

Annual Report for the Year of 2013 to 2014 of Child Evangelism Ministry of BELC'S Districts of Koppedu , ShriKalakhasti, Chittor, , Puttur, Madanapalli, of of A.P.State and Uthukottai, Tiruvallure, Ambur, Vaniyampadi, Ponneri, and Tiruttani of Tamil Nadu State.

Greetings in the most exalted Name of the savior Lord Jesus Christ !

We here with submitted the annual report of child evangelism programme in the BELC'S districts of A.P and T.N. States.

13. then they brought young children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

14. But when Jesus saw it He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

15. "Assuredly, I say to you whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it "

16. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them. - Mk 10; 13—16..

The ministry of Jesus Christ was by no means limited to adults. He had only very recently used a little child to emphasize a very important truth in the kingdom of God.

Then He took a child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms , He said to them, "Whoever receives one of these little children in my name receives me; and whoever receives ; receives not me by Him who sent me." Mk 9; 36—37

That He was a friend of the children appears also from Matt 21; 15—16, Where little children sings His praises.

Every encouragement should be given the children that they may learn to know and love their savior. For the Kingdom of heaven is made up such as they. Children themselves with their simple trust and faith in Jesus Christ, and all such as they , all that have the same confident trust and spirit of faith, they make up the memberships of the Kingdom of God, they truly belong to His church. Jesus Christ laid His hands upon them in blessing. He publicly acknowledge them as His own.

We give thanks to the Lord our BELC have realize that we have principle responsibility in training our children in God's word . Teachers and the Volunteers and Pastors are trained our children continue to search the scripture.

Our Lord Jesus Christ instructs Fathers to bring up their children "in the training and admonition of the Lord." , Eph 6;4

This was also Dr. Martin Luther's intent when he wrote his Small Catechism "for the head of the family to teach to his household." What a great privilege and responsibility it is to have God's lambs entrusted to our care !. the responsibility is fulfilled not only inactive teaching but in the example given day by day.

We see the Lord's love in action for lost sinners. Christ crucified demonstrates God's love for us in no uncertain terms. .

Sunday Schools ; - Teaching a child to his best requires time and patients. It is our privilege to provide basis of bible doctrine to our BELC children.
At Sunday schools the children taught bible lessons which teach God's great love and guidance.

We used some Sunday school materials, bible lessons which are regularly given by our beloved Missionaries
In the bible lessons our children looked at time to time and knowledge as they are related to eternal salvation. Children learned that only in the bible are we given knowledge of the way to salvation, that is through faith in Jesus Christ.

The children use theirs God given time to study diligently and share that knowledge zealously.

By these activities of the Sunday schools the children have been placed on earth to give glory God and they found and saved from the darkness of eternal condemnation. We want to continue providing our children with every possible opportunity to learn about the savior who loves them.

At Sunday schools we taught bible lessons, passage to remember, biblical stories, games etc.

More than 1457 children at Koppedu, 1371 children at Chittoor, 1085 children at ShriKalakhasti, 1214 children at Uthukottai , 1270 children at Vaniyambadi, 1395 children at Chennai, 1420 children at Tiruvallure 987 children at Tiruttani district , 376 children at Ambur, 123 children at Ponneri, 765 children at Puttur, 854 children at Madanapalli are benefiting through this kind of Sunday schools programme and taught scriptures in Sunday schools after the Sunday service.

The committed and dedicated youths of our congregations members conducted Sunday schools. The Sunday schools are regular process each and every year. The purpose of the Sunday schools is give our BELC children as many as ways possible to learn the good news that Jesus is our savior from sin.

Lessons ;--In our Sunday schools and VBS classes prepare ahead of time by looking over the scriptures. To be used , giving thought to doubtful questions.

Call special attention to especially helpful verses and explaining them.

Suggest some verses to memorize and to drill on verses memorized. The daily bible reading with such prayerful attention will prove very helpful in learning the scriptures and in applying the spirit of it teaching to the heart and daily life.

Bible teaching by story telling is easy method we adopted, children love stories and they love bible stories best of all . thank God we can tell bible stories that they are fully as interesting with assurance of "Forgiveness of Sin " in Jesus Christ .

The bible is the most interesting book in the world. There are some uninterested people , but there are no uninterested parts of the bible.

We follow and teaching the bible stories in our child evangelism ministry and our beloved Missionaries from CLC prepare and give to us .

We follow and teaching the bible stories in our Sunday schools and VBS;--

Adam and Eve in the garden and the first sin,
The first promise of the Lord (Gen3;15)

Can and Abel,
 Noah the arch , and the flood
 Abraham , the friend of God, and Sarah and how Isacc was born in answer to prayer
 why they were very old.
 Lot, the man who put money first, and story of Sodam,
 How Isacc got bride
 The story of Jacob and Esau etc
 The story of John Baptist
 Virgin birth of Jesus
 The Baptism of Jesus and etc
 About creation – by Madam Vannesa Ude illustrated with pictures
 Apostolic Creed
 Ten commandments etc

They are several ways the bible stories used it is wonderful fact that children like to hear the same stories over and over again. Then as the children grow old enough to read they will like to read the same stories for themselves.

Children ask lot of interesting questions about certain words means and what happen next.

The teachers and Volunteers take time to explain hard words if necessary , read slowly and with interest , and God will bless the lesson of our child evangelism . The bible can become very precious to little children almost in their infancy. “ From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation “ – 2nd Tim 3;15,

In our classes our teachers volunteers and the pastors teaching the bible in memory work.

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. “ , Ps 119; 11

It is most important that every child and every adult too learn much of the bible by memory. But it is easy to memorize in childhood at ages 4-- 13, which is properly called “ the golden age of memory “.

