No water, no life! We all know that! Human brain contains 95% of water; blood contains 82% of water; lungs contain 90% of water. As we conclude this year's topic on 'River', the main source of water, we like to focus on the River of Joy after covering on River of Peace, Grace and Delight in the earlier issues of 'Rural Waves'.

“There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.” Psalms 46:4. The verses that precede say if God be with us we need not be moved at the most violent attempts made against us. “God is our refuge” and there is no fear “where the most high dwells”.

As I am penning down these lines, a friend from US is posting in FB, of an earthquake and another friend texting through WhatsApp the ravages caused by cyclone at the southern tip of India. In other words when the God of righteousness is with us though the waters roar and the mountains quake we can rely on God’s word and ordinances that are Rivers of Joy with which He makes his people glad in cloudy and dark days.

Here we need to understand that our God of righteousness, the Most High is not measured by the standard of righteousness; it is God who sets the standards of righteousness and here I like to cite a few:

He reveals His righteousness:

- **By fulfilling His promises** as Nehemiah declares, “You have kept your promise because you are righteous.” Nehemiah 9:8.
- **By the way He rules** as Psalmist yearns for God's fellowship. “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.” Psalms 89:14
- **In showing His mercy** as Psalmist acknowledges that though the human tend to fall, “The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.” Psalms 116:5
- **By Salvation** as it was prophesied, “After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.” Isaiah 53:11

Let our God of Righteous alone be adored and honoured in this Christmas season! And in turn let us be immersed in the river of Joy!

Have a joyful Christmas that is Christ centred!!

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Dearly Beloved,

Wishing you all a Christ centered Christmas and a blessed Disciple making New Year 2018!

The Mission of God in this world which remains same is remembered in a wonderful way every year during the advent Season. Celebration of the Birth of the Saviour of the world “JESUS”

When we think of the Mission of God we can experience so many manifestation and acts of God; the father of all nations, yes! He is the father to every tribe, language and people of the world. He is the creator of the whole world, the universe, the sun, the moon, rivers and the seas, mountains and everything that we see or we are yet to see (discover). The crown of His creation is none other than the HUMAN RACE.

From the time you have received our last Rural Waves magazine, so many wonderful things happened. Lots of travel both to our Mission fields in Maharashatra and participating in the strategic Mission consultations, teaching and preaching in many different place and situation is satisfying.

The historical and impactful events are on its way towards God-ward movements experiencing God’s faithfulness for our nation in our time.

1. Participating in the 40th Year thanksgiving service and celebration of His faithfulness for the ministry of EFICOR, Delhi.
2. 78th Missionary prayer Band conference organized by the SIBS, Bangarpet students with the Theme: INSPIRE, INNOVATE, IGNITE. As a family when we shared with the students, we could experience the special move of the Spirit of God.
3. Participated in the CORE group of planning for the National Mission Consultation to be held from 30th January 2018. What a Joy to work together with all the missions and the churches to seek His face for the future Mission in our Nation.
4. General conference of Free Methodist Church of India, where three founding Bishops were re-elected unanimously and it was a time of experiencing His righteousness towards the progress of the mission of God with LOVE, CARE and SERVICE to the Lord and the nation.
5. Golden Jubilee celebration of Methodist Tamil Church - Thane our sponsoring Church, Amazing work of God.
6. A quick visit to UAE along with Faith to reconnect with our beloved prayer partners and supporters was of immense blessing.

After about 15 years, renovation at the HQ is taking place in Nagpur. The compound wall at Navajeevan center, where School and a Home for the Girls are functioning is in full swing with lots of challenges in border issues.
A new class room, computer lab and a Science lab was constructed at Shalom Center, Yavatmal. Dates farm work has been initiated in Shalom centre as well a small poultry has been established.

New disciples for Christ are being added in His fold every day. Building and rebuilding of not just the bricks and cement, but the lives of people are taking place.

