ministry to win into partnership with Christ in His throne to win Eternal victories!

Prayer: Lord teach us the privilege, the responsibility and the glory of intercession.

Message from Former Chairperson



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The term of the past Madras Service Team serving the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Chennai from 2010 to 2013 came to an end this April.

Even as we look forward to the way in which our good Lord will lead the present leadership, we look back with gratitude at the wonderful way in which the Lord led us in continuing the good work done by the previous teams in building and guiding the English speaking Catholic Charismatic community in Chennai.

At the beginning of our term, I am sure that many wondered about how we would manage. We were, for all practical purposes, an inexperienced group. But the Word of God in 2 Cor 12:9 came true for us.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

The one thing that we solemnly pledged was to listen and wait on the Lord to guide us in all our decisions and He never let us down. Be it the resource people whom we called or the programmes that we organized, in every step of the way, His grace strengthened us and kept us going. The three years have brought us closer as a team and closer to the Lord. We look back with joy in our hearts at how the Lord chose to use us, imperfect vessels, in His work of building the Kingdom.

In reaching out to strengthen the existing prayer groups and in spreading the good news, retreats as well as training programmes, the most important lesson that I learnt was to depend on My God at all times and in all circumstances. The joy in serving my fellow Charismatics and the love that the Lord placed in our hearts for His flock were the things that we cherished the most.

The Lord has His own time and His own plan for the way in which He leads us all ...including the renewal. I believe that the prophecies that we have received concerning the present leadership will come to pass and that we will witness great things during these three years as promised by Him. I Pray that the CCR will help revive the Catholic Church and help us grow in our walk with the Lord

To the only God our Saviour, be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Irene Preeti Divien Gangai

Smile a While



PRAY FOR MY ENEMY...!

Fr. George went to see John in hospital. "I'm going to pray," he said, "that you'll forgive Thomas for hitting you with that bottle."

"There's no need to waste your time, Father. Wait till I get better, and then you can pray for Thomas."



Obituary

**MARGARET
MARY DOGGETT**
1942 - 2013



**MARGARET MARY
DOGGETT** is the mother
of Ronnie Doggett (MST
member).

She was instrumental in bringing up her children in the way of the Lord. She taught them to pray and helped them to renew their faith.

"Soldiers never die they just fade away"

MRS NATHAN was truly a soldier; a great warrior, for the Kingdom of God. Her weapons were prayer and penance. She headed the ministry of Intercession in Chennai for 25 years. She trained and encouraged the ministry and saw it grow from strength to strength. With resilience and determination she won every battle. No obstacle could deter her. Today, we thank God for the gift of this cheerful, dignified and generous lady to Chennai.

Her end was peaceful and she was well prepared to continue to stand at the throne of grace pleading for God's people.



**JOSEPHINE
NATHAN**
1926 - 2013

The Hand of God in Ministries



I am Selvaraj and I'm part of the Little Mount prayer group. During the year 1990, an All India Convention called the Kairos was organized by the CCR. More than 1500 youth attended the same. There, I was in charge of arranging for food for the participants. On the night of the first day of Convention, the menu for the dinner was Parotta and vegetable Kurma. Little did we know that the person we had engaged for the supply had sub contracted the work to another person. The dinner was supposed to be at 7.30 p.m. Hence at around 5.30 p.m. we checked up to see whether the preparation of the dinner had started. We were extremely surprised to find that absolutely no attempt was made. They said that they required more tawas (fry pans). This was provided, but they were reluctant to start the work as they were not sure of making such a huge quantity on time.

We called up several hotels. But they expressed their inability to supply for more than fifty. When we checked up again at 7.00 p.m. still nothing was done with just an hour left for the scheduled dinner persons. We were in a terrible fix.

Suddenly it dawned on us by the grace of God that we could well ask the cooks to make Vegetable Biryani with the vegetable cut, cleaned and kept ready for vegetable kurma. This was done and we were able to serve the dinner by 8.30p.m.

Praise the Lord!

