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From your brother...

Dear Prayer Partners in Christ,

Greetings to you in the blessed name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **TTI family wishes you all a**

Happy and Blessed Christmas. May the Joy and Peace of Christmas rule your hearts and minds.

May the blessings of the Lord and His protection surround you and each member of your family.



Neighbour's Training Patricipator in OM Centre, Lucknow

Your brother in Christ,

Dr Saheb John

PRAISE: 'In my distress I cry to the Lord, that He may answer me'. (Ps. 120:1)

Ambikanagar: For healing the tumor in the thigh: When our sister met Nethra she was looking sad. When asked the reason for it she said, 'though I have been married for many years, I did not bear

children, a few years ago I conceived but the child died after one year. I was shattered and was in great sorrow. After three years I had a baby boy, the baby

was growing well till he was one year old. One day I noticed a small boil on his thigh. I thought it may be heat boil and didn't bother much. But, it kept increasing day by day and I got worried. The baby was crying the whole night because of the pain and did not sleep at all. The next day I

took him to the doctor and after taking a scan the doctor said, 'there is a tumor in baby's thigh and it can be removed only through operation. But because the child is too young there is a chance of the baby dying'. We got scared and did not get it operated. We do not know what to do, please pray for our baby's healing', she said with tears in her eyes. Our sister consoled her and said, do not be afraid, what was not possible with the doctor, is possible with Jesus. He will hold your hands and lift you up even if you are on the verge of death. But, you need to

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believe in Him completely, only then can Jesus heal your child completely. She then applied oil on the baby's thigh and prayed for healing. After one month our sister visited Nethra's place and she was looking very happy. When she asked the reason for her happiness she said, 'after you applied oil and prayed for my child's healing, I kept applying oil on the tumor and prayed every day in Jesus' name. Praise God, the tumor kept decreasing day by day and now you won't even know where the tumor was. Jesus is the great heavenly physician'. Our sister shared with her from Matthew 15:21-28 about the story of Jesus healing the daughter of the Canaanite woman saying, 'O woman, great is your faith! and her daughter was healed instantly'. You had the same faith the Canaanite woman had, that is why your child was healed. You hold on to that faith till the end of your life and He will definitely meet all your needs. Praise God for healing Nethra's child from tumor in the thigh and pray that the whole family may stand firm in their faith in Jesus.

The Best Christmas Gift: TTI has opened a scheme to provide free Bibles (Kannada/Hindi) to new believers coming from needy families. One Bible costs Rs. 250/-. Become a partner with us to give a wonderful gift of God – His Word, The Bible!

PRAYER : 'Let my cry come before Thee, O Lord; give me understanding according to Thy Word'. (Ps. 119:169)

Masur: To be healed from epilepsy: Our brother visited Malleshappa's family for the first time and shared with them the Good News. After which Malleshappa shared his problems and said, 'we have three children, Abishek is our second son. He used to get epilepsy from his young age. When we took him to the hospital, the doctor examined him and said that he has epilepsy and he needs to take medicines life-long. We are saddened and did not know what else to do. We are poor and cannot afford to buy medicine. I am the sole bread winner in the family; I have to take care of my family and also my son's health issues. He is 13 years old. We have taken vows to many gods, but my son's health remains the same. We are scared to send him to school, to allow him to play as he gets epilepsy any time and falls down. Someone needs to take care of him all the time. I am mentally stressed out. You shared about Jesus, please pray to Him to touch and heal my son and give him the good health' he said

with heavy heart. Our brother comforted him some more from the Word of God and told him a story from Mark 9:14-29 about Jesus healing the paralytic. Jesus shows compassion on those who are suffering and give them the needed help. If you come to Him in complete faith, He will definitely heal your son from epilepsy. Let us pray that the Lord may touch Abhishek and give him complete healing from epilepsy and that the whole family may come to know the Lord as their Saviour.

Become a Missionary Supporter: Most of our brothers do not have adequate support to work with us. A family needs Rs. 6,000/- per month. You can either send full or partial support.