I am so glad to share with you some of my very special moments with Dr. Dennison and Rose from Malaysia visiting, Nagpur, Yavatmal, and Amravati after about 35 years. Amazing work of God and His favor, His righteousness overflows, never ending, ever overflowing in every situation. In his words, you will be too glad to read and glorify God. “Kulo is a dear friend; He was my contemporary while I studied between 1975 and 1981 at UBS - Yavatmal. What is unique is that he remained in this state of Maharashtra for the past 36 years. He has labored in Maharashtra village ministries (MVM) which he founded with nothing in 1981- only a Vision. But now they have about 200 full time workers, 110 Worship Groups (churches) planted and 300 over Bible study groups (in 20 Districts). They also have a training center as well as schools including many Homes such as Happy Home and Oasis Girl’s home. Their members a majority are all first generation Christians and most are Marathi speaking people. It is amazing to see how God is doing wonders in the lives of people”.

This is a Thanksgiving month, end of this very blessed year 2017. Even as we move ahead to the New Year 2018 our hearts are overwhelmed as the righteousness of God is over flowing. There are also ups and downs, setbacks, challenges and struggles in every area physical, financial and spiritual. Yet all through His righteousness continuously overflows.

So you are encouraged to continue to TRUST him in maintaining a right relationship with Him and one another. Come let us work together building for a Future Generations for His kingdom. In closing let me state from Dr. John Stott the leading Evangelical of this century, in his volume two of major issues for a new century. He states that while we make efforts in building a new generation of Hope. There are three options before us.

1. To become poor.
2. To stay rich.
3. To cultivate generosity, simplicity and contentment.

Yours for the sake of Christ and Maharashtra,
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I WILL POUR WATER ON THE THIRSTY LAND,
AND STREAMS ON THE DRY GROUND;
I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON YOUR OFFSPRINGS,
AND MY BLESSING ON YOUR DESCENDANTS.

Isa. - 44:3
Seekers retreat was conducted at nine villages in 6 districts like Raigad, Yavatmal, Gondia, Latur, Amravati and Nanded in the month of October 2017, attended by 221 peoples who wanted to know about salvation and Jesus Christ. They are further strengthened through weekly fellowship and discipled.

Revival meeting was conducted at Nalphadi – Chandrapur, Tukwada – Palghar and Shahpur – Thane fields. 211 believers attended these meetings to be empowered further to be strengthened in personal life and carry the Gospel to community.

Women's retreats was conducted at eight villages in seven districts. 131 women attended these retreats and encouraged in the Word of God as well as built up to share the Gospel with other women. Under WIN groups every woman is encouraged to share the Gospel with three other women and further explore the chain to reach hundreds of women with the Gospel. Women missionaries are encouraging the believers to take up entrepreneurship to build the family in small ways.

Believer's Mela was conducted at Tukwada, Gujarat from 19 - 21 October 2017 attended by 120 people from that base. Also Youth meeting was conducted at the same time, attended by 28 youths from that village, of this 15 accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Children Bible Club (CBC) was conducted at five bases during Diwali vacation at five districts. It consisted of 3-5 days. 713 children attended this event and were blessed by songs, stories, skits etc by local missionaries and volunteers. Around 150 children could hear about the love of Christ for the first time.

In last two months, 174 people confirmed their faith in Christ in 9 districts for the glory of God. They were trained well to stand firm in their faith in time of trials from family as well as community. They are approved for this process once they fulfil the teaching needed to confirm their faith in word as well in deed.

**Annual Believer's Gathering (SHALOM MELA)** is conducted this year in two different districts namely, Yavatmal (Shalom Centre) and Chandrapur (Chiroli church) from 29 Dec. till 1 Jan. 2018. Believers and missionaries from the surrounding districts will gather in these places for 4 days of Spiritual empowerment by different Servants of God, Group discussion on biblical discourse and social issues, cultural programmes etc. Pray for peaceful environment, good climate, and financial resources of the organizing team as well as believers who have pledged to provide for the needs of the programme. On 29 Dec. ‘17, rest of the mission fields which do not have Mela will observe fasting prayer for the program. In other region, the mela will be organized in the month of March 2018 for the believers and missionaries.

