

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

January 27, 2008

**FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:
THE "REIGN OF GRACE" THROUGH CHRIST
Romans 5: 12-21**

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday	28 Jan	Youth Group Meeting
Wednesday	30 Jan	Bible class-2 Corinthians 6
Thursday	31 Jan	Ladies Prayer Meeting.
Saturday	2 Feb	Men's Fellowship Breakfast.
Sunday	3 Feb	The Lord's Table.
Monday	4 Feb	Youth Group Meeting
Wednesday	6 Feb	Bible class-2 Corinthians 6
Thursday	7 Feb	Ladies Prayer Meeting.
Sunday	10 Feb	Deacon's Meeting.
Monday	11 Feb	Youth Group Meeting
Wednesday	13 Feb	Bible class-2 Corinthians 6
Thursday	14 Feb	Ladies Prayer Meeting.
Sunday	17 Feb	Annual Business Meeting-First Session

**** We made a mistake. Only two deacons will be elected this year. Danny's term did not expire. Nominations were closed last Sunday. Leonard and Jimmy were nominated. Other nominees chose not to run.**

**** Note that the Annual Business Meeting will be first session this year.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Worship

SECOND SERVICE MESSAGE:

THE EXALTATION AND PRESENT WORK OF CHRIST

Glenhaven Youth Ranch

Trinity Bible Church;

Thank you so much for the Wal-Mart Gift Certificates that you have given to Glenhaven. We greatly appreciate your incredible generosity. It is such a tremendous encouragement to all of us. We had a great Christmas this year. It was very busy, filled with parties and fellowship with each other and our supporters. Several of our Young People were able to visit family and we made sure the one's that stayed here had a wonderful and Christ-filled Christmas. We have had a difficult year but the Lord has carried us through it all and we are looking forward to another year of serving Him and our kids.

Thanks again for the gift certificates and for your continued investment in the lives of these young people and staff through your prayers and support. We hope you had A Very Merry Christmas and that your New Year is blessed. Quentin Swafford, Director.

QUIER CORNER INDIA Thomas Samuel, President

This is just a brief report to let you all know that Marykutty and I just returned to Bangalore from Quiet Corner after a fantastic Jungle Christmas with the largest crowd ever, over 1300 villagers. Over 400 families and 250 children were gifted with clothes as a token of God's compassion for the needy. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas message and the sumptuous Christmas feast. This was our 30th Christmas in the Jungle. The first Christmas was celebrated with just five tribal families' years ago. We are grateful to God for those who have contributed already for Christmas and those who will be contributing. We have spent more than we received and trust God for the rest.

FRESH COMMITMENT TO CHRIST: It gave us great joy to see several souls who made decision for Christ during Christmas meetings in the three Churches at Gundlupet, Mavanahalla and Masinagudi.

GIRLS READY FOR BAPTISM: Also do pray for another five village girls ready for baptism. It is not easy for them to take this step but they are determined. May the Lord honor their genuine and simple faith?

BIBLES URGENTLY NEEDED: We do need sponsors for more Bibles. We placed more than 15000 Bibles in non-Christian homes in 2007 and our minimum target is 25,000 for 2008. Each Bible costs \$4.00 but this is a lasting spiritual investment in the lives of lost souls. Millions of homes are waiting for a copy of the Bible for the first time. Our youngest donor for Bible is Beth Watson, an eight year old from Dallas who regularly contributes \$4 a month. What a challenge?

Marykutty and I along with Paul and Jaya and the entire Quiet Corner family take this opportunity to wish you all God's richest blessings for a purposeful God-centered New Year 2008! Each of you mean so much to us and thank you for your partnership.

CONSTRUCTION OF "MERCY CORNER" AT QUIET CORNER CAMPSITE: An Update and an Appeal for possible support for the construction of Mercy Corner Quiet Corner Campsite and Mission station is situated next door to world famous wildlife Sanctuary Mudumalai and Bandipur in South India. It is a unique place of great scenic beauty with Blue Mountains of the Nilgiris on one side and the wild life sanctuaries on the other side with all kinds of wild life. It has

a very pleasant climate throughout the year and is situated at 3700 feet above sea level. Quiet Corner has 20 acres of beautiful and fertile land purchased at a very nominal price 35 years ago. This is a special gift of God to us. Out of these 20 acres, 10 acres is developed as beautiful campsite. Mercy Corner is part of the campsite. Because of its adventurous and exciting atmosphere and affordable accommodation, Churches and Educational Institutions and Christian families are using it for Retreats, Bible Conferences, Youth camps, Prayer Conferences, etc. Over 17,000 youth have come and made use of this campsite over the years and several made commitment to Christ.

