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A REPORT ON CLC ANNUAL MISSIONARY VISITS - 2011

(A report to 11th Joint Asia English Pastoral conference held at Chennai, Dated 13 to 14 Oct - 2011.)

"The harvest is plenty but the laborers are few!" (Mt 9:37)

*H*onorable Missionaries respected Chairman, secretary, members, delegates, pastors and officials of the CLCI, BELC, HCLCN and CLCM. On behalf of the Church of the Lutheran Confession of India, we convey our loving greetings to all of you in the Name of our Lord Jesus.

I have great pleasure in presenting this annual report on CLC Missionary visits to the CLCI in the year 2010-11. Rev. David, Sister Mary, Rev. Matthew Ude, Bro. David Lueck and Bro. John Rohrbach have visited the CLCI in this annual year. The missionaries preached, prayed for the sick, and presented hundreds of New Testament Bibles, lunch boxes as gifts to the children as well as to some of the adults and gave shake hands to them. These following are the missionary visitations for the Annual year from September 2010 to August 2011. Their visitation was a great blessing for the CLCI.

Rev. Matt's visit in October 2010:- We thank the Lord that in His faithfulness and mercy and in answers to our prayers in bringing our beloved missionary Rev. Matthew Ude to Nidubrolu to visit, the CLCI during October 7th to 16th 2010. Seminary students enjoyed Rev. Matt's teachings through LCD presentations. Especially Rev. Matt's visited six CLCI congregations and his wonderful sermons and his individual prayers refreshed our CLCI members. Many hundreds of members were blessed through Rev. Matt's wonderful sermons and individual prayers in those night prayer meetings.

Rev. Matt also visited us in the month of July 2011 and we praise and thank God that Rev. Matt helped us in fixing our CLCI computer problems. Also we thank Rev. Matt's kind help in repairing printer cartridges and some internet problems and few software programs. We are also praying and looking forward for Rev. Matt's visit to the CLCI after this conference from 20th October to November 6th 2011.

Bro. John's visit in December 2010:- We praise God for the wonderful visit of Bro. John Rohrbach from 17th December to 4th January 2011 in the CLCI. We praise God for enabling us to have wonderful and blessed time with Bro. John in visiting few CLCI congregations and gave assistance and undertake some of the church construction programs. We are glad to report that Bro. John gave very good assistance to the CLCI Children, poor pastors and students, widow care and church constructions, etc. Bro. John to donate many fruit and flower plants of worth many thousands of rupees to various CLCI churches and encouraged and instructed members to develop the church gardens which would give much profit to their church as well as peace to their souls. Bro. John distributed clothes to the CLCI pastors' families and seminary students. Bro. John presented many hundreds of gifts such as notebooks, lunch boxes, dining plates, pens, pencils and new testaments to the CLCI children at various CLCI congregations. Also many of the widows and old aged women in the CLCI received new Saris from Bro. John.

Bro. John visited 9 CLCI congregations in three districts and prayed for many hundreds of members. This special visit by Bro. John Rohrbach became a real source of joy to the many hundreds of CLCI members.

Rev. David's visit in February 2011:- Rev. and Mrs. David Koenig have visited the CLCI from 6th to 20th February 2011. The seminary students were blessed by the wonderful teachings from Rev. Koenig. Then during the tour of outreach, many hundreds of members heard the good news of the Gospel.

The Lord has used Rev. David in a great way in this tour. Rev David preached some wonderful sermons on "Faith, Creation, Four Creatures from Revelation, Armor of God, etc. In some congregations, the women and children have got chance in reciting all the parts of Armor of God and in matching the six events with six days of creation. Rev. David used some visual aids like picture sheets, pictures made of cloth etc. during his sermons to reach the members more effectively.

Rev. David opened a new CLCI prayer shed at Dandamudi village. The missionaries presented hundreds of New Testament Bibles, lunch boxes to the children. This trip mobilized hundreds of CLCI slum and tribal members who converted to Christianity.

Bro. David Lueck's visit in September 2011:- We praise God for the wonderful visit of Bro. David Lueck in the CLCI ministry in the month of September 2011. We praise God for enabling us to have wonderful seminary classes for one day and also visit to few CLCI congregations with Bro. David Lueck. In the seminary classes Bro. David Lueck taught "Teaching Methods used by Jesus" by using different parables. We have used overhead projector to watch the pictures and the list of the teaching methods. Then we were also able to visit four CLCI congregations. Bro. David Preached on "Samaritan woman". The sermon preached by Rev. Lueck is a real source of comfort to the ones who are depressed and disappointed in life.

The members enjoyed the gospel meetings very well. At the end of the each service, Bro. Lueck heard every prayer request of the members and prayed for them. From the bottom of our hearts we thank Bro. David Lueck for his kind visit to the CLCI.

Surely the CLCI was blessed by this wonderful visit from our honorable CLC missionaries in the annual year of 2010-11. We give God all glory for this great mission. We pray for boldness for our CLC Missionaries. We pray that God may open the hearts of the hearers to our CLC Missionaries. We pray for the well-being of our beloved CLC missionaries. They must be mentally sound, physically healthy, spiritually strong, economically stable and socially pleasant. Prevention is better than cure. We pray that our CLC missionaries may be kept from defilement, diseases, depressions, divisions and dangers.

Honorable Missionaries, you are all surely a great blessing to all of us. Abraham left his "father's house" and so he could become a blessing to "all the families of the earth" (Gen 12:1, 2). We pray for you, for your family members and for your loved ones. We are with you brothers in this battle till the end—By His Grace, for His Glory!

Thank you all.

Respectably submitted to the 11th Joint Asia English pastoral conference.

—Presented by the CLCI Ministries