**Exemption Benefit**

We are pleased to inform all our well-wishers and supporters that our organisation has been granted certificate 80-G of I.T. under Which will be exempted from the payment of income Tax, vide letter No. CIT-II/80G/M-61/2005-06 dated 31/10/2005
**TRAINING**

IBL - Patshala is undertaken at Chirola, Chandrapur district with 12 students from Gond people group. The vision is to train and equip these students as grass-root level evangelists to reach out their own community. This Patshala is for those believers who cannot go for residential training but has the desire to reach their people with the Gospel. 12 students of IBL- Patshala at Vikaswadi, Raigad district completed 1 term residential training and 3 months practical in their own place. They studied O.T, N.T, Christian Doctrines, Effective communication and Evangelism through Literature. They are continuing their second term classes taken at Vikaswadi Church campus.

Movable School of Evangelism (MSOE) is undertaken at Tukwada, Thane district with 16 students from Varli people group to reach out to their community and villages with the Gospel. The students of MSOE at Raigad district are doing tremendous work. They have formed 8 prayer groups and 63 people confirmed their faith through the ministries of MSOE students.

Portable Bible School (PBS) teacher Training program was held from 1-6 Nov. '17 at Badshapur, Delhi. Bro. Steve Liversedge, Sister. Lorrie Liversedge, Rev. Stephen Rawate and Rev. Mrs. Shanti Rawate taught us very simple and systematically, how to train lay person by using PBS handbook. Rev. Bhimrao Mohkar, Rev. Umesh Khandekar, Rev. Bapurao Sakharakar and Rev. Pramod Tantarpale attended the program and are going to teach in the mission field what they learnt.

Sewing Machine Distribution: 10 sewing machines were given to needy women at Sindewahi in partnership with IBL to increase their monthly income. Mrs. Asha Gandate (Nagar Sevika) was chief guest and handed over the machines to the beneficiaries.

**Rural English Schools**

Everyday is a challenging day especially for M.V.M teachers, in moulding and educating the rural children on the right path. Value education week was conducted in Shalom English schools from 11th to 16th Sept. '17 and in Agape English School from 18th to 20th Sept. ’17. Mr. Manish Salvi and Mr. Ashok from Scripture Union took many activities and indoor games to rejuvenate and motivate them. Moral values were imparted in the little hearts through Bible character, power point presentation and action songs.

Teachers Orientation was conducted in Shalom Centre from 16th to 19th October, 25 missionary teachers attended it and they were blessed by the resource person's teachings. Mr. Winfred Thomas (School Consultant) took classes on lesson plan, question paper preparation based on Bloom Taxonomy and also about Johari window (open, blind, hidden and unknown area) to build our relationship with co-workers. Rev. Chandra Mohan (Vice President – MVM) gave spiritual nourishment to all teachers and also took session on Accounting (single and double entry). Mr. Sam Selwine took session on interdependence of School, MVM and community and on each other; also he took Bible study from Thessalonians. Rev. D. B. Kulothungan, Rev. B.T. Thaware, Rev. Damle, Mrs. Faith Kulothungan encouraged the teachers.

On 21st October ’17, Computer and Science laboratory were inaugurated at Shalom English School. Mr. Ashok Raj, Pune donated computers for the laboratory which is very beneficial. If God leads, you can donate good books on literature, science, computer, poetry etc. for school library as well as any equipment for science and computer lab.

Shalom English School went on Educational tour to Ved Nandini Organic farm and zoo at Akola district on 10 Nov. ’17. In November, Rural Women’s Day and Children’s Day was celebrated in all the schools.
SOCIAL CONCERNS

A team of 10 visitors from Baptist church under Bro. James Watson visited four villages namely Mandwi, Adhane, Dekale and Barol villages; they treated around 1100 people from 24-27 Sept.’17. The team along with some doctors from Mumbai visited the four villages each day and also shared the Good news of salvation in Christ. Medicines and spectacles were distributed free of cost and some were referred to Bethany hospital, Thane for further treatment.

An Eye camp was conducted on 1st November 2017 at Nanza village, Yavatmal district. 190 people benefitted through this eye-checkup program. 70 elderly people underwent Cataract operation through Mahatme Hospital, Nagpur free of cost. Another 36 eye patients purchased spectacles at nominal cost of Rs. 150/-.

