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The MALABAR MISSION SOCIETY





OUR MISSION



THE MALABAR MISSION SOCIETY EXISTS

- to further the cause of God's Gospel of Love
- to focus on the region of Malabar in India, and to go beyond
- to primarily assist evangelism and service already underway
- and to support new programs where needed and possible

WHAT DO WE DO?



Some Malabar gospel workers. The Malabar Mission Society supports their outreach activities

PROJECT AREAS OF THE M.M.S.

- Sharing the Gospel message
- Entering into North Malabar
- Reaping a harvest
- Serving in love
- Discipling believers
- Enabling ministries

"... go into all the world and proclaim the good news..." (Mk.16:15)





"Let the children come to me"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- 32 Vacation Bible School camps annually
- 1200 students, the majority of them not Christian
- The cost is 50¢ per child



"The message of divine forgiveness"

LITERATURE

- Tracts and booklets telling the story in the Malayalam language
- One Hundred Bible Stories, The Catechism, Hymnal
- Best Friends, The Life of Jesus
- Publication, storage and distribution



BCC

- A Bible Correspondence Course outreach at Good News Centre, Calicut
- Private courses to lead people into the Word of God
- Courses include three
 gospels, and the O.T.-based
 Promises of God
- New courses are needed



Leela, witness to Christ

Entering North Malabar Starting New Work

"The Word of God continued to advance" (Acts 12:24)



Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester, MN made this possible

NADUVIL/CHENGALAI

- A long prayed-for mission outreach into the interior of North Malabar
- Two beginning congregations, an evangelist, church buildings, nursery school, tailoring school
- Leela, from Hindu background, was the first new believer. She brought nine others for instruction and baptism



St. Armands Key Lutheran Church, Sarasota, FL made this ministry possible

THE OPEN DOOR

- At Kannur in North Malabar. A youth oriented student library and reading room in a bustling port city
- General and Christian books, journals and newspapers are provided, and an evangelist meets the visitors
- Public discussion forums and music programs. Evangelist Rejidas gave leadership



The MMS raised a loan to buy this fine building for the work in Kannur

"VANITHA" - WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

- Opposite the government Women's Arts and Science College at Kannur, the Centre serves female college students
- Two women workers conduct the program in an attractive building purchased for this purpose
- Studying and reading materials, computer assistance, course textbooks, fellowship and worship



Reaping a Harvest

Kudan Sab, baptized at age 75, says "Thank you"

"The harvest is plentiful ...send out labourers" (Mt. 9:37)





South India

THE ANANTAPUR MOVEMENT

- Reaching beyond Malabar with the gospel
- Four districts in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka states
- In a spontaneous grassroots development large numbers of Muslims and Hindus are turning to Christ and his way of love



Shaikh Ismail conducting a baptism

THE ANANTAPUR MOVEMENT

- It is led by Shaikh Ismail, a gentle but strong leader
- It is fostered by 24 evangelists, all new believers
- It is a New Testament-style of church planted in Telugu-speaking villages



K.K. Alavi deals with letters from inquirers in the thousands

REV. K.K. ALAVI MINISTRY

- The "New Hope Mission" at Manjeri in South Malabar
- K.K. is a famed Muslim convert with a courageous and exciting ministry
- Fully supported and sponsored by members of Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota and others; the M.M.S. provides backing



Serving in Love

Dr. Sophie, Medical Superintendent, Christian Welfare Centre

"But I am among you as one who serves" (Lk. 22:27)



C.W.C., Malappuram

MEDICAL WORK

- The Christian Welfare Centre at Malappuram, South Malabar, evolved from a women's and children's ministry
- Pre and post-natal care and other services in a booming program, with Dr. Sophie Brillin giving the leadership
- At Wandoor, Karunalaya Hospital is looking at new directions; help is given to both institutions for equipment, snake bite medicine, and other needs



First nursery school at Malappuram

EDUCATIONAL WORK

- Several nursery schools are at work in a program started by Mrs. Mary Helen Miller and Mrs. Mildred Francis. The love and care for children opens the door to families
- Schools are self supporting, but need occasional help for equipment and facilities
- Occasional support goes to the Otten School at Wandoor; K-12 with 800+ students; started by Mr. D. Appukuttan, it has a strong community impact



English as a Second Language. Our volunteers called it an unforgettable experience

