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# *BFC Editorial*

Dear Friends!

Welcome to the summer of 2025!

As we move into the season of the Pentecost we are especially aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our work. The Braman Foundation is very aware of the state of the church, mainly in the United States and so we want to practice, as closely as possible, the principles as taught to Christ's original 12 disciples. Mainly, that our work is a reflection of supporting those that are poor, widowed, and orphaned. That our messaging supports Christ's message in all our booklets and programs. So we strive for that authentic truth throughout all of our platforms.

With that said, we believe this work is ready to be duplicated throughout those communities that wish to participate in the BFC programs. The BFC community programs are now in their 20th year and Behind the Walls Corrections is also available to be distributed throughout the churches.

Therefore our efforts to grow this work we hope is blessed through the Holy Spirit. Central to the BFC, we are in continuous communication with our mission partners. Whether praying for our partners, providing funding, or planning conferences, this work continues to grow.

Revive magazine has become not only a news update on BFC, but also a ministry in itself. We receive many accolades to its usefulness, not only as vital information regarding the ministry but its value of spiritual content.

So we are especially grateful for you, our member supporters, our prayer partners, and those that provide financial support.

Be ever blessed and highly favored as you enjoy the summer of 2025 with family, friends, and loved ones.

Always in Divine Friendship,  
BFC



## The 2025 Scripture:

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket, but on the lamp stand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."*

Matthew 5:14-16



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# Asapalli

## Missions: India

### Brief ministry report of both school & hostel

January to June 2025

The activity of both Hostel & school are different but both function as one unit.

**Motto:** ‘The fear of the Lord is the beginning of the wisdom’

**Vision:** “To equip pupil to grow in the fear of God with the knowledge that God is the Supreme Being is in control of the whole world and is the only source of true wisdom.

**Facilities:** It’s our joy to announce that God has given some great and dedicated men & women of God to equip the children in this region who are downtrodden and challenged.

#### Some basic infrastructures as follow:

- All class rooms equipped with modern equipment.
- Well furnished science laboratory.
- Separate boys & girls common room.
- Two separate computer labs for both high and senior students.
- CCTV cameras in all the campus area.
- Furnished library with digital cataloging.
- NCC / career counseling sessions.
- Sports week/educational tours (X & XII) for deserving students.
- Summer coaching for class IX & X students.
- A small children park.

**The activities are listed in bullet points with pictures:**

The Lord has blessed us with 128 boys and girls at hostel this academic year and 10238 altogether at school. The school conducted regular classes until the final exams for classes Nursery to VIII and the declaration of results in March concluded the session 2024- 2025 . Pre- board exams and board exams for classes IX –XII were also conducted as per the SEBA and AHSEC schedule. We thank the Lord for the good results of the school in the HSLC and HS exams, 2025.

Bible classes and Sunday school as spiritual disciplinary curriculum also started with a great enthusiasm.

1. 9th January, last phase of school activity, pictures with teachers and students in the class room.
2. Group pictures of teaching faculty.
3. 25th January farewell program of class X & XII at school
4. 7th February farewell of both class X & XII hostellers.
5. 27th March teachers' special orientation program.
6. 30th April a day workshop New Age teaching Methodology.
7. 3rd May teachers /Parents meeting
8. 17th May teacher's orientation program phase II.
9. 25th May felicitation program for fresher's and the distinct students who have acquired good marks.
10. 26th May felicitation program for the fresher's at hostel.
11. 5th June World Environment Day observation.
12. 22nd June 2025 Father's day celebration

It is my joy to share that apart from academic studies the mission is committed to enhance students with spiritual activities as well. Besides morning devotion and bible classes on Sundays, vacation bible school is being conducted every year during Puja holidays. Students are accompanying

with staff to various churches/conferences and camps outside campus.

We thank God for giving us wonderful people who love Asapalli. We deeply appreciate each of them for their valuable contributions and prayer support. Asapalli will always be indebted to them.

Please Pray for:

1. An audio-visual room for providing technology based teaching
2. Separate labs for physics and biology.
3. Addition of infrastructure for sports such as basketball court, table tennis, etc for older students and playground equipment for pre-primary and primary students.
4. Commerce stream to be added in a few years so that students who cannot afford to go outside for studies can have the opportunity to choose the stream of their choice according to their future career goals.
5. Provision for canteen facilities providing hygienic fresh food in the school campus.
6. CCTV coverage in the remaining new class rooms of the school building.
7. Smart Boards for each classroom in the secondary section to aid the teachers in accordance with the guidelines set by NEP 2020.
8. Bigger auditorium for assembly and school functions.
9. Present assembly hall is divided into two for H.S class rooms.
10. School bus as demands continues from parents.







## SCHOOL MAGAZINE CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



Dear Students,  
We are excited to announce that Asapalli English School (Senior Secondary) is currently accepting submissions for our upcoming school magazine! If you want to showcase your creativity and talent, read the following guidelines.

### Content

All submitted pieces and content must be original; copying of other's works from online or offline sources will be immediately rejected.

### Eligibility

All students and alumni of Asapalli English School (Senior Secondary) are invited and eligible to submit their work.

### Topic

Your submissions can be any topic and genre. Feel free to express your ideas through your chosen medium while following the ethical guidelines of the school.

### Language

All submissions may be submitted in English, Hindi, Bengali, Manipuri, Hmar, and Khasi. We encourage you to seek feedback and proofread your work before submission.



### Format

- Word limit for articles, short stories, opinion pieces & essays: 300 words max.
- Poetry: Submit a maximum of 2 poems.
- Artwork: Submit original copies of your artwork to your class teacher.

### Submission Procedure

Submit your work to your respective class teacher with the subject line:

"Magazine Submission - [Your Name] - [Grade/Class]" in an envelope.

### Submission Date

Submit all pieces and content by **19th August, 2023**.

**The Editorial Committee**  
**School Magazine**  
**Asapalli English School**  
**(Senior Secondary)**

**Date: 8th June, 2023**

If you would like more updates from the school, request a copy of the Asapalli School Magazine. BFC will happily accommodate your request.

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# Wanted: New Creatures?

*"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: all things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

*- II Corinthians 5:17*

It is the insistent teaching of the New Testament that becoming a Christian is a revolutionizing experience. A man is presented as being fundamentally different after contact with Christ than he was before.

The language of Bible on this subject is explicit. Jesus told Nicodemus that he "must be born again", if he was to enter the kingdom of God. And the Gospels and Epistles constantly refer to the believer as a "new creature" or a "new man". Examples of this are Ephesians 4:24; "And put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." ; Colossians 3:9-10; "Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being received in knowledge after the image of its creator." Perhaps the most indecisive and comprehensive statement of the truth appears in the text.

So, we are true to the Scriptures when we assert that when a person becomes united with Christ, he is changed, transformed, transfigured. Life is never the same after conversion. If it is then you were not converted. Jesus Christ makes a difference in a man-a profound difference. We cannot be found in him or he and us, and continue to think the same, feel the same, or look at life in the same way. I know from my own experience that Jesus Christ does make a great deal of difference in your life. Things that were important before now take the hind seat. The meaning of life is entirely different now. We begin to put the right perspective on the things of the spirit rather than on material things.

When God gets a hold of a man's soul and revolutionizes his life, there's likely to be some excitement. It takes an earthquake to get some

people out of hell. Jesus Christ can cause that earthquake.

A man may join a church, attend its services, and engage in its activities; he may endorse the Christian ethic and admire the Master, and still retain his old manner of thought, and his old modes of behavior; but "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature."