Y. Selvarajan

FATIMA FERNANDO was in our prayer group for the past five years and she served in the core team from Sept. 2010 onwards. She is a person who gave motherly love to all the priest, deacons in our parish as she lived just behind the church campus. Her closest friends were missionaries of charity and carmelite nuns. She has lead many groups such lay missionaries of charity, intercessory group in our church for more than ten years, her parish zone. She has been a role model to all her close associates as she exhibited patience at all difficult situations. Above all she managed her family commitments in fullness inspite of all these commitments. She has left behind her two daughters and there grand children to continue her good work



Prayer Group in Focus

Velachery prayer group was formed in 2008, basically an effort of just two people who through their enthusiasm, with permission and support from the Parish Priest, reached out to parishioners and other friends to join them. Initially the group was faced with several challenges such as infrequent attendance, inability to reach out to more parishioners, etc. In spite of all challenges, a dedicated few met week after week (as few as two or three) and this inspired more people to become committed to meetings.

The prayer group organized its first parish (English) retreat in 2009. Members of the prayer group took a lot of interest to mobilize for this retreat. They even made an effort to go to the homes of parishioners to personally invite them for the retreat.

Most of the members of today's prayer group were those who attended the retreat that year. In fact,

the members of the group (especially the newer members) is the fact that someone in the group takes personal care to keep in touch with them, to call them if they don't come for the meetings on a continuous basis, and to make sure that everyone in the group (After the retreat in 2009, the prayer group has been organizing a parish retreat in English every year. Every week, the members of the prayer group meet on Saturdays. They begin with intercession (prayer intentions of anyone seeking intercession are noted meticulously in a diary and are prayed for). Then there is a time of Praise and Worship, followed by a message. The meeting ends with Fellowship, where the members spend time with each other and make use of the time to make the new members feel "at home". Fellowship happens over a cup of tea and biscuits.

Every member of the prayer

group is a witness to the fact that the Hand of God has been not just over those who come regularly for the meetings but also over those for whom they intercede and over the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish as a whole.

This year, the prayer group, with the help and support of the parish priest, organized a retreat in a large scale (with a budget exceeding over a lakh of rupees) without the help of any external sponsor – a clear testimony to the fact that God is moving mightily in and through the prayer group.

The group has committed 20-odd members apart from few others who come for the meetings according to their convenience. We the members of the Velachery Prayer Group extend a warm invitation to you and your friends to join us when possible! Our meeting commences every Saturday at 4:45 p.m. and ends by 6:00 p.m., followed by tea.



Reports from M.S.T

A Day of Intercession

The first programme conducted by the M.S.T. was on the 1st of May 2013. It was well attended by the various core Group members and others.

The programme started at 9.30 a.m. with the Rosary conducted by Ms Mary Forest. This was followed by an excellent Praise and Worship by Ms Bernadette. Mr. Carlton Rose gave an impressive talk on 'Spiritual Warfare' using the Power Point. After this the members were asked to form group of their own Prayer Groups and a prophetic intercession was conducted by Margi (Ms. Margret Rosair). This was a new experience for many. Next was an intercession in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The retreat ended the Adoration around 1p.m.



**THE NEW MADRAS SERVICE TEAM
WITH REV.FR.LAWRENCE &
PROF.CONSTANTINE**

(From Left to right) Daphne, Roy Anand, Rev. Fr. Lawrence, Preeti Cherian, Dr. Joseph Dominic (Chairman), Carlton Rose, Prof. Constantine (National Chairman) Toby Gonzaga, Ronnie Doggett



Youth Corner

REMOVE.... REPLACE.... RE-ARRANGE

Problems are always at hand, but there is no point looking at them. Our English language is filled with lots of words that depict those problems, but there is also a beautiful answer hidden in it. You can find the answers if you are ready to **Remove-Replace-Re arrange**.

When you feel **STRESS**

Remove the first and last 'S'.

What remains T, R, E, S

Rearrange it and you will find **REST**

Take Rest in Jesus for he loves you .

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' Mathew 11: 28 -30

When you feel **FRUSTRATED**

Remove F,R, A,E,D. So what remains T,T,U,S,R

Now rearrange the remaining words, you will find **TRUST**

Put your Trust on Jesus for He is the Way Truth and Life

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14 :6

Do not be **JEALOUS** of anyone rather replace J with Z and become **ZEALOUS** to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, "Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace." Ep. 6 : 14- 15

If you have anything **EVIL**, remove it in the blood of Christ. Then arrange it as **L, I, V, E** and start living in Christ.

Jesus came to the world to save and not to condemn

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him (Jn 3: 17). So whenever a problem arises never get bogged down, rather seek the answer "Jesus", who lived, died and has risen for you.

Just for Laughs



MARKY: Daddy, I know everything in the Bible!