The five girls who have studied at Oasis home till 12th class are empowering themselves by professional studies. Three girls Ms. Kajal Pendalwar, Ms. Sakshi Dube and Ms. Shital Farkade are doing GNM 3rd year. Ms. Karishma Mohite is doing D. Ed - 2nd year, Ms. Kavita Mohite has joined one year Computer diploma. Ms. Anita Savarkar, Ms. Anita Selukar, - 2nd year and Ms. Debora Nikode, - 1st year are studying GNM at Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu.

OASIS Tribal Girls Home

The 25 girls of Oasis home are studying in 2nd to 5th class at Navjeevan English School, Nagpur run by MVM. The other 24 girls are studying in Sarsawati Marathi School. The daily routine and annual activities are carried as per plan. The 12 girls from 9th to 12th standard participated in Bible quiz from TWR and Bible Society of India and did well in their participation. The VBS ministry was conducted from 26th to 31st October 2017. Miss. Asha Waghmare from Shalom Church, Mumbai gave her best for girl's spiritual formation. She taught God's care and love as well to know the call and will of God for his ministry. These girls are actively involved in joining the carol rounds at Nagpur.

The wall compound around the Navjeevan center that houses Oasis Home and Navjeevan School has been partially completed. Praying for permission from grampanchayat and provision from God to complete the erection of wall. Some of the Oasis children will be participating in the Shalom mela during Christmas vacation and participate in cultural program and other activities.

MVM family congratulates newly married couple and missionaries Ajay and Shweta Tangachand. They were united in Christ as one body on 27 Oct 2017 at Manmad, Dist. Nashik. The Holy matrimony was solemnised by Rev. Sanjeev Chauhan and other leaders of MVM along with believers and family members from both sides graced this occasion and blessed the couple. Ajay Tangachand has been working with MVM for last five years at Ghoti, Nashik-District after completing certificate course (MSE) from Shalom Training Center (SOE). Sis. Shweta had worked as staff Nurse in Sahara Hospital at Nashik. Continue to uphold the new family and their ministries in your prayer.
**M. kids**

**Happy Home, Amravati** has eight children and three staffs. In the last few months, every Sunday devotion was organised which comprises of special presentation, sharing, intercessory prayer, words of life, responsive scripture reading etc. The kids were invited by CNI and Alliance churches to lead praise and worship in Sunday services. As usual, daily vesper service at 8:00 pm is conducted were considerable time is spent on worshipping, praying and sharing each ones burden. Every last week of the month missionaries from Akola and Amravati get together for meeting cum fasting programme at Home and the children feel encouraged by their visit.

Mr. Pakhare, a senior member of Alliance Church, Amravati donated shoe rack, badminton racket (4 rackets), badminton shuttle cork, foot ball, Wheat (15 sacks) and Rice (2 sacks). The kids are invited to participate in Christmas carol singing in Baptist, CNI and Alliance Church in Amravati district. Happy home is also organising special Christmas programme in-house. Missionary Devanand Kudmethe and family have taken charge as home parent in place of Rev. Shimon Khandare and family. Sis. Avi Achumi is the warden and guides the children in studies and spiritual growth.

11 missionary kids are staying in **Happy home - Shalom centre, Yavatmal** and are studying in the School run by MVM. The kids are growing spiritually as well in their education; they are guided by the school teachers after school hour every day.

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**Field visit by churches in Mumbai:**