The fact remains that the greatest drag on Christianity today is not the secularization without; it is the reduced Christianity within - the religious generalities and innocuous platitudes of a pallid, anemic Christianity.

Many feel to be a Christian is just to belong to a church. Actually, belonging to a church is and should be a direct result of being a Christian. If persons were only taken into the church after they became converted, there would not be very many members of churches.

So much of our boasted Christianity is only skin deep, and we know it. Many of our pews have never been truly converted; they have never been changed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the new creatures. And the same might be said about some who stand in our pulpits. That Englishman was about right when he wrote that, "the church is at present a field for evangelism rather than a force for evangelism."

You know because your parents attended church every Sunday and you came with them. This doesn't make you a Christian. Certainly, it is helpful, but you yourself have to feel the touch of God's hand upon you and not your mother or father. We cannot live our lives based on another's faith and true experience.

Christians cannot be like the rest of the world. We have to be different. We have to be what Christ wants us to be.

We talk about people coming to church when they feel like it. What do you suppose is the church's worst enemy? Would you believe it? The church's worst enemy is the "empty pew". Here are some reasons why.

A pew empty because of the indifference and slackness of a member is not silent. It speaks with a voice and language which men everywhere can hear and understand. It declares, "I know all about this Christianity business, and take it from me, it doesn't amount to much. I am a member of a church, I signed up as a follower of Jesus, but that doesn't mean anything. It's just something to do when you feel like it and get around to it. It doesn't matter much one way or another. An empty pew speaks as an enemy of the church.

A pew empty through the disloyalty of a member discourages other members of the church. Many times we say, "What's the use? I give up." It tends to weaken their allegiance, dampen their enthusiasm, make more difficult their fight against sagging. No inspiring example, no spirit of fellowship and worship, no encouraging voice in song and prayer, no study companion for writing the world's wrongs, rises from an empty pew. It is a saboteur in the house of God.

Even more damaging to the church, an empty pew cheats and betrays the person who belongs to it. It is cheating someone of an opportunity to share in life's highest adventure, and noblest enterprise, without which man's life has neither purpose nor sanity. It is betraying someone into smug self-righteousness or careless neglect. It is the church's worst enemy because it is the wisest enemy of someone whom God loves.

According to our text, Christianity is not an amendment to a pagan way of life; it is a substitute. The new life in Christ is not an appendage to old life, for a man cannot be old and new at the same time. Conversion is not the sewing of a patch of holiness on old cloth. The real Christian is a new fabric from top to bottom. Truly, we are cleansed, our souls, our

lives are cleaned when we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Everything is put away and we take on everything new.

The genuine Christian is living in a new universe. He recognizes the old things about him, but still, they are different. There is a reevaluation. God is now the center of life. Nothing supremely matters, but his will.

It is interesting to know how many things are taking our center of interest today. Everything seems to come first except the Church and God. If we have any time left over, then we will give it to the church and God's work. If is the same way with our giving. Everything else comes first, then what is left we will share for God's work.

Actually, when Christ really matters in our lives, he comes first, and the rest of our lives center around him. We give to God's work first, and then we use the rest of our money for living our lives. Believe me this is true because I've seen it happen time and time again and speaking from my own life, I know it to be true.

Such words as these might comprise the testimony of one who is in union with Christ: "Christ has given me a new eyesight and a new insight."

"Practices I once considered right are abhorrent to me now."

"The worship in the sanctuary, which was once a tedious bore to me has become my chief joy."

The people whose religious zeal seemed madness to me are now my friends."

The drab has turned to gold, and the common place is glorified. Life wears a different face to me, since I found my Savior."

Being a Christian isn't being dull, lifeless, drab, or uninteresting. Being a Christian is being full of vitality, being pleasant, happy, joyful. It is entirely a different life than being of the world. It's really engaging life and living life to its fullest.



Dwight L. Moody said, "I remember the morning on which I came out of my room after I had first trusted God. I thought the old sun shown a great deal brighter than it ever had before; I thought it was just smiling upon me. As I walked across Boston common and heard the bird singing in the trees, I thought they were all singing a song to me."

This is a wonderful testimony, isn't it? How about your testimony? Have you really met your Savior? Has your life been changed? Have you become a reborn person? If you haven't, it isn't too late, Christ is waiting for you. You make the next move; he will be more than glad to meet you halfway. And even if you have met your Savior, we need to renew our souls with him. Perhaps you have strayed a bit, now is the time to get back on the right path. Don't wait. Take the opportunity now that it is waiting for you.

What difference has Christ made in your life and mine?

In our churches, I want to see conversions which go down deep and transform lives. I want to see more people who love God, who love his house, who love his Book, and who love his cause well enough to sacrifice for it.

Such new creatures are the hope of the world. Without them, our ethical and social schemes, however, nobly conceived, and worked for, will fall apart in our hands. If our society is to be saved, individuals must be redeemed; they must be converted, regenerated, born again.

I know we modern day Christians think the word converted is old-fashioned and that just doesn't happen nowadays. Well I tell you right now, it isn't old-fashioned and you can call it what you want, but lives are changed by Christ, and they will continue to be changed, and we can all thank God that this does happen for it will be a sad world if new lives were never changed and redirected.

The moment you are converted to Christ, several dramatic things happened, whether you were aware of them or not. First, your sins were forgiven. Second, the new man is adopted and receives the divine nature of the son of God. Third, the new man is indwelt by

the Spirit of God. Fourth, the new man has the possibility of victory over temptation and sin. The new man is actually Christ in the heart, and Christ in the heart means that he is in the center of our being. In the process of change into a new creature when Christ indwells the heart, the human personality is neither absorbed nor destroyed. Instead, it is enriched and empowered by this union with Christ.

A new social order is an idle pipe dream without new social units. Only new men can bring in the better day.

Let us pray that God's Holy Spirit, who walks when and where he pleases, may create in the church and across the world new creatures. Only he can perform this wonderful essential work. It is not in our power to regenerate and renew. God's Spirit can make these dry, old, tired, bones, alive, and really living.

That's why I believe conversion of men to Jesus Christ is the only hope we have for the world today. As Christians, I believe we are obligated to do our part in helping to spread of this "good news". Let us not hide our light under a bushel. Let us let it shine before men that they may have the opportunity to see and hear what a difference Christ does make in a human life. Indeed, the world does need "new creatures" in Christ.



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### BFC Thanksgiving Greetings

**Thanksgiving**  
2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

It is 2 Corinthians 8:9 where we think about what our definition of the word rich is. Surely our Lord did not not give His life so we might be rich in material blessings or even rich in safety or security. The Lord our God did not live a rich life of safety and security as He continuously placed Himself in harm's way to do the work of His heavenly Father. Jesus was thankful for the little, knowing that His true riches would be with His Father in heaven.

If you count your riches by who and how many love you it will still fall short of the riches from our heavenly Father. As Jesus traveled and spoke the word of Christ he was hated and feared.

**Thankful to the Lord for His sacrifice**





**Thankful:**  
Thankful the Lord does not give us what we deserve! He does however give us everything we need. When we live in the knowledge of need we acknowledge all the Lord has given us and we are: **Thankful**

**Gratitude:**  
Gratitude is an act of faith - especially in the midst of life's challenges. Thank the Lord regardless of our circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18  
God's love is there always, even when we cannot feel it and He promises never to leave us. As we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will given to you as well. **Matthew 6:33-35.**

**Thankfulness Leads to Witnessing**  
**Psalm 9:1**  
I will give thanks to you Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. When you cultivate a spirit of thankfulness, it will spill over into your relationships. When others see you credit God for His love in difficult situations/circumstances, they will begin to wonder why?  
You need not even speak the words of praise and thanksgiving - you need only to be an example of Christ at work in your life. To be a living example of kindness, love, and forgiveness as Christ like life.

