

Annual Report for the year of 2011 ----2012 of Berea Evangelical Lutheran Church

BELC 'S Districts of Uthukottai, Chennai, Vaniyampadi, Tiruvalure, Tiruttani of Thmil Nadu State and ShriKalaKhasti, Chittoor and Koppedu of Andhra Pradesh State.

Introduction;---

We greet all of you in the Name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.
We are very happy to submit the Annual Report for the year of 2011 —20 12 of the BELC'S Districts of Tamil Nadu state and Andhra Pradesh state.

We have been authority over Satan to stop the powers of the demonic world. Proclaim the Good News about Jesus Christ. The plan of the Father ,the almighty Lord is that all nations on earth, all peoples on earth, should be hearing about His plan of Salvation. He gave this promise originally to Abraham. "I will bless those who bless you ; and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" Gen 12;3
It is to be carried out by the BELC. Our BELC must take this commission most seriously .we should gladly research the entire area we serve to find those groups of people who do not yet have a church among them and make every effort to plant a spiritual house for Jesus Christ among them. This must be the passion, the goal, the longing of every BELC congregations, only when the task is completed will our I savior return.

Jesus Christ commissioned His church make ,teaching them to do all He commanded. The task if the BELC Evangelism is greater than leading a person .to follow as personal savior, we are commissioned to bring a person from saving faith in Jesus Christ to the fullness of Love.

Church Activities.

Our Mission and Purpose,;---

To share the word of God with the people.
To help believer both minister and Catechist alike, in his understanding, preaching, and teaching of God's word.
To do everything we possibly can to lead men, women and children to take their hearts and lives to Jesus Christ and to secure the eternal life to which HE offers.

God has given the strength and stamina to bring us this for. Our confidence is that as we keep our eyes on Him.
Our BELC's primary purpose is centered on God. The BELC as an instrument of praise an worship to

the creator and the Redeemer of the Universe.

It's second purpose is to build up the believers to this task. And it's third purpose is to proclaim the Gospel.

To bring the Gospel to All;---

Our BELC have clear understanding of area in which they are located identifying the people groups that do not yet have church planted among them. We study the scripture prayerfully in dependence on the Holy spirit, we read God's words .we fill our hearts with this words and God is speaking to us through His words. We also charged with proclaim to good news about salvation in Jesus Christ.

We are satisfied with Jesus Christ it is our personal comfort .God give us unusual strength for unusual task. Paul says "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities in reproaches in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ 's sake, For when I am weak, then I am strong" 2 Cor 12:10
God bless you all and God bless the BELC.

Baptism services;--

By 2011—2012—there were 79 people were baptized under Koppedu district, 37 peoples were baptized under Uthukottai district, 8 people were baptized under Chittoor district, 17 people were baptized under Vaniyambadi district, 55 people were baptized under Tiruttani district .7 people were baptized under Chennai district and 13 people were baptized under Tiruvallure district.

Those who decided to become candidates for Baptism remained longer up one weak to receive intensive instructions .

The instructions are give both by the pastors and church elders. As a guide for this pre—Baptismal training _using, Telugu and Tamil Small catechism and also conduct a special evening small catechism classes. Candidates for Baptism instructed through evening special courses by pastors and their church elders.

Baptism is the Official sign of membership in BELC. Our BELC is reflection of the beauty, love and forgiveness of God.

Martin Luther's Small Catechism Classes.

Every pastor is regularly conducting services on week days Wednesday or some churches Thursday evening 6p.m to 7.30.p.m. bible study especially Martin Luther's small catechism take place, as part and parcel of Wednesday's programs. All pastors and all congregations have Martin Luther's small catechism. The catechism The little Bible should be learned by our BELC believers.

We have conducted question and Answer competition on Small catechism and we have conducted a Small catechism competition each and every year. Each and every congregations children and youths were participated and to complete in the recitation of memorization of the small catechism. The winners list would send to our District Chairmen. The winners that is those who did the best in memorization and recitation were awarded gifts of steel plates, utensils, note book and pens on the time of Christmas

festival. Many boys and girls memorized and recitation of the main six chief parts of the small catechism and also some believers were participated in the written test.

Holy Communion service.

We need to spend a major part of our time being taught God's word as God's word is place in the believers mind through preaching and teaching the word of God. The larger congregations used to conduct two services on Sundays. The services lasted one and half hours Holy communion is not always celebrated on each Sunday, some churches in all Sundays but always within the general services in the Lord suffer we eat and drink bread and wine in with under we eat and drink the true body of Christ and true blood of Christ .four elements is in Lord suffer. The real presence is the true body of Christ and the true blood of Christ.