A team from Methodist Tamil Church, Nerul visited Sakharpada village, Thane on 23 Sept. 2017. They encouraged the believers through worship, word of God and also prayed with the believers and missionary family. They donated musical instrument for the local church. On 12 Oct. '17, a team from Free Methodist English Church, Andheri visited Palatpada village. The believers were encouraged by the team through praise and worship, Word of God. They also presented as offering a musical instrument to the church. A visit by local churches always encourages the believers as well as missionary families and gives assurance of prayer in time of trials and tribulations. We encourage the churches to visit, experience personally God's power of salvation work in the downtrodden, forsaken people and be challenged as a church to move forward to empower Evangelism.
1. Jyoti Bhoyer, Rajesh Misal, Surekha Jumnake, Swarna Takwe, Chengabai Waghmare and Aruna Pawar are delivered from evil spirit through prayer.
2. Healing of Nirmala Agashe from Typhoid fever, Shaila Gokhe and Maya Nagpure from fits and Dinesh Gokhe from tuberculosis.
3. Yeshoda Bhosle and Vaishali are delivered from evil spirit.
4. Atul Dhurve is saved from snake bite. Missionary Narmada Yeshwante, wife of Sachin Yeshwante is pregnant after 5 years of their marriage. Blessing of Shankar Gangadhar family with baby girl after 7 yrs of marriage.
5. Manisha Adikari is saved from road accident. And successful operation of Sawarupa Bai Gangathar for tumor in her neck.
7. Praise God for ministry growth in Hadolti, Kokarga and Naundri villages at Latur district.
9. Bhajan program and Seeker's retreat in the field of Dolapur and Nidha village were blessed.
10. One family received salvation through our believer Shevanti Shewale who shared Gospel with them.
12. Ghadge family who accepted Jesus Christ at Ekrukh village and good response to newly started worship group at Ekrukh village.
15. New Bible study groups started at Katkari pada and Tatpada in Thane district.
16. The peaceful settlement in Shantabai Bansod's family dispute.
17. Durga and Shantabai from Ladga villages were cured from dengue fever by the grace of God.
18. Safe surgery of Missionary Sis. Sunanda Khandare (cancer) and Sis. Thennim (pituitary gland) surgery and recovery at CMC hospital, Vellore.
19. Kisan Waghmare who was a tantrik is responding to the Gospel, believer Dilip searching for job has been blessed with one after earnest prayer.
20. Anantha Pawar who was not able to walk properly through prayer is healed and walking.
1. Madhuri Agane, Sangita Waghmare, Pooja Ingole and Maya Ambore to be blessed with children. Missionary Narmada Yeshwante to complete her trimester pregnancy safely.

2. A land to be purchased to construct church building in Mahalgaon field. And Bible study group in Dhabevada, Shirajgaon village.

3. Pujatai Dhole who is suffering from skin problem and for Madhuri Bangare, 8 years old to walk.


5. Miss. Thiannem, Happy Home warden who underwent surgery for the tumour in the brain.

6. Total recovery of Sis. Sunanda Khandare from cancer for which she is undergoing treatment at CMC hospital.

7. Sis. Vandana Alone, teacher of Navjeevan English School suffering from neck pain. Raju and Sugandha Waghmare’s family dispute to be solved amicably.

8. Pray for students who are weak or slow in learning: Pratik Tupat, Vaishnavi and Sanika studying in school run by MVM.

9. Bhimrao Acharya to heal from psychological problem for the last 20 years. And good life partner for believer Sheetal Banath.

10. Deliverance from liquor addiction of Bakubai and Mahesh Jadhav.

11. Ministry should grow in Dhamangaon, Salhara, Kandhivili Pada, Dohala Pada and Nauti villages.

12. Salvation of Dhamodhar Nagthodi, Balaji Waghmare, Namdev Sonawane and Shantaram Sonawane (Kawele village), Yogesh Raut, Atul Raut, Shabina Shaikh and Dnyaneshwar Dalvi.

13. Budha Kalchida, 40 years old healing from tumor in her stomach. Pray for Anjali Pawar to heal from swelling in uterus.

14. Gajirabai Jadhav and Mohite family to confirm their faith in Christ boldly and for Vishnu Ambore who is opposing the Gospel work.

15. Salvation of Sonali Jadhav, Gajirabai, Ajay and Sanjai Goyel in (Maujari village) and village of Sideshwar Sandip Kedam, Viknesh Pawar and Salkar Pawar.

16. Healing of Mohadu Wagh suffering from piles problem and Rechal Chowdhary who need blood every month.

17. Healing of Bayabai suffering from sickle cell and Arjun Dahikar sick from TB problem.

18. Shalikram Dahikar tormented by evil spirit and for the healing of Nirguna Ingle who is suffering from leprosy.


We live in a world of problems, troubles, sickness, trials and temptations, persecutions, difficulties, worries, pain, travail etc. As children of Lord Jesus in the midst of all this; God continues to give us His Love, Grace, Joy, Peace, Power and Strength and Hope to live and witness for His glory. God wants to touch our lives and make it a blessing for others.