**Philippians 4:6-7**  
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving presents your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ.





**An Inspirational Quotation**  
"And whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him"  
Colossians 3:17

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# Mityana Community Pentecostal Ministries

## Missions: Uganda

Here we see Pastor John Kamuleguya doing a Pastors duty: preaching, performing a marriage ceremony, and being a father to his daughter.



# Elderly Care Program

## Missions: Kenya

### *BFC Celebrates 5 years of The Elderly Care Program in Migori Kenya*

We are please and very grateful to have been able to serve some elders in the Migori Region of Kenya. Pics below are taken from our leader Jomo Otieno who has faithfully led this ministry since June of 2020.

Jomo and Sara and their team successfully feed and care for 9 elders and 1 orphan 6 days a week. In addition, BFC provides some medical care as well as funeral services when needed.

We are very thankful to be able to serve in this region for the past 5 years. Be sure to visit [www.bramanfoundation.org](http://www.bramanfoundation.org) for more updates.







# Effective Evangelism

*“Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”*

*- Mark 16:15-16*

The primary task of the church is evangelism. Evangelism is the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with the main purpose of converting those who hear to become Christians. I wonder if that is the purpose of our church and are we truly performing our purpose and objective? For this very purpose, the church was born, with that passion it grew, and in that power it must, it must cover the earth. The Church was commissioned to work, to witness and to win. There can be no rest for the Church until we have gone to the very ends of the earth with this Gospel of love and redemption. The commission that Jesus left with his disciple (and most certainly with us), commanding that they go into all the world with this glorious Gospel, cannot be viewed by the modern disciple as in elective (something we can do if we feel like it). It is a command. It is not a comment to be debated but to be obeyed.

Evangelism means Christianity functioning fully in all its manifold forms as the world's single redemptive religion. (1) Christianity is a personal faith. It is intensely vital, communicative life, changes and enriches the inner resources of the individual, develops the spiritual qualities of the person, and creates a more vivid and significant person – “a new man in Christ Jesus.” (2) Christianity is a pragmatic faith. By pragmatic I mean practical, a faith springing from firsthand experience. It is eager to be judged by its results, is admirably workable, applies the Golden Rule and gets results, and interprets the mind of Christ and produces the fruitage in character, happiness, and service. (3) Christianity is an ethical faith. It emphasizes

that only the pure in heart will see God, that the moral requirements of Christ's law are an integral part of his gospel and that his disciples are to crucify for Christ's sake of the world and of the flesh. (4) Christianity is a progressive faith. Christians are to grow up in Christ and move by the guidance of the Holy Spirit from strength to strength. (5) Christianity is a cosmopolitan faith. It is designed for world-wide acceptance, transcends all other religions infinitely, and meets the needy spirit of man in every age and land with the abounding and the redemptive resources of the Spirit of God. These characteristics inspire a competent evangelism dynamic and victorious.

Warming souls for Jesus Christ is not easy. To be a “fisher of men” requires desire and discipline on the part of the fisherman. It must be proceeded by prayer and preparation, and the soul winner must be empowered by the Spirit of God, because only Christ can make you fishers of men.”

When Bishop Francis Ashbury rode from Maine to South Carolina and from the Atlantic coast to Ohio and back, he often spent nights in lovely mountain cabins. While he preached to large crowds at times, he often held services for one family. He was ruled by one purpose, which was to bear witness to the meaning of Jesus Christ whether he talked to one or to a thousand. He wrote in his journal, “we must preach the gospel in every kitchen.”

To do this work effectively and efficiently it becomes apparent that there are certain essentials that cannot be overlooked.



First, we need convictions that command us. To be effective in our evangelism, we need the conviction that sin is real and its consequences are devastating. We also need a revival of the convictions that man without God is lost. The parables of Jesus on the Lost Coin, the Lost Sheep, and the Lost Son were no idle chatter, but were meant to convey a stark reality which is as old as mankind and to which the earnest soul winner must give his undivided attention.

In order for us to be Christ's disciples to be effective evangelists we must have belief in convictions of our own before we can hope to convince someone else. We have to practice what we preach to be effective with others.

And then we also need some basic and fundamental convictions about Jesus Christ. As to his person, his purpose, and his power, there can be no doubts. He is more than a signpost to a way of life; He is life. He is more than a teacher of truth; He is truth. He does more than point out the way; He has become for us the way.

Billy Graham said, "There are three little men that live down inside of every one of us. One is intellect, another is emotion, and the third is will. Intellectually, you may accept Jesus Christ. Emotionally, you may feel that you can love him. However, until you have surrendered to Jesus Christ by a definite act of your will, you are not a Christian."

"How many were converted tonight in the meeting," a friend asked Dwight L Moody. "Two and a half," Moody replied. The friend asked, "two adults and a child," "No," said the evangelist, "it was two children and an adult. The children have given their lives to Christ in their youth, while the adult has come with only half of his life. Our conviction must be total and complete there is no halfway with Christ. It's either all the way or nothing. Too many of us today are half-hearted Christians. Secondly, to do the work effectively we have to have a compassion that compels us. The Church cannot simply take an objective view of the condition of mankind and of the power of God to redeem through Christ. It must be propelled by a compelling compassion which sends us out into the wilderness where that

sheep wanders, down into the ditch where he has fallen, and into the highways and hedges where he stands in confusion.

(1) Essentially compassion carries with it the capacity to care. It means getting out into the road of life where people talk with their burdens, fall with their loads, bleed with their wounds, and suffer with their sins.

(2) This compassion also means the capacity to convey. Certainly, we must carry the Gospel to all the world.

(3) This commission, furthermore, means the capacity to cure. The power to cure is in the hands of Christ but in a real sense, we become his hands and feet. We heal with his hands, and we love with his heart.

(4) Compassion also means we are willing to help others in trouble. Help others over the rough spots in life.

An old legend relates that long ago God had a great many burdens which he wished to have transported from one place to another upon the earth, so he requested the animals to lend a hand. Where upon all of them began to make excuses for not helping. The elephant was too dignified, the lion, too proud, the giraffe, too tall, etcetera.

Finally the birds came to God and said: "if you will tie the burdens in small bundles, we shall be glad to take them for you. We are small, but we should like to help.

So God fattened fastened upon the back of each one a small bundle. They all set out across the vast plain towards their destination. Singing as they went, they did not seem to feel the weight of the burdens at all.

Every day the burden seemed light and lighter, until the load seemed to be lifting the birds instead of the birds carrying the burdens. When at last the birds arrived at their destination, they discovered to their amazement that when they removed their loads, in their place were wings - wings to enable them to live in the beautiful sky and the treetops. They had learned how to carry

their burdens, and their loads had become wings to lift them nearer to God.

The burdens that we carry, if they are home for others, may become wings of the spirit to lift us into happiness such as we have never known. Let us try it and see how much happiness and peace we obtain by helping others.

