

MINISTRY REPORT OF A & N island & OF DISTRICT OF CHENGALPUT-2012

(submitted at the 12th English All Asia pastoral conference of CLCI,BELC,HCLCN,CLCM at Guntur on (3-4)Oct.2012.)

“He shall not fail and not be discourage till He has set judgment on the earth and the isles shall wait for His law” Isaiah 42:4.

Respected and Honorable ,our beloved missionaries Rev. David Koenig and Rev. Matthew Ude, Respected chairman of the conference ,honorable secretary of the conference Rev. Jothy Benjamin Garu, presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, and district chairmen of CLCI,BELC,HCLCN,CLCM and also all other participants of the conference,greetings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

By the grace of God and by your prayers our ministry in both districts going on well .Thank you very much for your prayers .First of all we give all the glory and honor to our almighty God, who called us for His holy ministry by His grace and mercy, even though we were unworthy sinners He saved by grace through faith ,called us for His ministry and using us as useful vessels in these last days ,for spreading the good news of salvation according to the great commission of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, who is the king of kings and Lord of lords, the savior of the world. We glorify and magnify the name of our most high God, who is worthy to be praised and worshiped among all the nations of the world.

Secondly, we convey our heartfelt thanks to our CLC MISSION BOARD for their love and care towards us, for providing us both spiritual and bodily food, providing us all kinds of needs in personal life, in our family lives and also in the ministry. May our good God bless CLC to reach the unreached with the gospel among the nations of the earth.

Thirdly, We are thankful and grateful to our most loving missionaries Rev. David Koenig and rev. Matthew Ude, who love us ,teach us ,lead us according to the true and pure ,the life giving and living word of God. By their teaching we have been changing little by little and becoming like Jesus our Master. We pray for them that our loving father may keep them safe ,in good health and may bless us more and more through them. May God bless their families as well. Let us pray for the marriage ceremony of our beloved missionary Rev. Matthew Ude which is going to take in the month of December, this year, May God bless him to start a blessed family life.

Fourthly, we thank all the precious servants of God of CLCI,BELC,HCLCN CLCM , thank you every

one of you ,for your love and prayers. We pray for you, may bless you, bless your families and bless your ministries, may God use you more and more never before.

Our ministry in both district going on well by the grace of God. We have finished teaching martin Luther's small catechism My Church and others and also the 14 booklets, now the reviewing work going on in both of the districts. Now we are teaching the law and gospel in both of the districts .Our pastors studying and also teaching their congregations the true and pure, precious word of God .They follow the Lutheran order of service in Sunday worship services, in their congregations and also they follow all Lutheran doctrine and teachings in all activities in the church and ministry and also in family life. Except, Sunday services our pastors conduct bible study classes in different areas. Sunday schools in the congregations, youth meetings. They preach the gospel in unreached areas, conduct gospel meetings in the unreached areas. They conduct the VBS classes in the summer vacation time for the school and college going children to teach them the truth of word of God.

Now, we are able to challenge the devil and stand firm against the false teachings, which is the snare and bondage of the deceiver and the father of the lairs, that is devil. We teach the truth and the people set free from the bondage of false teachings, sin and death. Our Master said" you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free" (john 8:32) .Our teachings make a different, our teachings impact the pastors and people of other denominations .As the result of that the pastors of other denominations always on the line to join our pastoral seminars in both of the districts.

There are thousands of denominations and missions working in India but most of them are in the snare of the devil that is the false doctrine and teachings, even many Lutheran churches are also corrupt by the false teachings. We are proud to be called CLC Lutherans, because we teach what the Bible teaches. We are thankful and grateful to our two great teachers of the living word of God, Rev. David Koenig and Rev. Matthew Ude. Let us clap our hands and praise God for these men of God, who love us with the love of CHRIST. We thank God for proving us good Bible teachers through CLC.

We have approximately 3000 souls in 61 congregations and more than 50% are youth and children in A & N Island and 4000 souls in 75 congregations and more than 50% are youth and children in Chengalput district.

Prayer request for both the district

1. for church buildings:- Most of our pastors are from poor background, most of them even do

not have their own house to stay. they live in rented houses and also conduct their Sunday services and meetings in that small cottages, please pray for them. During last seven year we are unable to sponsor even a single church building.

2. Our pastors struggle for their livelihood, for food, shelter and cloth ,the most necessities of life, For education for their children. If the situation of the men of God is like this, then who will come to their churches ? We pray for paddy land for both of the district so that we may able to feed our pastors, please pray for the same.

3. We are praying for open an orphanage in each district so that we can help orphanage, can give them bright future and at the same time we can win them for CHRIST. Please pray for the same.

4. We want to start a school, so that we can provide good education to our children, please pray for that.

5. We want to start a small hollow block(breaks) making company, so that we can build houses and churches for our pastors. Please pray for that.

Thank you very much

Submitted by Deepak Immanuel, district chairman, BELC A & N Island & Chengalpu.