Our BELC meet for worship and prayer on Sunday, celebrating fact of that we serve a Risen Savior as a popular song of Apostolic confess .We also meet frequently during the weak for periods of prayer with singing and scripture reading. Everything we do in worship must focus on lifting our minds and hearts to God.

Teaching.

The primary time of learning God's word is in the worship service and in midst of pastors meet. God speak to us through His word.
In the bible Jesus Christ as the head of the church, lays down the rules for the conduct and Governing of His church. Our BELC devote itself to the teaching and preaching of God's word.

Progress of instruction.

The pastor's of our BELC on first or second week of every month the chairmen used to take papers on; Acts, four Gospel the Doctrinal position of BELC .Law and Gospel----- Papers taken by D.Paul at koppedu and Tiruttani districts.
Acts, Four Gospel, 14 pamphlets, Martin Luther's small catechism, parables, papers taken by T.Sampath at Vaniyampadi and Uthukottai districts,
Old testament review, small catechism, the doctrinal position of BELC -papers taken by V.Rajamani, at Chennai and Tiruvallure,
Acts, my church and others, small catechism, the doctrinal position of BELC and Four Gospel -Papers taken by B.Bhasker at ShriKalakhasti and Chittoor districts.

Prayer;--

It is our task to pray for all the people around us. It is our task to pray for all those who are in authority over us.

“First of all, then I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all

men.

For kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." 1 Tim 2;1-2.

Prayer as we is the union with God through which the Holy spirit flows in to us and fills us with divine power. When we fail to pray we close the door to the indwelling of the Holy spirit and we begin to rely on human power and strength. our BELC lived in atmosphere of prayers, saturating with prayer every action, every worship every attempt to tell others about Jesus Christ.

The activity in BELC church then should be on Lutheran teachings, Bible teaching is Lutheran teaching and Lutheran teaching is bible teaching, showing God's love to others and neighbors, worship service and sacraments and deep profound prayer. We regularly carry out these main functions.

Future of rural congregations;--

Our congregations are a class apart. They have church a worship service every Sunday and mid—days services and some special services, but are known and identified in the village by a particular caste. Some most orthodox caste Hindus also participated and converted by our BELC.

The Revenue officials have entered each families name in Govt records under the designated caste column .the church shall do well to acknowledge their reality, that a well defined caste system prevails, especially in rural India. And that Christian members of dalit origin suffer, even today in many pockets . social discrimination and untouchability. the pastors and the church continue to remain silent spectators to this depreciable and inhuman social evil.

We have served the rural church in A.P and T.N most of our congregations are of Dalit origin and suffer indignities like untouchability .social segregation and poverty.

In order to implement -long standing plan for a more stable system and mainly concerned work in most important town tiruttani, Tirupattur, Tiruvallure, Vaniyambadi, Chittoor, and Madanapalli. Located in the hills most of the inhabitants are Hindu, merchants and rich craftsman.

Oppose from others;--

When India became independent the constituent Assembly adopted a constitution which declared India as a secular state.

The danger to the flowering of secular state and society began when Hinduism; happened to hobnob with political power. The Hindu Revivalists call for Hindu nation and political leadership in secular normative conditions play on Hindu sentiments to stay in power.

RSS, Vishuva hinduparishad, pajrangdal, sivasena and some others these orthodox Hindu organizations are always opposed our church activities. One of the local MLA opposed our church building constructions work at Chittoor district,the act against our congregations and some other places they threaten and opposed our gospel team work and also they framed and put false against our pastors and some of our believers. One of our pastor daughter was seduced by one Hindu revivalist.

Christian Love no limits we show our Christ love to them and pray for them and for their Repent.

Growth and Maturity;

We grew rapidly, even daily as God added to it all His children who were being saved. God gives the gifts of growth to the church .to build up BELC maturity .to the point where we are filled with all the fullness of Jesus Christ. This of course will not occur perfectly until we are called home to be with Christ in heaven. But .we strive on for that particular goal.

We building up the believers in unity in the faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ .we concentrate on our faith in Jesus and fix our attention on Him.

We felt the need to differentiate more clearly between the various Gods which people worshiped and their characters. “Jesus Christ the Savior of sinners”, on behalf of Jesus Christ God forgive our sin -at the centre of our message.