Thirdly, to be effective evangelist we need a consecration that conditions us. Before we go into all the world with this Gospel, we must tarry at Jerusalem until we are endured with the power from on high. While we cannot explain it, we must experience it before we can either witness or win effectively. (1) This consecration begins with a cleansing. Over and over again the evangelist must pray his prayer of confession. The soul-winner must find his way to the altar of confession before he is ready to go out, to win others. Truly we must have confessed our sins and received cleansing from God before we can ask others to do likewise. First-hand experience is valuable to us so we can relate such experiences to others. (2) This consecration also means that always we must listen to the voice of God and from him take our instruction. That's what is wrong with most of us today; We want to do all the talking, even to God, and we do not wait, to sit still long enough to listen. If we would, I'm sure we would probably stay out of a lot of trouble. If Jesus found it necessary during his earthly ministry to go apart for prayer often, how much more must the contemporary disciple of our Lord find it necessary to be alone with God. Through meditation do we get our message, through prayer do we get our power. Through waiting on God do we get our witness from God. (3) Consecration involves the total surrender of self to the Savior. To be with the church in spirit, when we could be with the church in body, is not enough. Everyone who is a church member I'm sure remembers the membership vows and this requires certain things on our parts. We should renew these vows periodically and ask ourselves if we are really living up to them. If "Christ has no hands but our hands", then we must fully concentrate our bodies as living sacrifices unto God, which is our reasonable service. Many today are unwilling to go all the

way with Christ. Perhaps they feel it isn't necessary, that all we have to do is go to church, support it meekly, and try to be a good person. Christ requires our complete selves, body and spirit.

The way to salvation is Jesus Christ: not only Christ for us but also Christ with us and Christ in us. This means the way to salvation entails not only Christian belief but also Christian life- life that is grounded in the Cross of Christ and empowered by the Spirit of Christ, life that shares in the love and outreach of Christ to all peoples, life that is separated from the world in its sin and selfishness and concentrated unto God. Yet it is also an involved life, one that is solidarity with the world in its suffering and anguish. It's fine to rattle off a lot of words, but after all is said what is the conclusion? With the true vision of the God above us, the need for cleansing within us, the hunger of the world about us, and the magnitude of the task before us, can we this day with the deepest possible meaning say, "Here am I; send me"? Let us take our tasks as Christians, and as members of the Fultonham United Methodist Church more seriously. Let us make this place a place God will be proud to have in his Kingdom. Let us each become true evangelists and go out witnessing for Christ and winning people to him. Let us fulfill the objective of the Christian Church

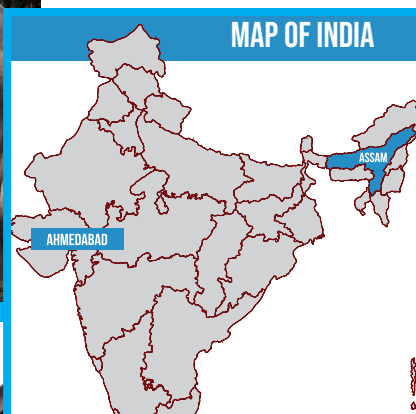
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I am as sure as I live that nothing is so near to me as God. God is nearer to me than I am to myself; my existence depends on the nearness and the presence of God.

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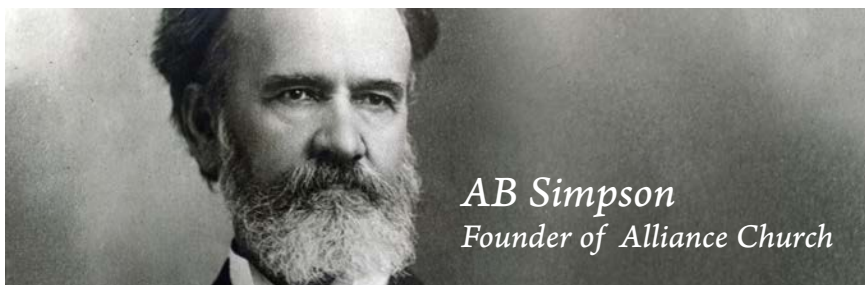
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# *A Daily Devotional*



*AB Simpson*  
*Founder of Alliance Church*

## **HIMSELF**

Once it was the blessing,  
Now it is the Lord;  
Once it was the feeling,  
Now it is His Word.  
Once His gifts I wanted,  
Now the Giver own;  
Once I sought for healing,  
Now Himself alone.

Once 'twas painful trying,  
Now 'tis perfect trust;  
Once a half salvation,  
Now the uttermost.  
Once 'twas ceaseless holding,  
Now He holds me fast;  
Once 'twas constant drifting,  
Now my anchor's cast.

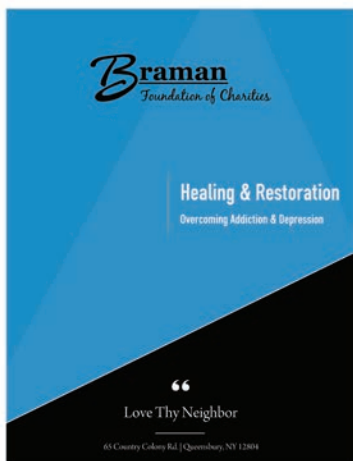
Once 'twas busy planning,  
Now 'tis trustful prayer;  
Once 'twas anxious caring,  
Now He has the care.  
Once 'twas what I wanted  
Now what Jesus says;  
Once 'twas constant asking,  
Now 'tis ceaseless praise.

Once it was my working,  
His it hence shall be;  
Once I tried to use Him,  
Now He uses me.  
Once the power I wanted,  
Now the Mighty One;  
Once for self I labored,  
Now for Him alone.

Once I hoped in Jesus,  
Now I know He's mine;  
Once my lamps were dying,  
Now they brightly shine.  
Once for death I waited,  
Now His coming hail;  
And my hopes are anchored  
Safe within the veil.



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# Biblical Studies

## Repentance

*"Therefore bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance"*

**Matthew 3:8**

*"And Jesus answered and said to them, "It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."*

**Luke 5:31-32**

*"Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."*

**Acts 3:19**



# BFC Commentary

## DEFINITION

Repentance is the action or process of repenting especially for misdeeds or moral shortcomings. Placing trust in God's revealed will to Love thy neighbor, to love God and one's self.

Do we really understand Repentance? In the old testament there are two hundred words which help us with repentance. The first word is nachum, which means to turn around or to change the mind. The second is the word sub. It is used over 600 times in the old testament and is translated by such words as "turn", "return", "seek", "restore". You see it often in phrases like "to turn to the Lord with all your heart:" Repentance fundamentally means to change your mind about something. Repentance, the changing of the mind.

Now many of us understand the meaning of repentance in times of our initial decision to come to Christ. In this we made a decision to commit our lives to Jesus, and for most of us we came to believe that our faith was formed and that we believe we are saved through Grace. This fact is true, undeniable and indisputable.

However, what we are seeking in this text is the sin that is carried on through the "old man"! The sin that causes you to stumble. The sin that you have allowed to continue to separate you from God, the Holy Spirit. This daily spiritual exercise of confession and repentance allows you to become more mature in your work with Christ. Deep rooted strongholds are rooted out. Generational curses cease and true freedom exists. This is the daily repentance in which we seek to practice and therefore we ask, "Lord reveal to me the iniquity that continues to cause me to stumble, to fall and to withhold Thy Godliness. On my knees, I seek help, and on my knees I repent my self-centered ways. Lord reveal to me, change me and help me to remember the truth.

*"Therefore bringforth fruit in keeping with repentance"*

MATTHEW 3:8

In this passage John the Baptist referred to the Pharisees that were coming into repentance. John is asking them to not merely be sorrowful but to show something, from the repentance that is tangible.

