

CLCI ACTIVITIES 2013-14

(A report to 14th Joint Asia English Pastoral conference held at Nellore, Dated 7th to 9th Oct - 2014.)

Honorable Missionaries respected Chairman, secretary, members, delegates, pastors and officials of the CLCI, BELC, HLCN, CLCM and distinguished honorary pastors from LCI in Odisha and NLC in Yangon, Myanmar. On behalf of the Church of the Lutheran Confession of India, we convey our loving greetings to all of you in the saving Name of our Lord Christ Jesus.

I have great pleasure in presenting the CLCI report to this 14th Joint Asia English Pastoral conference. We report to you and to God only.

Progress and Statistics: - God kept His wonderful presence with the CLCI because we have seen great improvement in every aspect of the CLCI ministry. We are already seeing wide spread growth in our congregations. God is helping the CLCI mission church to grow rapidly. We are happy to report you that many hundreds of believers have been joining into the church.

In the year 2013-14 with God's grace many new souls were added to the CLCI. Praise God for the Churches planted in many tribal areas and among unreached people groups. Through the consolidated effort, so far 14,120 souls were added to Christ. Also 312 pastors in 305 worshipping congregations and 230 preaching stations have been established.

Outreach and Evangelism: - The Lord has been good to us in this year 2013-14. I gratefully

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CLCI Evangelists and youth Meeting at Nidubrolu



Praying for the safety of the Evangelists



Presenting new Bicycles to CLCI Evangelists

acknowledge our CLCI pastors, evangelists, youth seminary students for their good work in doing this great work of CLCI evangelism. We are conducting outreach programs in every weekend. Even though it is becoming very difficult in doing outreach programs in India because of the opposition, still we are getting much calling for the new contacts in the tribal remote areas through our Evangelists and pastors.

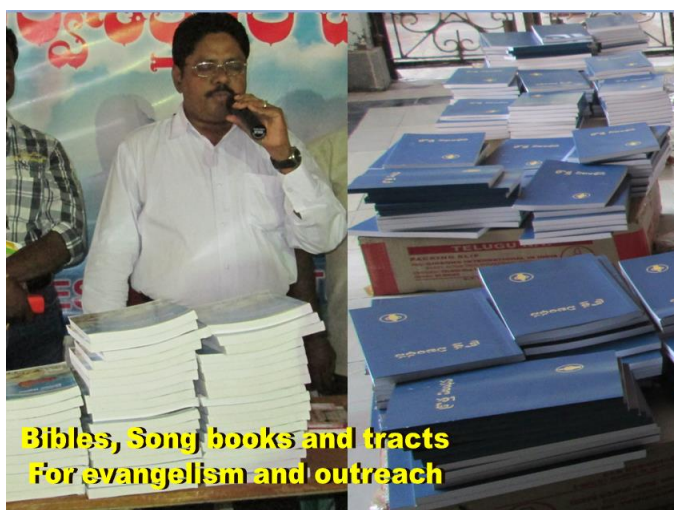
Adding Tribal people to Christ: By God's amazing grace, we have many Hindu tribal converts in our congregations this year also. We are happy to report that this year we have added five churches in

Guntur Dt, two churches in Krishana Dt. two churches in East Godavari. Dt. And one church in Kamman Dt.

Street Evangelism: We praise God for the wonderful Street Evangelism programs in the CLCI. We simply walk many kilometers with wonderful singing, praising, preaching and praying. The Lord has been making these street evangelism programs very successful.

The Bible has long been saying that through faith, we can do many things, control weather, move mountains and ask outrageous things, and God will grant them through the Word of God, if we have faith.

Nowadays, it seems no use in doing street evangelism on streets in these busy days. But, on streets many kinds' people are doing many kinds of things successfully. If the wicked can do their evil works successfully on streets, how much more that we, the mountain movers, can do? "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes..." -Romans 1:16 We thank the CLCI evangelists and youth who involved with spreading the gospel to these many people in this unreached village.



Tracts Distribution: The CLCI Young men have been doing good work in this tract distribution. We supplied the gospel literature to many of our CLCI evangelists for door-to-door evangelism, street rallies etc. God is changing many lives through the CLCI Evangelism and Gospel tract distribution program. Our evangelists distribute hundreds of tracts in Schools, Colleges, Hospitals, Railway Stations and Bus-stations. Also we choose and select some of the well known friends and relatives to visit new houses and start the evangelism program through tracts and gospel material. We choose perfect times like summer season to evangelize house to house with help of a friend or relative.