ESL

- At Kannur, an Accent Reduction
 program for young educated
 women
- Intensive accent reduction seminars that involve volunteer teaching teams from North America
- The training potentially opens the way for employment, including jobs in call centres



Discipling Believers

Workers in the vineyard

"...Teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:20)





Pastor Titus, a senior Malabar worker and leader

STATION OUTREACH

- Support for eight mission stations with combined evangelistic and congregational programs
- The program in each mission station is led by a pastor, catechist or evangelist who is called a Gospel Worker
- The supplementary monthly stipends
 provide outreach tools and help with living
 expenses
- There are now about 500 members in congregations and preaching stations



Sultan Battery convention; they create their own outdoor auditorium

SPIRITUAL LIFE CONVENTION

- Supplementary help for a biennial assembly that draws together members of the Malabar Mission Circle
- Two happy days of praise and prayer, study and fellowship
- Common in the Indian church, the fellowship strengthens Christian life, zeal for witness, and morale

Cultural Awareness





KEY ELEMENTS OF LEADERSHIP



Learning, teaching, sharing and praying



Church planting Born Christian, new believer

LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

- Regular meetings involve the gospel workers in Malabar and others in Anantapur
- Lay seminars. Special meetings for youth, women, Sunday School teachers. Stewardship and evangelism conferences
- Support includes costs for promotion, travel, speakers

Anantapur Evangelists receive bicycles



Christ Lutheran Church, Regina, SK, made this possible

Enabling Ministries

"So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily" (Acts 16:5)



Foothills Lutheran Church, Calgary, AB, helped Shaikh Ismail to cover his far-reaching Anantapur field

MOTORCYCLES

- Gospel workers need to be on the move. Many use buses and bicycles
- The use of motorcycles helps to maximize outreach efforts
- Their purchase, tax, petrol and upkeep are included in the project



Help!

BUILDING REPAIRS

- Occasional help for urgent maintenance and repair needs
- In South India torrential rains mean buildings need on-going care. Small or poor congregations often cannot keep up
- Gospel workers view this as a critical area of need for effective ministry



Rev. Victor and Family

ADMINISTRATION IN INDIA

- The M.M.S. work in India is led by a voluntary Program Director/India Agent
- Two qualified and faithful leaders, Rev. K.M. Victor for 20 years and now Rev. T. Joy have directed the progress
- They relate to the M.M.S. through the Project Officer and to the India Evangelical Lutheran Church through its Board for Missions



When we remember the dedicated Christians in India who strive to carry out our Lord's commission and to offer His living water, we can only repeat what St. Paul said about his co-workers:

> "How can we thank God enough for you...



... in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you!" (1 Th. 3:9)

HOW DID THE MMS GET STARTED?

In response to an appeal from India and on the initiative of Dr. Roland Miller, a group of Lutherans met in Regina in 1990 and resolved to form the society. When a Malabar pastor heard the news he said "Now we know that someone cares!" For twenty years since then God has bountifully blessed this work



Mrs. Mildred Francis and Rev. Carlton Riemer



Society Founder, Rev. Dr. R.E. Miller

HOW DOES THE MMS FUNCTION? Incorporated in Saskatchewan, it has a Board of Directors with Officers, to implement the program. All are volunteers. Regular contact is maintained with the Malabar activities, including annual visitations. The Project Officer also relates to national churches and organizations in India



THE CHALLENGE IS GREAT!

Malabar and Indian society are huge, young, dynamic, open.

Our co-workers there need help to seize the current opportunities, and time is short

Our Lord advised us to accelerate our witness to God's salvation and power for life

"We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day: the night is coming when no one can work." (Jn.9:4)



Smiles of friendship and appreciation from Abdurahiman, Ayesha and Isahak who came to the faith through the Malabar ministry

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

• Send a contribution to:

The Malabar Mission Society P.O. Box 32045 Regina, SK Canada S4N 7L2

- Your gift will go directly to the projects
- · We welcome help from all mission-minded Christians
- You will receive the Society's Newsletter enabling you to be informed and to pray for the needs of the projects and our fellow believers in Malabar, old and new

"Come over and help us" (Acts 6:9)

OUR 20th ANNIVERSARY and still going strong!! But we need your support!

DID YOU KNOW that you can make an online donation for the ministry by going to www.poblo.org and clicking on the donation button. This is a fast and safe way of supporting POBLO and saving a stamp.

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