REPORT ON THE 'BRIDGES 1 FOR NEIGHBOURS' & 'BRIDGES FOR WOMEN' held at OM, LUCKNOW

In 1964 Operation Mobilization opened their bases in a few cities of India and one of them was in Lucknow. OM was into literature ministry to spread the Good News across the country in spite of many hurdles and difficulties it faced. In Lucknow "The Good Shepherd Churches India" (OM's present name) has a Diocese and a Bishop. Bishop P.V. Kurien heads the Diocese for North India. Bishop Kurien has known Dr Saheb John for the past 32 years. From his young days he was interested in reaching Neighbours. This helped TTI to hold training for OM's emerging leaders. The training was held from 3rd to 5th October, about 72 participants from OM and from Etawah attended the training.

The registration started on 3rd noon and the meeting began in the evening. The meeting opened with prayer, praise and worship. Good Shepherd Church team led the worship time. Then Dr Saheb John welcomed everyone and introduced the Bridges Course of Neighbours. OM leaders were involved in working among Neighbours for many years but what was new to them was the method that is, "Reaching Neighbours through Scripture Stories". Bishop Kurien delivered the key note address and spoke about the importance of reaching Neighbours in India. He shared his interest, experience and challenges in reaching Neighbours. He was well versed in Koran, recited Muslim prayers in Arabic and explained their meaning. He also shared his testimony. All this laid a good foundation before the training.

After that Dr Saheb John showed 1-3 parts of video lessons on Bridges, beginning with 'the tradition of orality'; 'the mother tongue'; and 'Jesus as the story teller'. These video lessons are well prepared and helps the first timers the importance of orality in the context we work. Then time was given for questions and clarifications. A few wanted to know its importance in the present context and it was explained to them with our own experience of the training and the effects of the trainings which were held before.

Next day at 9 a.m. the first session started. After this session the group was divided into two separate groups. Sis Rita Borgall took the younger girls who were new believers and are trainees in OM to train them in 'Bridges for Women' with them. There were about 24 girls.

Dr Saheb John taught the Neighbours course to the rest of the 48 participants. The first 30 minutes was spent in introducing Islam and Islamic glossary. Then lesson on the Prophets was taught and the story of Adam was given to four groups to learn and retell the story. They were given 30 minutes to learn the story. Then time was given to each group to retell the story without looking at the Bible. Each group tried their best as it was their first attempt to remember the story and retell it.

After the tea-break everyone gathered again for the next session. Sis. Rita took the session on steps to tell the stories accurately without paraphrasing. She took the example of Zacchaeus and went through how to learn and retell it. Participants already had such attempt before and this lesson was valuable to develop the right skill to learn the stories as it is.

In the afternoon session, time was spent studying Adam and Eve's story again but looked at the story from the angle of Neighbours understanding about honour and shame. It was an eye-opener to many and they understood the importance of sharing the Biblical message through the stories of prophets and making it relevant to Neighbours. The discussion and the interaction on the story helped everyone to understand the lesson. Then there was tea-break and again all gathered for the next session. Then four stories were given to the four groups to learn and come and present it in skit, song and story form. Four stories were: 'Adam and Eve', 'Abraham and Isaac',

'Hagar and the Angel of God', 'John the Baptist'. Enough time was given for preparation and the groups were asked to present the same the next morning.

At the same time Sis. Rita took the session for the 24 young girls most of whom came from Dalit and tribal background. A few of them were non-literates and they all wanted to serve the Lord. After introduction she explained to them that this training is for those who would like to be trained as storytellers for women's ministry especially among those who are semi-literate and non-literate. She explained to them the five steps of Bridges for Women - * Understanding traditional oral cultures and Jesus as story teller; * Scripture storytelling and Dialogue; * God's story from evangelism to Discipleship; * Choosing the right story; *Integrating the Oral Arts (Storytelling, Drama, Music, Poetry, Recitation into Women's Ministry).