We hear their personal family problems and sicknesses, comfort them with the word of God and pray for their problems and invite them to our Churches. People don't care how much we know until they know how much we care! With our Lord's wonderful grace, we have been receiving positive results by doing this House to House visitation.

Public Gospel Meetings: - In this year 2014 summer time, we have conducted 14 successful summer gospel meetings in different rural slum and tribal villages. This year nearly 8,500 people have heard the Gospel messages from these public gospel meetings and moved by the word and received many blessings from Jesus. The word of God ignites many minds on the purpose of their existence on this earth.



As you know India lives in the villages. So mainly we concentrated in villages. We have been facing many threats and dangers during these meetings and evangelism programs. At Alapaadu tribal village,

two young men rose up with knives, scolded us with loud voices, aggressively opposed, verbally abused and tried very hard to stop our CLCI prayer meeting. One young man damaged our camera. These anti social elements want the tribal people to remain ignorant and enslaved to satanic evil habits. This is because their spiritual and social transformation hinders the oppressors from taking advantage of them. Even though we are facing constant threats of dangerous incidents like this, we praise the Lord for the successful prayer meetings and outreaches and for His work, which is moving forward in several tribal areas during this year. All praise and glory goes to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptisms: - There are many conversions and baptisms have been progressing throughout our CLCI congregations. We have been adding more souls to the CLCI Church through Baptisms. In total during the public gospel meetings and in the CLCI churches, we have performed 116 baptisms including child baptisms. There's nothing like seeing the excitement on the faces of people who are "going public" with their faith in Christ through baptism.



"Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5.) Many baptisms are from tribal people. Through our CLCI Word of God, these tribal people have been realizing who is their savior and leaving their heathen worship and entering into our CLCI church. What a joy! The Lord has been doing great things here in the CLCI and we will praise His Holy name for His wonderful doings. God bless these new brothers and sisters in the CLCI. Jesus Christ was the ultimate winner in the hearts of many people. "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your Name be the glory...."

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Constructing Churches and Prayer sheds: - This year God has helped to construct three thatched prayer sheds and do some repairs to Tenali ST Colony prayer shed in Guntur Dt and God helped to reconstruct four prayer sheds this year.



Our vision is to have solid church buildings in our CLCI so that our members do not walk away from not being able to find one to worship the Lord.

CLCI Film and Audio ministry: - As ACTS

1:8 says that the Word of God should be reached to the ends of the Earth, We have been using CDs and DVDs to send the messages since their prices become very low. In keeping with 2 Corinthians 9:7, this audio ministry is supported by freewill offerings. We do not sell the audio CDs and DVDs. We take whatever they give for these CDs and DVDs. Every two weeks we send two recent messages. They listen and give it to others without any charge; pay only the postage at liberal prices. Some of our CLCI government employees have been helping in buying empty CDs and DVDs.

Since film is an effective and popular method to reach the masses, this CLCI film ministry is working very effectively in rural areas. We show the "Jesus Film" in streets, slums, villages and local towns, and remote areas. An outstanding movie on the life of Jesus as well as other Christian films, are shown with great results. As you know Film ministry is more effective especially among the illiterate Indian tribal and village people. In nighttime we conduct street meeting in that village. After that we show one Jesus film there. With this strategy, we have been achieving very good success in doing mission work in many rural areas of Andhra Pradesh State. The people of India are widely attracted to the big screen and thus it is being used as a powerful tool to give the message of Jesus to the semi illiterate and illiterate village mass. With this film ministry we have been adding more people to the CLCI.



The CLCI is also reflecting Christ by:

1. Cell phone ministry – collecting the new cell numbers and attracts them by praying for them.
2. Conducting more Sunday School programs,
3. Conducting adult educational programs to increase literacy rate
4. Increasing in the effectiveness of the spiritual growth of our CLCI youth.
5. Increasing of the number of Public Gospel meetings,
6. Finding out new preaching stations.
7. Constructing more solid church buildings.

The Lord has chosen us to make s a blessing to many. Only one life; it'll soon be past! What's done for Christ, alone shall last! Doing Christian service in India, may be physically it is hard but spiritually it is the most joyful one! Job satisfaction is highest in Christian service! Perfect freedom, team work and loving fellowship! We remain faithful to His call till the end—By His Grace, for His Glory! We give all the glory for His work in our lives as we seek to make His name known in this Indian community. We pray that God will help us to reach His goals. Thank you all.

Respectably submitted to the 14th Joint Asia English pastoral conference.

---- Presented by the CLCI Ministries