Anyone can act sorrowful, but to act on the sorrow and change one's way is to teach and act of change. In this way you "carry out" your repentance, thus bringing forth fruit.

Christ is calling you into a deeper relationship with Himself. You are not able to go there because you can not differentiate self/ ego from your spirit. Why? You do not ask. And you have not because you ask not. Friend, go deeper. If you are not able to see your fault nature, your "old man" then ask the Holy Spirit to reveal your faults to you. Be aware! He will answer your request.

Repentance comes only as a result of sorrow through the mystery of the presence of the Holy Spirit. To be truly sorrowful that you have sinned against God, His son and Thy neighbor. The beginning of this is recognizing, an absolute and ultimate unconditional surrender to God. Through this grows regret and one comes to a conclusion to be able to change one's way. Repentance can become a way of life, to exercise daily, confessing your sins before the Lord daily is a process that brings one into Holiness or at least an opportunity to be used by the Lord!

Only a believer can have access of this process because it is an act of faith. One can not see repentance, but only experience God's mercy and grace through this act of contrition.

*"And Jesus answered and said to them, "It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."*

LUKE 5:31-32

Jesus came for those that are in need of Him. It not only calls upon His name Jesus, Christ is seeking those who are ready to turn in a different direction. Self-reliance can only go so far, then

His Grace must enter in. Through this process of confession of self-reliance do we come and grow in our faith so that God is the doer through us. When God is the doer miracles occur. Lives are changed. People begin to rely on the infinite creator instead of our finite selves. For some of us, we are very successful through self and can not see a need for a Savior. Yet, Oh, how they miss the mark. Regardless of skill levels in self, so much more can be accomplished when the individual surrenders in Christ, confess He has risen and give him or herself in God. God can do miracles, if only we would allow Him.

Many of us are broken, hurting, contrite through our sin nature, the fallen man. Open your heart to the great physician Christ as He heals, restores and opens doors that no man can open. Christ is a God of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th chance. Come to Him! Just come to Him and He will sustain you; come.

It is the brokenness of self that Jesus seeks. 'Those that know they can not be sustained without Him. This realization comes through continual surrender of our illusional sense of self or what is commonly referred as EGO. As a noun the ego can be discredited as your "I" ness. Now in this realm it can not be destroyed, but only purified. A growth of understanding or realization that what most of you experience while real are transient or forever changing. That which is permanent is the One, the First, the Last and the Forever: God. This is reality and you too have within you, this reality. Grow in learning your true nature of Christ. Scriptures tell us that we are made in this Divine Nature, yet we identify with that which is ever changing. Christ is saying, "come home to me all you who are weary and heavy laden for my yoke is light, easy. I am the one! I have come for you. Stop relying on your self and come sup with me. One of His ways given to you to shed life's burdens is to repent of that which burdens you. Simply go to your knees and seek forgiveness for your self and ask the Lord to show you a better way. A way in which you may bless others, and a way in which you can carry others burdens. Do this and learn to turn away and start anew. Sure it may be difficult, but if it is His will He will show you a better way.

Turn away from what is dark and run towards the Light. Run from the "things" of this world that bind you. Learn to let go of this world. Let go of control and grow in trust.

Are you a sinner? Has not all of us fallen short of His Glory? Regardless of how well we do in self, we can always be better or do better through grace. Grow in this truth. Grow in an understanding of repentance and you will finally turn all your glory into a crown upon your transition.

*"Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."*

ACTS 3:19

Christ is saying come back to me, your sins are wiped clean, but come back to me for I, Jesus am a place of refreshment. I am the King of Kings and the Lord over all. I will bring to you refreshment.

It is not through your effort that grace is disposed, but through Me do I allow Grace. My friend open up to this truth. Know I am God and none other. What is it that you are in need of repenting? Are you having difficulty then ask it shall be revealed. The Lord will answer you, if you do not know. Ask Jesus and watch what happens. Suddenly you will know what He allows you to know. Go, repent and listen to this guide as He tells you how to grow. Go forth my friend and know He knows before you ask.

Return to me my friend, says Jesus. I know your troubles, I know every hair upon your head. Be refreshed in my presence and return to my bosom. Life can be harsh, difficult and stressful, yet Jesus is saying I am always with you. I am your polestar. I am your true North, the Alpha, the Omega, the beginning and the End. I am the rock on which I asked Peter to build my church. I am the God that has gone before you to open doors that no man can close. I am the God that makes straight your paths. I am your rear guard and I am the green in the grass and the blue in the sky. I am the roar of the lion and the rolling of the seas. I am now and will always be and was and shall always be. I know you, your every hair, your every thought.

Therefore, He says make strides to be more Christ like through turning back to me and moving away from you. Never stop on this journey my friend for I will sustain you.

In my presence, are times of refreshment. Yet for most, the struggle is in self and world. There are times when you can experience true peace in me. These times will be short lived unless you

are spending time abiding in me. This takes practice and time. Many may say they are in me, but only a few abide in me. Know that the more I am in you and you in me, you will be refreshed. Live in an understanding of overcoming through repentance. Shed your self, purify your self as you grow in repentance.

Friend you become bound in unforgiven sin, sin that you accept. A comfortable life style, while you say you are my disciple your life reflects the world. In fact, too many of you are not able to separate or differentiate your life, as you live in worldliness. Learn to cast off the world and self.

You only think, illusionary, that the problem is darkness. You are the biggest problem in your life. Learn to cast off you, the world and I, the Lord will protect you from darkness. For I am your shelter. May you dwell in Me and I in you. Amen.

For many the idea to grow in repentance is absurd, for many believe, all that is needed is a one time confession that I am Lord and they will be saved. What is progressive satisfaction?

Yet why do so many struggle once they have confessed Me as Lord of their lives? Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find. Knock and the door will open. Learn to grow in a personal relationship with Me and Me alone. Grow in this understanding to abide daily. Then you will know the truth in which real freedom exists. Liberation comes in this truth.

In your essence, I am. For you are made in my Divine Nature. Learn to grow in this understanding. Amen.

**Thomas Kempis**  
**The Third Book of Internal Consolation**  
**A prayer for a clean heart and heavenly wisdom**

**CHAPTER XXVII**

Confirm me, O God, by thy grace of the Holy Spirit. Grant me might to be strengthened in the inner man, and to empty my heart of all useless anxiety and distress; not to be drawn away from sundry desires of any thing whatever, whether mean or precious, but it took on all things as passing away, and on myself also no less as about to pass away with them. For nothing is abiding under the sun, where all things are vanity and vexation of spirit. O how wise is he that considereth them.

Grant me, O Lord, heavenly wisdom, that I may learn above all things to seek and to find Thee, above all things to relish and to love Thee, and to think of all other things as being, what indeed they are, at the disposal of thy wisdom. Grant me prudently to allow him that flattereth me, and to endorse patiently him that opposeth me. Because this is great wisdom, not to be moved with every wind of words, nor, to give ear to an ill-flattering siren, for this we shall go on securely in the way which we have begun.

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# South Sudan

## Missions: Africa

Since 2018 BFC has been working with the churches of Juba South Sudan. Although, we have had several contacts since then current Yagub Akoch

Is providing all the needed information. Pics below show children receiving shoe box gifts from Samaritan Purse. BFC has traveled to Juba 4 times and has had wonderful prayer and bible studies.