The centre is becoming a very attractive place for young and old alike. Quiet Corner uses the facility for its various training programs and also Prayer mobilization. The Campsite as such has multi-purpose. The campsite serves Christians from various backgrounds and thus is a help building unity among God's people. In the year 2007 over 200 families and several camps and Retreats were held.

PRESENT FACILITIES: We have now a couple of buildings and a Chapel which can accommodate about 100 people. Churches would like to bring two to three hundred people for Conferences and retreats but they do not have a facility to conduct meetings and hence depend on "tents" which are not available always. We need a Conference hall which could seat at least 350 people and Mercy Corner under construction is one of the answers.

AN INCOME GENERATING PROJECT: Being a wild life area, it is a place of great tourist attraction and the place is getting more and more popular and a sought out one. It is also the only Christian campsite and there is no other campsite offering such an exciting atmosphere anywhere in South India. People and families who make use of the facilities do pay a reasonable amount for boarding and lodging. Right now we can accommodate about 200 people at a time. After the completion of Mercy Corner we could increase it to 250 and more. This certainly gives us an income for the ministry. The larger the numbers, the better the income is. More groups and Conferences in large numbers would be encouraged to come and make use of the campsite if a Conference Hall is available. This would mean more income for the Ministry for years to come. More than anything else this Hall will be a place of seeking God's face for the nation and a place of healing for thousands of people in the days to come.

Approximate project cost to complete it:

PHASE 1 – The Conference Hall and cellar which is now under construction: \$25,000.00. Help to complete, putting windows and doors, plastering, flooring, tiling, electrical fittings & painting. \$10,000.00. Finishing touch on Platform and basic furnishing.

PHASE 11 - \$50,000 Building of first floor with 14 rooms around for residence including basic furniture. Total needed to complete both floors: \$85000.00

What we have spent so far: Laying foundation, cellar and structure: \$40,000.00 approx. But rate of cement and steel has gone up 20% since then. We desire to complete the hall first so that we can begin to use it.

Stages in construction to date: Windows and doors and concrete for the first elevation. Your prayers, help and partnership would be a lasting investment for the ministry and for the cause of Christ in India, hence this special e-mail. I usually emphasis Bibles, but this time this is an urgent need. I also take this opportunity to thank those who have already taken a share. Thank you for your partnership. Thomas Samuel

GOD'S PLAN
THE "REIGN OF GRACE" THROUGH CHRIST
ROMANS 5:12-21

THE GREAT DOCTRINE OF THE TWO MEN

I. The Two Men

A. Adam– Verse 14

- Here Adam is declared a type of the One who was to come – that is of Christ, the last Adam.
- Adam is the natural head of the human race. 1 Corinthians 15:22

B. Christ– Verse 14

Who is the fulfillment of the type of Him who was to come.

- Christ is the last Adam. He is not the second Adam – He is the last Adam. 1 Corinthians 15:45
- Christ is the head of a new race. No longer belonging to the race of Adam. 2 Corinthians 5:17

II. The Two Acts

A. Adam – one trespass: – Verses 12,15,17,18,19

B. Christ –One righteous act (on the cross): Verse 18

III. The Two Results

A. By Adam – Condemnation, guilt, and death: Verses 15,16

B. By Christ – Justification, life, Kingship: Verses 17,18,19

IV. The Two Differences

A. In Degree – Verse 15

- God the Creator's grace by Christ, abounds beyond the sin of the creature, Adam.

B. In Kind of Operation – Verse 16

- **One sin, by Adam – condemnation and reign of death.**
- **Many sins laid on Christ – justification and “reigning in life” for those accepting God’s grace by Him.**

V. The Two Kings

A. Sin – reigning through Death: Verse 17

B. Grace – reigning through Righteousness: Verse 21

VI. The Two Abundances

A. Of Grace: Verse 17

B. Of The Gift Of Righteousness: Verse 17

VII. The Two Contrasted States

A. Condemned Men, slaves of Death by Adam: Vs. 18

B. Justified Men, Reigning In Life, By Christ: Vs 18

Summary:

- 1. We were in Him – He swallowed our sin to Himself.**
- 2. By His act of obedience – He took our disobedience.**
- 3. By His act of faith – He took our unbelief.**
- 4. When He rose from the dead – we rose with Him.**

Because our “representative Man”, Christ, won over Satan and death– God declares that we are also victors! (The Gospel) Romans 8:37

This victory is a historical fact; a historical event that can be dated with reasonable accuracy.