We continually to condemn idolatry. We maintained an emphasis on the seriousness of the command of God and the reality of the forthcoming Judgment.

Those who were interested in learning more about us and doctrines are invited to come to our congregations and gave them our reading materials pertaining with our Lutheran doctrines.

Film ministry and Gospel meetings;--

We the districts of BELC can operate the film project, we used to present Jesus film in rural areas among rural peoples to whom our Lord Jesus is unfamiliar and quiet unknown,
According to the last command of our Lord Jesus Christ before ascension to the heaven to His Holy Father to His disciples.

The commission begins with a affirmation that all authority in heaven is given to Risen Lord this is the heart of BELC’S Mission engagement today.

We used to visit and present Christian films to people were Gospel is nt yet preach. We used our film project at the time of Gospel meetings also.

The Christian films are welcomed insistently and instantly and some times respectably to know Christ and we full fill their thirst through this film project. We have conducted many Gospel meetings the surrounding villages of Koppedu District, ShriKalakhasti district, Chittoor district, and Tiruvallure districts. Many people’s were participated and benefited through these gospel meetings When we ever we called up on and such commitments we are moving closely with the rural poor villages. We project films nearly 35 villages and also conducted gospel meetings nearly 21 villages. It helps us to expand our ministry in rural areas.

Sunday Schools and VBS.

Every child of God is precious to the Lord and deeply loved. And every child as a servant of the Lord touches who come in contact with Him or His ministry. We held a children’s VBS in our BELC each and every year.

May our wonderful Lord continue to bless the children ministry expanding Sunday schools and VBS classes.

Sunday schools in the BELC centers are taught scriptures in Sunday classes after Sunday series youths of the congregations are co—operating with pastors in conducting Sunday classes to children.

VBS.

The VBS classes have been conducted every year May 1st to 7th.

This year VBS classes were conducted on 1st week of the May. This annual year we have been adopted some handy crafts and paintings works in our VBS classes.

Children were participated very interested mood in the vbs classes.

VBS Inaugural Function.

We have inaugurated the VBS classes at Nagalapuram Marriage hall on April 29th 2012. Rev. V. Rajamani the chairman of the function presided over the meeting. Rev. David Koenig and Rev. Matthew Ude have participated as the chief guest of honors.

The Inaugural messages and sermon were delivered by our beloved missionaries. The chairman V. Rajamani delivered a welcome address and he welcome all the participants. Rev. T. Sampath and Rev. B. Bhasker were participated as chief guests. Around 1071 children were participated on that day of Inaugural function. After the function we were disbursed some gifts to the VBS children and provided meals to them. Our beloved missionaries gave some useful reading materials with pictures and quiz. This annual year this was very useful to our VBS classes.

The children provide entertainment based on bible themes dramas, dancing and singing, painting the pictures the final day VBS programmes were held at several congregations of our BELC. this annual year more than 9,876 children were enrolled and benefited through this kind of VBS and Sunday schools. God has given faith in that savior, there are strengthen there faith and grow spiritually.

Role of a Sunday School and VBS teacher. :-

Jesus Christ Loves children. it 's not a one man work, Sunday school teacher is a reformer of society and Sunday school teacher and VBS teacher built a feature tigood citizens. There are very important person to our congregations.. God gave some extra curricular to people. 12 disciples around the whole world and save the people some our parents against our VBS work first we pray for our pre—planning of our VBS and also pray our neighbors and friends. Each and every word of mouth must be praise the Lord. Just organize a small children group

Why should we work with children ? what is need?

We guide children in Jesus path. Mth 18 ;; 1---3

Small children also wants go heaven. One week continuously and regularly conducting VBS classes.

Where we conduct the VBS?

In the churches or public Christian homes, where ever we conduct VBS classes .it may Street or church.

Who will do it?

Every believer conducted and participated VBS classes.

One who believe JESUS Christ he can conducted VBS classes.

Children are derivate from God and children are gift of God and children are relation to God. Children are all wants to go God's path.

Why should we organize Children to Lord?

Children are also o sin and also they born their original sin .by nature they are sinful nature, and also T.V.

seduce children with that bad programmes. Children are lost. The kingdom of God is to Children. We should save them.

Children should care and should save. (Hebr 12;-6—7), Pro 22;-6)

What method we will organize children?

3 to 5 years Beginners

6 to 8 years Primary

9 to 11 Junior

12 to 14 Inter

15 to 17 senior

18 to 20 young

We are building a foundation and we are laying a foundation.