She divided them into four groups and gave each group a story – The Widow's Oil (II Kings 4:1-7), The Widow's only Son (Luke 12:41-44); Two Women and a Baby (I Kings 3:16-28) and Wisdom of Slave girl (II Kings 5:1-15). She gave them time to learn the story and asked the team leaders to choose a non-literate from their group and teach her to retell the story. After learning the story, the groups rejoined and one non-literate from each group came forward to tell the story without making mistake. 2 of them retold the story perfectly but the other 2 had to be prompted by others. After this she explained how to prepare Dialogue questions and the groups were once again given the same stories but this time to write the dialogue questions. After an hour each group leader came forward and read the questions to which others in the group gave the answers. This time all 4 groups did well.

After lunch, she asked the four groups to enact the same stories given to them. They were given enough time to practice. After tea break each group enacted the stories. Initially they were very shy but after little encouragement, they did very well. After this she asked them about some of the issues and problems that they are facing in their places and in their societies. They said – poverty, non-literacy, barren, widows, divorce, dowry harassment, adultery, abuse of girl child, alcoholism, lack of jobs, idolatory, untouchability, casteism, witchcraft,

family disputes, oppression from husband and in-laws. She then told them about the importance of choosing the right story from the Bible to address the issues and gave them the list of 120 stories of Women in the Bible. Before closing for the day, she gave the story of '10 Virgins' and told one to recite the story, one to learn it as poetry and divided others into 2 groups – one group to sing the story and another group to dance.

After this both groups were brought together to watch the next 3 videos: 'Learning the Story', 'Apostolic Team' and 'Circular plan of Church Planting'. After this the day was closed with prayer.

On the final day, the session started at 9.00 a.m. It was a presentation time for groups to present the four stories they have learnt the previous evening. Bishop Kurien and other OM office staff were also invited. Each group presented the stories they had learnt. Sis. Rita's groups presented the story of '10 Virgins' in story, poetry, song and dance form. After the presentation there was a time for response from the participants to share about their experience of the past three days.

Then certificates were distributed by Sis. Sally Kurien and Sis. Rita assisted her. Dr Saheb John thanked Bishop Kurien and all the participants and encouraged them to use the material to reach the Neighbours in their areas. Bishop Kurien concluded the session and said that the materials and methods were well appreciated. He emphatically stated that, "what we were not able to do it in one and half months of training with our 'trainees', you did it in less than 3 days which is amazing and it seems the material is effective and the method works well in our context". He then closed the training with prayer and benediction.

Response's from the particpants:

Miriyam Marandi: I am from Jharkhand and am doing training with OM training. I am a non-literate,

I am the only one in my family who accepted Jesus. There are no other Christian families in my village. Nearby my village there is a church which I attend regularly. The pastor preaches every week but his message is understood mainly by literate people. Due to this my knowledge about Bible is not much and I am not able to come closer to Christ. This Bridges training was an eye opener to me, it taught me that there is a way to understand Bible through stories. This way the Gospel can be communicated with the non-literates too. I will use this method in my place to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Ajab Singh: I am from Kanoj of Etawah District. I am pastoring a church there. I come from a Hindu background and came to know the Lord in 2008. We have lots of 'Neighbours' where I live and I found it difficult to communicate the Gospel with them. I learnt here how to communicate effectively the Good News according to the culture and context we live. I visit 4-5 Neighbours family in my area and found it difficult to convince them about Christ. Now with the help of this training I will try to communicate the Gospel through the stories of prophets and will attempt to bring them to the Lord. Pray for me and my work in Kanoj.

Krishna: I am from Lucknow, doing training with OM. I was down with fever for a few days but the Lord enabled me to attend this training. I am a non-literate, my knowledge about the Bible is limited hence my spiritual growth is stagnant. This training immensely helped me to understand the Bible and its stories better. I learnt also how to communicate with others. Hereafter I will follow this method and use it in my work among my people.

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