

...to know JESUS and make Him known

## Editorial

Jonathan Edwards said 'It is the task of every generation to discover which way God is moving, and then move in that direction'. The challenge before us is to seek the Lord for Delhi, to move in the direction He is going.

Through this newsletter we want to encourage the Church members, prayer partners and the diaspora of TCFC to have a fresh and prophetic understanding of the times we live in. The sons of Issachar were "men who understood the times" they lived in (1 Chron. 12:32a). Before every move of God in any generation, God has raised up 'Elijahs' who have 'prepared the way of the Lord and fearlessly proclaimed God.

Such prophetic voices have catalyzed revivals and a fresh outpouring of the Spirit through the centuries. It is our prayer that this year such a voice would be raised from the Church and in the city of Delhi.

Towards this, the Church has declared 2004 as the '**Year of Prayer**'. Our Lord said that, my house shall be called the 'house of prayer for all nations'. People of His time were engaged in many other things than prayer. When the Lord saw it, his heart became zealous because people made it into a place of business. After the Lord cleansed the temple we see "the blind, the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them" (Matt. 21:14). I suppose the needy were hindered because the place was turned into a place of business. It was no more a place for real needs of the people to be met. Is this the condition of today's Church?

This year we want to see the needy around us seeing Jesus in us and finding hope for their lives in Him. Therefore, let us give ourselves for prayer and meditating the Word of God so that we may be tuned to His voice and be a prophetic people in this generation.

## The city's awake!

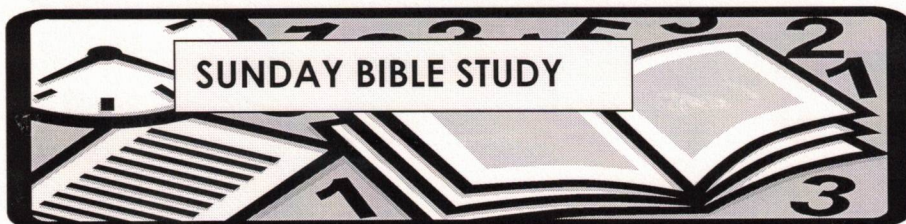
*(Is the church asleep?)*

Post modern Delhi has emerged to be a peculiar and fascinating city. Tremendous wealth and immense poverty co-exist; indifference, hostility, anger and corruption are just some of her striking characteristics. It has been described as an 'orphan city', and a city without an identity. Hard to understand, growing geographically in all directions daily, Delhi has been a great challenge to the church. Christians barely constitute 1% of her population of 15 million.

Delhi is rapidly changing. Trends and fashions, peoples and places, shops and offices change almost every day. The past two years have seen 20 new flyovers and the new metro system among other major structural changes. Delhi is a city on the move, a sociologist's delight in all the emerging kaleidoscopic patterns of cultures and sub cultures, ethnic and occupational identities.

What is the role of the church in Delhi? We request our friends and prayer partners all over to pray for this city and for the Church here that we may be His witnesses, bringing light where there is darkness, hope where there is hopelessness and deliverance where there is bondage.





## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

*"Thy WORD is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"*  
*Psalm 119:105*

With the aim to search and help understand the scriptures in depth, TCFC conducts a regular Bible study every Sunday from 8.30 to 9.30 AM. The Bible study is open for all and a steady number of eager believers attend the study on a regular basis. A series on the study of prophecies, Revelation coupled with the study of Daniel was taken by Pastor Sam. The study that just concluded was on PRAISE & WORSHIP, which was taken by Bro John who is also one of the worship leaders in the church. At present Bro. Neeraj Malik is taking an exciting study of 'Blessed in a cursed land'. A larger number of members are taking interest to undertake this study.



*"Let the little children come to Me,... the Kingdom of GOD belongs to them"*  
*Luke 18:16*

### CHILDREN'S SECTION.

Nurturing the little naughty bunch of the TCFC flock is a team led by Vasudha Khattar who has recently taken charge. The Sunday School is also growing in terms of students and teachers. Depending on their age, the children have been divided into 03 sections. Prescribed text books are used which cover a wide range of stories, question and answers, discussions and picture colouring. A few of them are meeting together every week as a part of the children cell group.

### EVENTS OF THE YEAR



#### Residential Bible Study '03

The entire family of City Fellowship Centre was blessed with God's Word and was witness to God's wonderful works through His servant, Rev Stanley Hickmann in November 2003.



#### Spreading the Good News – X'Mas 2003

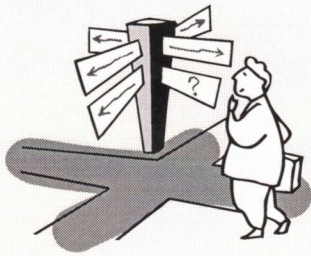
The good LORD provided the Church an opportunity to present the gospel at various places in Delhi including AIIMS, Palam Vihar Dwarka and a few colleges. The gospel was presented using stage as a medium.



#### Family Day Out !! 26 Jan 2004

As the country was celebrating the Republic day, a different kind of excitement ruffed at TCFC. It was a day out for the whole TCFC family. In the cricket match played with ICPF, TCFC won with 67 runs, but lost 2-1 in football.