DADDY: What!?! I've been reading the Bible for so many years and I can't claim to know everything that is in it.

MARKY: But I know.

DADDY: Okay, now tell me what is in the Bible.

MARKY: one ten rupee note, grandpa's picture, one bird's feather and a bookmark!

Under the guidance and Inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the core team of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine prayer group, Perambur organized a 2 day retreat on the 4th and 5th of May 2013 with the theme...

"Like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house..." – 1 Peter 2:5

Aunty Mae Britto, one of the senior leaders in the renewal was invited to be the resource person and though the retreat was initially intended to cater to the spiritual needs of the prayer group at Perambur, we felt the Spirit urging us to go beyond our boundaries and hence the retreat was opened up to all prayer groups in North Chennai.

With a total of 69 participants gathered, the retreat opened with a meditation on the Holy Rosary and followed



up with a lively praise and worship which set the tone for the rest of the day's proceedings. Auntie Mae began with an exhortation to the participants to remember that we are called to give God "the Glory that is due" as there is often a tendency to take all the credit for the work that God does in our lives. By means of various personal testimonies, she helped us to see the reality that our God was not a distant God, but a personal God who wants to live in us and journey with us through all of life's situations and is able to do great things in our life (Eph 3:20) if only we call to him (Psalm 50:15). The morning's session was then

Reports from Prayer Groups

2 DAY RETREAT AT PERAMBUR

summed up and brought before the Eucharistic Lord during a time of adoration. Post Lunch we were led to understand the importance of the Constants in our walk with the Lord and the need for ongoing repentance, ongoing forgiveness, Discipline through self denial and submission to authority. Aunty Mae exhorted the participants to guard against the 3 S's in our walk as Christians (Self – the flesh, Satan & Sects). The day concluded with the Holy Eucharist.

With a fervent expectation the participants gathered on the next day as the Lord continued to speak to our hearts. Aunty Mae dwelt upon the theme of Giving and Forgiving. Through a deep insight into the parable of the Good Samaritan, she reminded us of our call to Love as Christ loves.

After an eventful session where she shared TIPS with us to help us in our daily walk of life, the retreat was summed up with a sharing on the word GUIDE, as a means to assisting us in our decision making processes.



The 2 days of retreat culminated in an infilling of the Holy Spirit, followed by the Holy Eucharist. It was truly a time of grace given to all of us as expressed through the personal sharing of the many participants, who went away with an experience of the Love and Mercy of God.

God be praised!!!

**A report by the Core team of
Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine
Prayer group, Perambur**

Details of Prayer Groups, CCR, CHENNAI

SNO.	PRAYER GROUP	KEY CONTACT	MOBILE	EMAIL	PRAYER MEETING DETAILS	TIMINGS
1.	Risen Christ, Peravallur	Eldon Netto	9962101586	eldonnetto53@gmail.com	Thursday	6:30-7:30PM
2.	St. Patrick's Church, St. Thomas Mount	Lorraine Dumenil	9282336016	lorrainedumenil2000@yahoo.com		
3.	Santhome, Mylapore	Manuel Thomas (Babu) Rosy Thomas	9841047362 9710292604	-	Fridays	7:30-9PM
4.	St. Luke's, Anna Nagar	Xavier Antony Vinod	9841362420	xaviervinod2000@yahoo.co.in	Tuesdays	7-8:15PM
5.	St. Andrew's, Choolai	Marie Surrao	9884263140	-	Wednesdays	7-8:15PM
6.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Perambur	Carlton Rose	9841560034	carlton9@gmail.com	Wednesdays	7-8:15PM
7.	Holy Spirit Prayer Group, Meenambakkam	Daphney	9003130913	jesusdaffy@gmail.com	Sundays	7:30-8:30PM
8.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Velachery	Jerry Nirmal	9884031835	fjerryn@yahoo.com	Saturdays	4:45-6PM
9.	St. Theresa's, Nungambakkam	Celine Satur	9176840971	celinesatur@gmail.com	Thursdays	7:30-9PM
10.	Little Mount Prayer Group, Saidapet	Toby Gonzalga	9444319615	toby_749@yahoo.com	Fridays	7-8:15PM
11.	St. Marks, Adambakkam	Tresa Sheel	9840319640	balu_sheel@yahoo.com	Fridays	10-11:30AM
12.	Kilpauk	Mrs. Geetha	7200818778	-	Saturday	5-6PM