God requires that we believe His testimony regarding this historical event to be included in the victory. 1 John 5:9-13

THE EXALTATION AND PRESENT WORK OF CHRIST

I. The Fact of Christ's Exaltation.

II. The Present Work Of The Exalted Christ.

(Exaltation – Webster's dictionary) –

The act of raising high; elevation to power, office, rank dignity or excellence; elevated state; state of greatness or dignity.

I. The Fact of Christ's Exaltation.

A. Jesus Christ's Ascension (He Was Received up Into Heaven.)

- **Christ's "ascension" refers to His return to heaven from earth after His resurrection.**
- **Luke records the fullest account of the ascension of Christ in the Gospel of Luke 24:51 and Acts 1:9**

B. Jesus Christ's Session (He Is Seated at The Father's Right Hand.)

- **He took His rightful place at the right hand of the Father – the highest position in all of creation. Ephesians 1:18-20**

C. He Has Been Given Dominion. Matthew 28: 18

- **Over Heavenly Powers. 1 Peter 3:21**
- **Over the Church, Ephesians 1:21-22**
- **Over His Kingdom. (At This Present Time He is Savior - At His 2nd Advent He will Take His Rightful Office As King) Isaiah 9:6-7**

II. The Present Work Of The Exalted Christ.

A. The Exalted Christ Is The Mediator Between God and Men.

(Mediator – One that interposes between two parties at variance for the purpose of reconciling them) Christ is a *mediator*.

- **By nature - as partaking of both natures Divine and human.
1 Timothy 2:5**
- **By office - as transacting matters between God and Believers.
Hebrews 8:6-7**

B. The Exalted Christ Is The Indweller by the Holy Spirit.

- It is by the Holy Spirit that our Lord dwells within the believer, who also is said to reside within: Galatians 2:20, Colossians 1:27
- Christianity is Christ – Christ dwelling within. By Him we have become partakers of the Divine Nature – Himself. 2 Peter 1:4

C. The Exalted Christ Is the Bestower of Gifts to the Church.

- Gifts To The Universal Church. Ephesians 4:7-12
- Gifts To Individual Believers. 1 Corinthians 12:7-12

D. The Exalted Christ is the Believer's High Priest.

- The Old Testament High Priest responsibility was to bring the sacrifice that was offered by the people to God.
- His Special Function (Christ)– that of presenting our worship and praise to God. (He offers to God what we bring) Hebrews 13:15
- When He presents our imperfect services – worship – prayers – they are accepted even as we are accepted. Romans 15:7

E. The Exalted Christ is the Believer's Intercessor. (One who pleads on behalf of another)

- He Prays for Us. John 17:9
- He Prays in Advance of Our Trials. Luke 22:31-32
- He Prays as the One Who Took Our Condemnation. Romans 8:34
- His Prayer for Us Will Never Fail – Ever! Hebrews 7:24-25

F. The Exalted Christ is the Believer's Advocate. (To defend by argument before a tribunal)

- He Pleads for Us When We Do Sin. 1 John 2:1
- He Pleads From A Position of His Own Merit. 1 John 2:2
- Advocacy deals with our Relationship to God Not our Fellowship!
- 1 John 1:9 has to do with being restored to the place of fellowship not to restore a relationship, i.e. Father/Child relationship.

- **His present work helps us better understand Ephesians 5:27 where we are told that He will present us “spotless and blameless before the Throne”. Ephesians 5:27**

Summary: All of this is His personal work for us.

- 1. His past personal work for us on the Cross.**
- 2. His present personal work for us in Heaven, which we have looked at today.**
- 3. His future personal work for us when He comes for us in the Rapture.**

He is not going to send an Angel to come and get us, but He is coming personally to receive us unto Himself. John 14:2

We are lovingly directed to look to Him to complete all of His work. Hebrews 12:2

All of this is His work for us – not ours. What a wonderful Savior!