*Train a child in the way He  
should go, and when He is old  
He will not depart from it"*

*Prov 22:6*

It has been observed , that many a time new believers (sometimes old believers too) who come to the faith face difficulties and doubts regarding core Christian aspects such as baptism, salvation, repentance etc. TCFC has commenced ***The Foundation Course*** that aims at exposing the new believers to the great Biblical truths as mentioned by Paul in Heb 6: 1-2 . This course is held every Saturday. The atmosphere is very informal and every form of doubt and questions are discussed with a biblical perspective. The course faculty involves the elders of the church and some sisters.

**Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, will also  
cry himself and not be heard!!**

**Prov 21:13**

### CHURCH : A REASON TO LOVE.

Unless the Christian community is not only seeking to be a "prayerful community" within itself, but also seeks justice for all people, worship of GOD is to no avail. (Isa 58). TCFC today supports few missionaries and desires to extend her hand to the needy of society. A meeting was organized and the response from the members was overwhelming. Not wanting to limit ourselves to merely supporting the needy financially, the leadership intends to take some concrete steps to make a difference in the society we live in. A planning team of a few members headed by Br. Nelson & Dr Milo have identified one village. Survey of this village is going on, and very soon possible areas of involvement will come up with suggestions. Your suggestions and involvement for the same are invited at [tcfcdelhi@yahoo.co.in](mailto:tcfcdelhi@yahoo.co.in)



### **Moved Out !!**

- Venus to UK to join Jyothis.
- Smitha to Mangalore to pursue MSc
- Manoj to SABC for M Div
- Finney and Glyni to Chennai
- Celine and Rejith to Mangalore
- Ajit and Sheeba to UK
- Suja John married and moved to London
- Manjira to Bangalore to join Alfred.
- Saurav went to Trivandrum for LLB.
- Amit went to Kuwait

### **NEW ADDITIONS**

- Satish and Ashima blessed with a baby girl - Aroma
- Biju and Julie blessed with a baby boy - Jonathan
- Ajit and Anisha blessed with a baby boy - Agile
- Manjira and Alfy blessed with a baby boy - Noela
- Sam and Asha blessed with a baby girl - Annie
- Biju and Hepzi blessed with a baby girl - Christy
- Milo and Mala blessed with a baby girl - Nampi
- Jiju and Manju blessed with a baby girl - Anugrah
- Biju and Beena blessed with a baby boy - Alphin
- Mani and Raman are blessed with a baby
- Sarah and Sanjeev are blessed with a baby - Glorita



*Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you.*

*1 Sam 12:23*

**TEAM OF INTERCESSORS** The last year, Pastor had selected a team of ten intercessors, who have devoted themselves to pray for the church, the pastor and his family.

### **LYDIA FELLOWSHIPS**

Some sisters in the Church have started prayer groups on their own initiative in their neighborhood. This has resulted in salvation, healing and deliverance of some people.

### **CELL GROUP**

TCFC believes in the priesthood of all believers (I Peter 2:9). All believers are called to share the gospel, lead people to Christ and make them disciples of Jesus. This is made possible through the cell groups. The last year we have seen believers leading their friends and family members to the knowledge of Jesus Christ and helping them to walk in the ways of the Lord. We thank the Lord for those who are taking leadership in Cell groups. At present there are 22 Cell groups. Pray that this year the Lord will multiply it.

We request the TCFC Diaspora, prayer partners and well wishers to let us know what the Lord is doing through you and your prayer needs. We also request you to prayerfully seek the Lord how you can be in partnership with the ministry the Lord is doing through us here. May be you could support a missionary couple; help the poor or other ministries in the Church. Our email : [tcfcdelhi@yahoo.co.in](mailto:tcfcdelhi@yahoo.co.in)

*To keep in touch with one another we have opened a Yahoo groups account, wherein you can access the latest developments, snaps of activities etc by TCFC members. All are invited to join, encourage one another and keep in touch.*  
[tcfcdelhi@yahoogroups](mailto:tcfcdelhi@yahoogroups).

**YOU ARE BLESSED IN CHRIST**

### **Marriages**

- Venus weds Jyothis.
- Binu weds Blessy.
- Joel weds Mathi.
- Wilson weds Rani.
- Harish weds Liny.
- Susan weds Binoy
- Suja weds Jose
- Jemima weds Sanjeev

### **Missions**

- Biju and Blessy has moved to Rampur, Himachal Pradesh as missionaries. They are the first missionary couple who went from the Church.
- Lancy & Reena are ministering in Korenar, Chattisgarh. They have started a boy's home and schooling.
- Siblu & Bini are in Durg, Chattisgarh. The Lord has helped them to start a fellowship there.
- Shibu Abraham completed his theological training and is working in North India.
- Blankets were distributed at various places in Delhi to help the poor battle winter. This contribution primarily came from non-Christian friends of believers in the Church.

### **Other News**

- Matthew V. Ninan has joined Evangelism in Depth ministry (EID). The Lord is using him to equip many churches for evangelism.
- Philip Eapen is pursuing Phd. from SAIACS Bangalore
- Kezia got married to Kapil on 28<sup>th</sup> January
- Suby is graduating from NTC this April.
- Manoj and Dolly are continuing their theological studies.
- Joel Mathew finished his studies and joined back TCFC.