Many children in our Sunday schools and Vbs classes have very good memory power. Many children memorized the main six chief parts of Small catechism . Many children memorized the some chapters in Ps and Mountain sermon of our Jesus Christ etc.

Children have memorized and prizes were offered for the memorizing of entire chapters. They would learn so many verses and recite them and go back to learn more and recite them. We encourage the learning of memory verses in connection with Sunday schools and with VBS classes.

How happy and blessed is the child who has his mind filled with the wonderful word of God.

It will take hard work on the part of the teachers of our BELC. Memory work should be encouraged the proper scriptures selected , the proper encouragement given, prizes given . then the truth learned in memory of verses should be applied to the hearts of using scriptures.

A very special example the blessing of using scriptures and teaching it to the children at Sunday schools and VBS and as occasion demand is in teaching the little ones to

trust in Christ as savior, Forgiveness of sin in Christ, the plan of salvation, and we teach we are not saved by our own ~~God's~~ works or our self righteousness or our own efforts or our own wisdom or our own strength but we are saved by Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone.

In our Celebes we used to show that all are sinners and then to show that Christ died to pay for our sins, He is our only mediator, He is our savior, and one may have everlasting life by trusting in Him.

In our child evangelism enrolled the children for the purpose of they can learn the word of God and also they can learn little songs.

We see the children are regularly in attendance. The aim of the Child evangelism programme ought to be establish such a habit of regular Sunday schools and church attendance that the child will never be willing to miss the church fellowship, the spiritual refreshing, and the worship of God each Sunday in our congregations. They attend church service where Jesus is spoken as the savior, the son of God and on Behalf of Jesus Christ Father forgive our sins. the children are brought up a church where Christianity is a real and living thing. We take our children to services where the word of God preached and the Sacraments are administered in right way and where hearts are blessed and where prayers is made to God in Jesus name and also we teach our children that Prayer is not the means of Grace and we are not get forgiveness through our prayers. We ask to pray.

Vocational Bible Schools.:-

We have inaugurated the VBS classes at Nagalapuram on the month of each and every May. Rev.V.Rajamani, the chairman of the function presided over the inaugural function at Nagalapuram Marriage Hall.

Rev.Matthew Ude, Rev.T.Sampath, Rev.B.Bhasker, and Rev.D.Paul have participated as the chief guests of honors.

Rev. V.Rajamani delivered the welcome address and welcome all the participants.

Rev.T.Sampath delivered the devotion sermon.

The inaugural address and sermon delivered by our beloved Missionary Rev.Matthew Ude.

Around 1577 children were gathered and together and participated on the day of inaugural function.

The children who participated staged many items of dancing, singing, memorizing the word of God etc.

The function was closed by closing prayer by Rev.B.Bhasker. after the function the prizes were disbursed by our church elders. After the function children were feeding with delicious food, ice creams, banana and sweets.

The Vocation Bible schools which has old tradition started classes at the BELC here. The short course which started on May first week and conclude on May 2nd week with closing function many students participated. 11,567 students were enrolled the short course while many dedicated and committed volunteers and Teachers were also drafted for the purpose.

The VBS is part of the church Sunday wing which was aimed at teaching moral values and spirituality at a young age.

The children were categorized into sub- Juniors, Juniors, and seniors according to their age.

The students are taught bible stories , verses , devotional songs, little songs , paintings the pictures Bible quizzes and Bible verses memorizing etc, and on the last day of VBS closing function we invite all of the church elders and Village heads and conduct the rally and closing day function would be taken out and competitions would be held in various activities. The winners would be presented special prizes and all other children also would be presented prizes.

The participants are offered free lunch each and every of VBS classes.

Conclusion.:- we the parents themselves must see that children honor them. Children will not their own accord do right – without teaching and training we the parents must take it as the first – Christian duty to their children to require obedience . there should be much prayer , much bible teaching day by day Godly example The greatest disservice the father and mother could ever do the beloved child is to allow him to grow up in His own way. We the Pastors Shows the love of God through the word of God .

“If any man offend one of these least of these little ones it would be better if a mile stone were put round his neck and he were drowned in the depths of the sea Who ever welcomes a child in My name welcomes me “ (Matt 18; 5—6)

Children need deep teaching . they are just important as adults. Jesus died for them and He loves them.

In the bible children education is partnership between parents and pastors , and teachers (have a look at Deut 6;7, Prov;22;6, Eph 6;4, 1st Tim 3;4, Tit 2;4.) Many opportunities come of witnessing to them of the Love of Jesus Christ.

The only verse in bible that speaks of Jesus between ages in His younger days is in Lk 2; 52,

“ Jesus grew in knowledge and stature, in favor with God and with man “ this verses tells us of growth which was in intellectual, physical, spiritual and social. This is what we should be encouraging in the children and young.

Jesus said “ you will know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free “ (Jn 8; 32) What better Job can there be for a Christian that that of a teacher of children and young People. Be glad that we are in profession.

May God Bless us and you are all and we are all among children and others helping them to grow into the fullness of understanding ..

We are very thankful to our God for His enablement and His provision.

It is our prayer that we are all may be strengthened in our Faith, enriched in our lives and better equipped in our work so that our “ Labor of Love “ may bear fruit for the Glory of Triune God.

We most humbly request you to please pray for us and our child evangelism ministry and we always welcome your noble suggestion and counseling regarding this program. We are always very thankful to our Mission Board of CLC and our beloved Missionaries and Madam Vannesa Ude who helps to run like these activities very successful manner.

May God Bless you and strengthen you with His great Resurrected power .

All the Glory Belongs to All mighty Heavenly Father Alone.

We submitted this Report with gratitude and humility .

Yours in His Service,

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