Its Discipleship Program has had some distribution within the churches in Juba also. In 2024 and 2025 the war in Sudan has displaced many into South Sudan and we have not really traveled there recently. Please pray for our brothers and sisters of Juba South Sudan and our Brothers

And Sisters of Sudan. It appears that Yagub will be leaving to pursue his master's degree at University. His replacement will be Luka Tuta Tunas. We are grateful for all Yagub has done and will continue to work with the churches of South Sudan in Juba.



# Jesus Christ Church & Ministries

## Missions: Pakistan

Pastor Haroon Ashraf heads up and is our contact for Jesus Christ Ministries in Lahore, Pakistan.

Pastor Ashraf is young and is able to work with children that have no school and where food is distributed poorly. Haroon is looking forward to the BFC visit in November of 2025. Pray as we seek an open door for this visit.



# C&MA

## Missions: India

BFC is grateful to the C & MA church of Gujarat, India. Led by the rev. Yakub Christian BFC has worked in the State of Gujarat since July of 2021. Pics below are of the Ceremony introducing Rev. Yakub into a new church setting. BFC has had several seminars on Sunday School building and It Discipleship programs. We wish for Yakub continued success and God's Speed.



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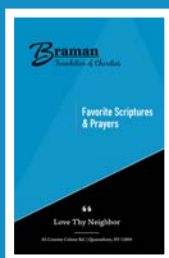
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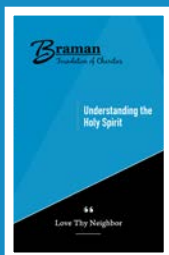
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# The Christian Task

*“Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”*

*- Matthew 18:21*

This is a good question that Peter asked of Jesus, isn't it? Can you answer the question from your own experience? How can we hope to be Christians if we cannot forgive someone who has wronged us, even as Christ says, forgive us? How can we hope to convey to others Christ love and concern for all people if we ourselves as his followers do not show the same love and concern towards others? Obviously, we cannot.

Christ made it clear that the redemption from lovelessness can only be accomplished by God. The Christian gospel is the story of the redeeming activity of God in Christ. But God's redeeming activity must find a channel. His love is never an unmediated gift. It comes to us always through personality, through men and women whose hearts have been set on fire with God's love and are burning to serve his purpose. The central Christian task is to mediate this redeeming love of God, to become centers through which his love can break into the world. This is our task, if we call ourselves Christians, and if we believe, and have felt the love of God in our own hearts.

First of all, how is this task accomplished? Part of the task must be done by telling the story of God's adventurous love in Christ. We can all be witnesses when occasion offers to the truth of what God has done for us. This is what these men have been doing as they come to us from Altamont. In all cases, God has touched their hearts, and he was able to touch their hearts through the person of Jesus Christ and their pastor. I would say that their pastor has really been witnessing to his upmost.

The present poverty of the church and the lovelessness of the world Is due to the lack of Christians of this passion to propagate their faith. As Christians, we are afraid of being unpopular. We do not want to be the oddball in the crowd. We do not want people to think we are some kind of a nut. We have traded our beliefs and principles for popularity. Our church, God's church, needs to show fourth to our community and the world what our truth mean to us. I know it is, and I also know our world will never become any better until we as Christians start fulfilling our task.

The gospel must also be carried by the quality of the life It produces, which really means the quality of our love. I know and you know that we cannot just be Christians on Sunday morning in church. If we are true followers of Christ and really believe what we profess to believe and what we say we believe in the Apostles Creed, we just have to be Christians in all phases of our lives, work, play, social and church. It doesn't take very long for our children to see through us and to actually know what kind of persons we are.

The love and concern we show towards others Is important, not only to them, but to ourselves.

Secondly, how do we overcome lovelessness? The Christian offensive on the lovelessness of the world is one of constructive friendship. The method is that a forgiveness. Much of the antagonism that divides men is due to some wrong, which has been done or is being done. It is here that love reaches its highest power and makes it most costly effort.



How do we forgive? Forgiveness is not mere indifference to right or wrong. If something is going on around us and it's wrong, we do not bury our head in the sand and hope the wrong will go away. We stand up for what we know is right and we try to find the cause of the wrong and correct it. True many of the wrongs in our world today are too big for one person to correct but if everyone takes an indifferent attitude or an attitude of "what can I do?" the situation will just keep on getting worse. This is how minorities with their radical ideas of life takeover a people because you and I do not care or are we do not have the time to try to help find out what is going on. It is also true, that it isn't easy to forgive someone or some group that is doing something wrong. That's why Christianity and the beliefs and principles of Christianity must be strong enough to prevail, and that other people through us can see the advantages of being a Christian. Our Christianity must flow into the hearts of others. Crisis, love and concern must also fill our hearts and lives. That is just automatically overflows into other hearts.

Forgiveness is not an avoidance of issues. It is meeting them head on and versing the direction. Forgiveness represents a positiveness of character. We have to know what we believe. We cannot be wisely wishy-washy about it. Forgiveness means that we banish from our hearts, resentment and bitterness. This isn't very easy either, but I know with God's help this can be overcome.

The magnitude of God's forgiveness should be an indication of how we should forgive. Just think of what God did so we could be forgiven, and if we really believe the power of the cross and understand its meaning for us, we cannot help but have forgiveness in our hearts.

Forgiveness is more than the refusal to retaliate on those against whom we have a grudge. It is an active spirit of goodwill. If we say, I'll just forget what that person has done to me, we have only licked part of the battle. We must try to find out why he did it and try to help him.

Charles Anderson, a character in James

Hilton's novel, "Time and Time Again", says, "if you forgive people enough, you belong to them, and they to you, whether either person likes it or not the squatter's rights of the heart.

And this also goes a great deal, futher than merely condoning a fault. Jesus Christ was not interested in the mere condoning of faults. He was interested in the person who did the fault and how he could be changed. Sometimes the mere act of forgiving a person for a fault, will help to change that person into a better person.

We think of pardoning the fault. Christ thinks of the person who has done the wrong, how he may be brought to a better mind and restored to fellowship. That effort of reconciliation is the real meaning of forgiveness. This seems unreasonable, and Peter, in our scripture lesson this morning, could not understand it. But if we read and try to understand what Kris says, we will understand it, we will try to have real forgiveness in our heart.

Forgiveness is not so much an act as a spirit that must be shown in all our actions towards those who have wronged us. It is the spirit that seeks to be reconciled and to win them into a better mind. This kind of love is the only spirit towards others that has in any redeeming power.

We certainly cannot hope to win people to Christ by condemning them and criticizing them for their actions. We have to show them that Christian living and being a true Christian is a better way of life. It is the kind of life that God wants us all to live.

In the rebuilt Coventry Cathedral is a large cross made from wood salvaged from the ruins of the former bombed building. On it is this one word, "forgiven." The people responsible for the destruction of the cathedral have been forgiven.

Thirdly, but how does God's love become active in our lives?

When we are living as God's children, seeking reconciliation, meeting evil with good, God's love

becomes active through us, for it is he who changes hearts. (Note: read Colossians 3:8-17) When we look at Christ Jesus, we see (1) what God surely is, for Christ is God's son. (2) what he wants us to be, (3) what deep within our souls at our best moments, we know we ought to be and, (4) what by God's gracious forgiveness can we become.

It is all spelled out for us, if, we will read and understand, and if we truly believe God's word.

God's love finds a channel through the forgiving spirit to reveal itself in convicting and redeeming power, and especially where forgiveness reaches the level of costly sacrifice in the throne of selfishness and pride in ourselves

This is also the power of the cross.

