"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15)

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## A REPORT ON CLC ANNUAL MISSIONARY VISITS – 2011-12

(A report to 12<sup>th</sup> Joint Asia English Pastoral conference held at Guntur, Dated 3rd to 4 Oct - 2012.)

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

Sonorable 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 2011-12. Rev. Matthew Ude, Rev. David, Prof. John Ude have visited the CLCI in this annual year. The missionaries preached, prayed for the sick, and presented hundreds of New Testament Bibles 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 2011 to August 2012. 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 20<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup> 2011. Seminary students enjoyed Rev. Matt's 4days teachings through LCD presentations.

Rev. Matt visited three districts Guntur, East Godavari and Prakasam Districts and visited fourteen CLCI congregations and his wonderful sermons and his individual prayers refreshed our CLCI members. Rev. Matt distributed clothes, blankets, Mosquito nets to the



poor people at Nidubrolu. Also Rev. Matt presented gifts to the CLCI children at various CLCI congregations. Members including tribal people were blessed through Rev. Matt's wonderful sermons and individual prayers in those prayer meetings. This visit by Rev. Matt became a source of joy to the many hundreds of CLCI members.

We thank Rev. Matt's kind help in installing E-Sword program with Telugu Bible on it and also for providing wireless internet system to the CLCI computer system. We are also praying and looking forward for Rev. Matt's visit to the CLCI during November month 2012.

Rev. David's visit in February 2011:- The Lord has used Rev. David in a great way in this tour. Rev. David Koenig visited the CLCI from 26<sup>th</sup> February to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Rev. David taught four days in the CLCI seminary. The seminary students were blessed by the wonderful teachings from Rev. Koenig. Then during the tour of outreach, many hundreds of newly joined members heard the good news of the Gospel.

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Rev David preached some wonderful sermons and used some visual aids like picture sheets, Triune symbolic pictures made of cloth etc. during his sermons to reach the members more effectively.

Rev. David opened a new CLCI prayer shed at Yajali ST colony. Hundreds of Sunday school children received New Testament Bibles from the honorable Missionary Rev. David. This trip mobilized hundreds of CLCI slum and tribal members who converted to Christianity.

Prof John Ude's visit in July 2012:- We praise God for the wonderful visit of Prof. John Ude and Rev. Matt in the CLCI in the month of July 2012. We praise God for enabling us to have wonderful seminary classes and also visit to few CLCI congregations with

Prof. John Ude taught wonderful lessons on Genesis. Prof. John Ude touched the hearts of the students with his lessons from Genesis 11-12 - Babel & Abram and also from Genesis 16-18, the relation of Justification and Sanctification. Rev. Matt also taught wonderful lessons from Genesis and showed power point presentations on Jacob, Noah and me (Presentation on Eschatology.)

Prof. John Ude and Rev. Matt.

Then we were also able to visit few CLCI congregations and have gospel meetings, this in turn helped to encourage the CLCI members with the Word of God. Prof. John Ude preached on CLCI congregation at

Machavaram, Yajali ST Colony and Khajipalem village tribal CLCI congregations. We praise God for helping us in our efforts to proclaim Christ through Prof. John in these Tribal areas also. The sermon preached by Prof. John comforted and touched many hearts of members of the CLCI. Members enjoyed Prof. John's preaching on Babel from Genesis. At the end of the each service, Prof. Ude heard every prayer request of the members and prayed for them.

The CLCI orphans and CLCI Sunday school children also enjoyed the wonderful presence of Prof. John Ude and Rev Matt. From the bottom of our hearts we thank Prof. John Ude and Rev. Matt for their kind visit to the CLCI. God honored Prof. John Ude's efforts here in the CLCI because we have seen the happy faces of children and also many CLCI members benefited by this wonderful visit. This is nothing less than a great blessing to the CLCI.

Surly the CLCI was blessed by these wonderful visits from our honorable CLC missionaries in the annual year of 2011-12. We give God all glory for this great mission. We pray for boldness for our CLC Missionaries. We pray for the well-being of our beloved CLC missionaries. Honorable Missionaries, you are all surely a great blessing to all of us. We pray for you, for your family members and for your loved ones.

Thank you all.

Respectably submitted to the 12<sup>th</sup> Joint Asia English pastoral conference.

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