Beginners;-- they are very active, very fast, they are interested to play games -- we use action songs to cover them and organize them,

Primary;-- they can eat all things and write what ever it may,

Junior -- small all things and wants to do in their hands, speak truth only, inter -- imagine power,

Senior -- they asked several questions must we replay those questions. We maintain timing and timing is most important if we tell a story to them we must tell it with in a ten minutes only we should limited our words.

youngsters;-- we co-operate to their activities they have power to acting and they are all interested in acting. We believe children words and hear those words. And we conducting VBS classes 20 to 30 minutes only for one week period. We tell the story with dramatic style. And we should appreciate their skills. We conducting drawing competition and shake their hands and hold their hands,

Discipline;--

We will try find out the problem makers, who give problem in our class rooms? 10% students problem children side, and 90% teacher side,

What is discipline?

Prayer is a first step to the discipline so, we first teach How to pray, bible study, study bible regularly, and read the bible correctly, and we will planning preparation. Love—Jesus love, we love children, they need love and we organize the children with love, we do not beat children.

Our daily schedule to VBS class;-- teach songs with actions, tell bible story and divided the children groups.

We conduct VBS teacher training and mobilizing the children and sit and decide the dates, place, time, materials and money

.worship;-- we take attendance, teach bible story, give memory verses, students working skits etc, and also the final day we conduct VBS festival each and every congregations the elders and village heads were participated and we disbursed gifts to them.

Future Plan; --

We will planned to arranged gospel team each thing is in consistence of 15 members for each districts.

We will planned to expand gospel meetings to all of our BELC districts.

We will planned to conduct youth and women fellowship meetings yearly once each

BELC congregations request to send 3 to 5 youths members for their participation.

We will plan to conduct yearly convention meetings. the believers and the office bearers of the congregations will be participate.

We will intent to set up prayer cells through out BELC area. The primary purpose of the prayer cells is to pray for others in the village or neighbored; to pray for unbelievers groups to pray for every one regardless of their belief.

We wants to increase the pastors monthly meetings schedule one day to two days. Our beloved missionaries in their regular visiting and teaching and praying and they have been some most important papers in the mist of our pastors. it helps us to attain sound knowledge in our CLC doctrines.

“who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” 2 Tim 2:4

We intent to work to all the people to fulfill by water of eternal and attain the new life in living water.

We wants to construct one community hail each and every BELC’S main district head quarters. It helps us to conduct our pastoral meetings, seminars, marriage functions etc,

We wants to expand the tuitions centers. For the experiment we have been conducting tuitions centers at Veliathukottai .new Jerusalem church, Holy Trinity Lutheran church at Koppedu and Indra Nagar, palavakkam church. 45 students were enrolled and benefited .we arranging tuitions centers for children after school hours abd children evening special coaching classes.

Conclusion.

God wants us in His image and God save us to be in His image .we do not rejoice so much in what we have but we rejoice in how God enables us to give.

God’s love is so great that God himself, through His own begotten son Jesus Christ, paid the punishment for our sin and made it possible for all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ and His innocent sufferings God forgive our sin. Forgiveness in Jesus is free for us. God provided the salvation in His son Jesus. And how HE proclaims His salvation to the world through His people .those who believe in Jesus as savior and true son of God and who make up the church the body of Christ. We are now living in the final stage of God’s salvation plan, in which we are called to proclaim God’s good news about Jesus to the entire world. We proclaim good news about Jesus every where and every one..

Our BELC’s primary task is to proclaim the good news about Jesus.

This then is what we must believe in true faith. We must believe that God had promised salvation .that he had pictured salvation for us through out the O.T, and He has pictured salvation for us in Jesus Christ, and in response to God’s great salvation it is our BELC task, as a church, to proclaim His salvation and this plan of salvation in the name of Jesus Christ to every person on earth through planting churches every people group.

We in the name of Triune God assure that would carry out all the plans and prograrnes in the coming year that Lord be glorified because of our cross bearing ministry, our prayers and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and Holy spirit counseling, guidance unity and fellowship helps us to carry out the commission of the chUrch as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us continually go to God’s throne of grace in these days in prayers. it is the part of each and every one.

We request you to pray for us and our ministry among rural poor and our intent future plans.

May God bless us abundtently -and May He strength us in His resurrected power.

To God Alone Be the Glory ! Amen.

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