G.A. Johnston Ross told of an incident that occurred years ago during the celebration of the Lord's Supper in a little mission church in New Zealand. There was a line of worshipers kneeling at the altar rail when suddenly from among them, a young native arose and returned to his pew. Some minutes later, however, he returned to his place at the rail. Afterwards, a friend inquired why he had done this. He replied, "when I went forward, and now, I found myself side-by-side with a man who some years ago had slain my father and whom I had vowed to kill. I felt I could not partake with him, so I returned to my pew. But as I sat there, my mind went back to the picture of the upper room, with its table set, and I heard a voice saying, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another" and then I saw a cross with a man nailed upon it and the same voice saying, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." It was then I arose in return to the altar rail."

Forgiveness, in Christ's sense of the word, not only completes reconciliation; it produces in others, the spirit that seeks to be forgiven.

Edwin Maeve said, "as I look back on the part of the mystery which is my own life, my own favor, what I am most aware of is that we receive more than we can ever give; we

receive it from the past, on which we draw with every breath, but also, and this is a point of faith from the source of the mystery itself, by the means which religious people called grace.

Constructive friendship is the key to all the problems of individual redemption and social reconciliation, including class, nationality, and race barriers. As Christ followers, let us get on with our Christian task. Let us go out into our community and proclaim what we profess to be. We all want a better world in which to live, and this is the only way we can have it. I know you will be blessed as you witness for your Lord.

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Through the ongoing efforts of Sandra Torrant, BFC Board member and advisor, Sandra tirelessly labors on digitizing the RWB Sermons.

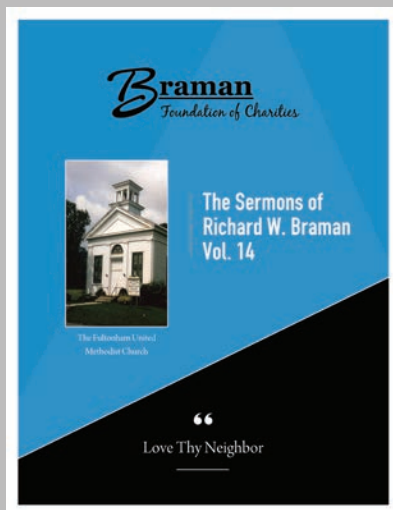
As you may recall Richard Braman, our founder, has written 378 Sermons as well as additional writings on Marriage and Baptism.

The Braman Foundation felt called to publish these sermons in Volumes of 20 sermons per volume. For our five years Sandra has been working on this project.

Today we are pleased to announce Volume 14 w/ Sermons 261-280. Additionally we have been publishing these sermons in the BFC Revive Magazine.

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# The Ministry in the State of Odisha

## Missions: India

*Words From Umakanta Guru*

Respected Brother,

Warm greetings to you in His holy name.

So glad to receive your mail. Thank you so much for remembering us and the ministry in the State of Odisha, India. We are also remembering you and your ministry around the globe.

As you know, my country is full of idol worship, almost in the 28 states and 8 union territories in India, among them odisha is one of the state with population of 41.97 million, divided into 30 districts, an eastern Indian state on the Bay of Bengal, is known for its tribal cultures and its many ancient Hindu temples. The capital, Bhubaneswar' is home for hundreds of temples. In the other part, full of tribal communities in rural areas, are diverse group, with many living in remote hill regions. They are called "Adivasi".

In these days we are very much focusing to reach a tribal group called "Lanjia Saura Adivasi" living in the mountains, interior places in the jungle, they are illiterate very simple and receptive to the gospel. We have been praying with hard working and desire to see that people should come to God and establish churches in every villages. In the result of our hard working with the help of local believers, few fellowship is already started over there. I am always with them and visiting different villages, teaching the word of God and helping them how to take the responsibility for the church. By His grace every fellowship are growing now in the Lord. So we request you to kindly uphold this particular tribal people in your prayer.

We have burden for the lost souls in our state. We have also a vision to reach every villages and towns with the gospel. Therefore, we humbly invite your helping hand and prayer support for this ministry to enlarge the same and reach the unreached people with the gospel in this needy regions. Without your involvement and prayer supports we are helpless for this good work, which the Lord has laid in our hearts. We are fully depending on the Lord we have been serving Him for the last few years and very often we struggle a lot without proper support as we don't have any connection with organizations. We need you and your prayer.

With regards

Yours Sincerely

Umakanta Guru  
Odisha State, India





# St. George Foundation

## Missions: Sierra Leone



REPORT ON ST. GEORGE FOUNDATION COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES WITH PARENTING CONFERENCE IN WATERLOO. DATE: 5TH/06/2025

Waterloo Rural District, May 15, 2025

In observance of the International Day of Families, the St. George Foundation on May 15, 2025, hosted a Family and Parenting Conference at the Waterloo Rural District Council Hall. The event was held under the global theme: "Families and Urbanization: Building Inclusive, Resilient Cities Where Families Thrive." It brought together key stakeholders from government institutions, civil society, and local communities to promote positive parenting, family cohesion, and child protection.

Among the distinguished participants were Raymond Moigua from the Human Rights Commission, Rugiatu Conteh and Fatmata Ansumana from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Foday Sesay, Assistant Director from the Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs, Justina Z. Conteh, Executive Director of St. George Foundation, and Dominic Tholley, Outreach Officer from the Legal Aid Board, alongside various development partners and community members.



Figure shows high table set in commemoration of the international family day

Chairing the event, Madam Doris Fatima Webber, Executive Director of the Women's Advocacy and Development Organization (WADO), stressed the importance of strong family bonds and the effects of urbanization on parenting. "Good parenting is essential and foundational to building strong family ties," she noted, calling for a national culture of positive parenting and resilience within households.

Clifford Metzger, Programme Director of the St. George Foundation, emphasized its role in promoting dialogue and shared responsibility for family well-being. He described the event as a "call for inclusive, meaningful engagement to ensure every family thrives in both urban and rural settings." Representing the Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs, Foday Sesay outlined provisions of the Child Rights Act, reiterating that every child has the right to grow within a family setting. He encouraged mothers and guardians to be vigilant and nurturing, stressing that children have the right to express themselves freely.

Children of St George Foundation appreciate all the sponsors and supporter in creating awareness on parenting as it will educate parents how to properly cared for children and the Braman Foundation has been very supportive to making sure the children of the home are provided with the basic necessity to grow well in a conducive environment that is healthier and reliable.



George Foundation, gave an overview of the  
Figure shows chair person opening remarks in commemoration of the international family day



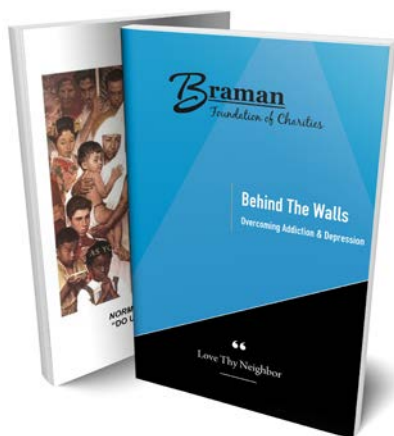
Figure shows children at St George Foundation doing a poem recitation in celebration of families

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## CORRECTIONS & PRISON MINISTRY

*If your church or organization is interested in learning how to approach prison or local correctional facilities, please call the Braman Foundation.*

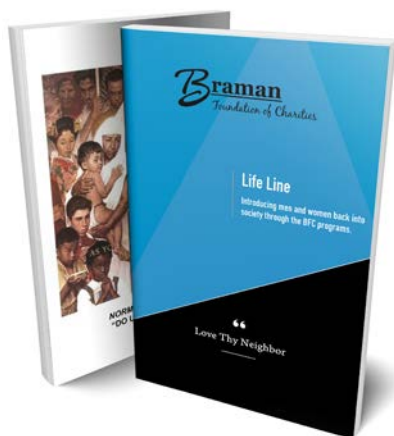
*Let BFC help in training, organizing, and implementing.*



### Behind the Walls

*Includes Training and Life Line Literature*

Learn a devotional program that you can bring into your local correction facility to help inmates come to Christ and strengthen their walk in Christ. It is a thorough program using the 12 step method of recovery, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Meditation techniques as well as a program for dealing with violent behavior. In addition, our program helps to provide clarification concerning the negative learned behavior that unfortunately comes out of some families.



### Lifeline

*Includes Matchcard for 15 Inmates and Personal Training*

This program, when instituted, will enable any individual being released from a facility the opportunity to be united with a home church and a contact person in their home area. In addition, we will offer a mentoring program. Learn how to bridge inmates from the facility to your church.

# CORRECTIONS & PRISON MINISTRY NEWS

Since 1985 BFC has been involved with local jails or the NYS State corrections in one form or another.

Corrections can be very tricky and difficult because of the deep strong holds of sin. For this reason BFC has been challenged through the years to use its Life Line Program.

Basically, Life Line helps provide a church or organization in developing a pathway in which an individual coming from incarceration can walk to freedom.

Obviously, the individual must make the decision to walk righteously, but once taken he or she is surrounded by the love of others. Whether writing to inmates or working directly with them Life Line is vital for one's recovery.

BFC is currently working its marketing efforts to work with churches in the state of NY and NYC to develop ministry plans that a particular church may want to pursue in the area of Correction.

Behind the Walls is the BFC Recovery Programs that can be used in Corrections.

With topics that include: Overcoming Depression, Overcoming Addiction. Understand Nutrition, Understanding Repentance Confession and accountability. As well as meditation.

This program can really provide an avenue for an individual walk the narrow path. BFC is currently working with churches in conjunction with its Lifeline program throughout the State of NY.



### HAS YOUR CHURCH CONSIDERED PRISON & CORRECTIONS MINISTRY?

Dear Church Leaders,

The Brame Foundation of Charities is dedicated to supporting incarcerated individuals through our Prison Ministry Programs. Behind the Walls and Life Line Ministry. Since 1985, Behind the Walls has been serving New York State prison systems and local jails, providing faith-based recovery programs that combine the 12-step method, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and strategies for addressing violent behavior to help individuals prepare for successful reintegration into society.

The Life Line Ministry focuses on assisting individuals during the critical first 24-48 hours after their release, connecting them with local churches and mentors to reduce recidivism and support living transformation.

If your church has a group of individuals that are interested in correctional ministry, then the Brame Foundation can provide the programming and training needed. For more information on how your church can participate, please visit [bramefoundation.org](http://bramefoundation.org) or call us at one of the numbers listed below.

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## SPURGEON'S CORNER



**Trials teach us what we  
are; they dig up the soil,  
and let us see what we  
are made of.**



# Community Meetings



BFC continues to work with local churches with its Community Programs. Over 400 churches have received mailings as BFC begins this project.

The BFC Community Programs help those believers grow in Discipleship and their personal relationship with the Lord.

Also BFC Community programs help through its Recovery Program. Its fifth program gives an understanding of modern materialism and its dire effects on one's spiritual walk with the Lord. Pray as BFC continues this work.



## Prayer & Meditation

Every Sunday, 7pm

## Bible Study

Every Thursday, 7pm

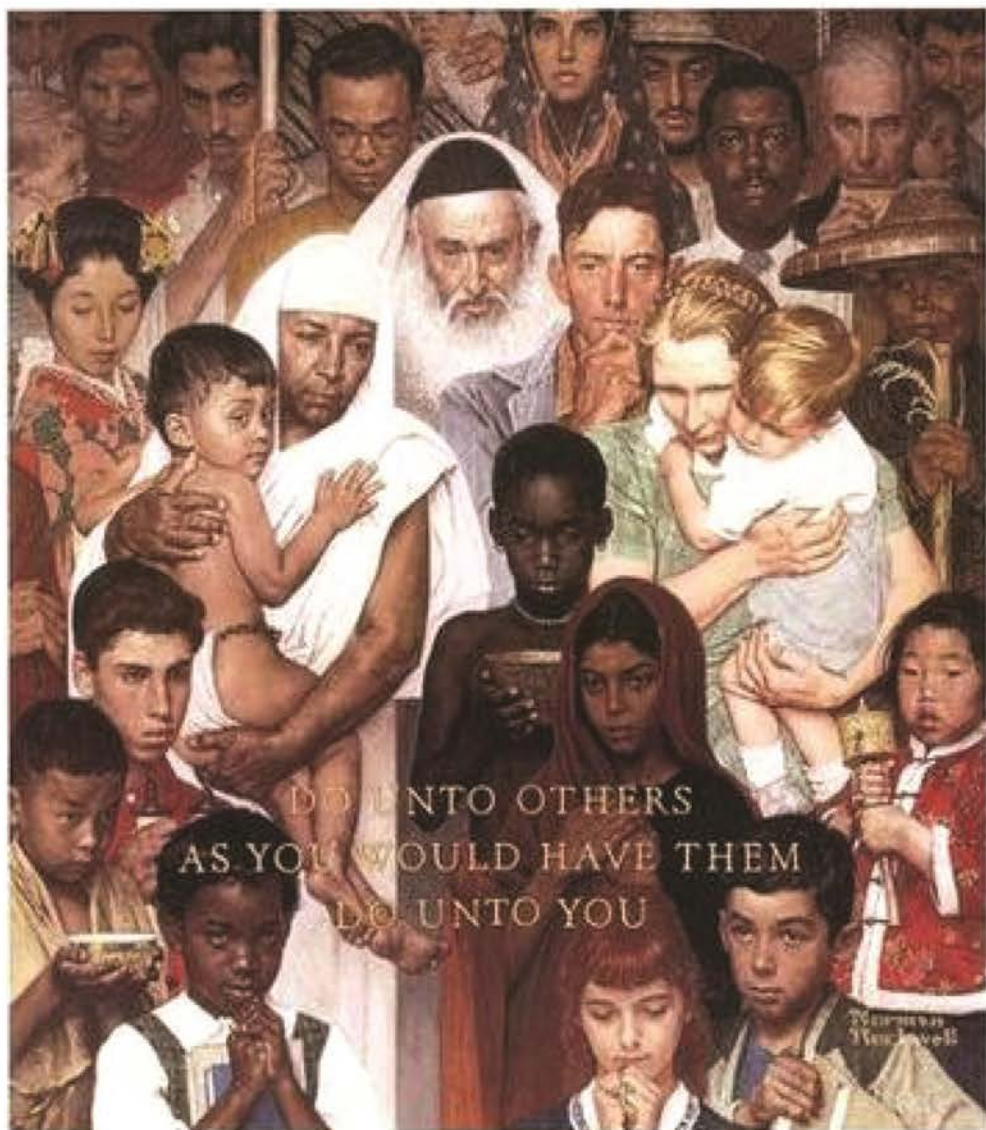


Locally here in Poughkeepsie, NY BFC will begin a Bible Study rooted in Orthodoxy.

This study begins Thursday the 19th at 7 PM at the Holy Comforter Rectory located at 18 Davies Place.

This will be a continuing study every Thursday night. All are welcome.





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