In John 7:37-38 – “On the last day of the Great feast, Jesus stood up and said with a loud voice “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'”

In this world people are thirsty, craving for or after something and even after obtaining whatever they are craving for they are not satisfied. Isaiah 55:1 says “Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters ...” Our life is compared to a vessel, God has fashioned this life and because of sin there is emptiness within us. Jesus Christ came to this world not to establish a religion but to establish a relationship, communion, and fellowship back with God the creator.

First of all there must be an inflow of the spirit. The Spirit of God has to convict, cleanse and purify us, so that He can fill us with His Holy Spirit. Invite Jesus to come into your lives so that He can establish the relationship and remove the unwanted, good for nothing things and sins from our lives so that the Holy Spirit can flow and fill us. He makes streams in the deserts; he transforms our lives and makes us a stream of living water. Isaiah 12:3 says “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.” For the inflow of the Holy Spirit to happen in our lives, though it is free; it cost His very Son Jesus who died and rose again. He lives and works in us.

Now having received Jesus, we have the inflow of the Holy Spirit and from within us flows spring of living waters (John 7:37-39). The Spirit of the Lord not only in flows and fills us but also overflow. Psalms 23: 5 says “..... my cup overflows.” Our vessel overflows with love, joy, peace. We sing - It's bubbling, it's bubbling in my soul... I am singing and dancing since Jesus made me whole. No folks can understand it, how can we keep it quiet, what an experience! In John 4, we see the Samaritan woman coming to the well with an empty pot and Jesus begins a conversation with her and offers her living water and she sees him as a prophet and Messiah and believes on Him and from John 4:28 it is understood leaving her pot aside she went into the village with over flowing love, joy, peace and said come and see the Savior of the world. Her individual life experienced Jesus, cleansed and there was the Inflow and in the process there is the Overflow and symbolically it is portrayed she left the empty pot but she went back filled and over flowing. Our empty life is filled and over flow with the Love, Joy, and Peace of Lord Jesus.

In our lives by accepting Jesus there is inflow and there is an overflow and an Outflow. The Samaritan woman goes into the village and witnesses. Paul the moment filled with the inflow of the Holy Spirit, he had the overflow experience and he went and began to witness the power of Jesus. Persecutor changed to Preacher -Acts 9

Dear friends' stagnant water is murky, stinking and with no life. But flowing water is clear, there is life. From Ezekiel 47: 9-12 it is understood the river that flowed from the temple brought healing and 1 Cor. 3:16 says we are the God’s temple and that His spirit dwells in us. At the end of the Samaritan woman story, we see Jesus telling the fields is white for harvest - John 4:35 and harvest is plenty - Matthew 9:35-38. Through one overflowing, outflowing life of the Samaritan woman the entire village came to know Jesus as the Savior of the world.
The Triune God so touch our lives that we will have the Inflow of the Holy Spirit. We will be filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit and our lives will experience the Overflowing with His Love and Joy and Peace and our lives will Outflow and touch other lives and bring them into the wonderful fold of Jesus so that they can also experience the **Inflow, Overflow and Outflow of the Living water of Jesus**.

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**Testimonies**

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**Every Tongue, Every Tribe!**

Bhabar Khan from Brahman Adi village was paralysed on one side of the body and bed ridden for over a year. The Vikaswadi church had three day fasting prayer where the missionaries and the believers gathered together. Bhabar Khan Family brought him for the prayer with the hope of healing form the Lord. On the third day by the faithful and earnest prayer of the congregations, Bhabar Khan was healed from his infirmities and attends the church regularly giving up his old ways.

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**Evangelism in death**

Dadaji and Indu Chaudhary are from Sindewahi village, Chandrapur. Sis. Indu was under the influence of witch craft and bed-ridden immovable for months in a very serious condition. The missionaries visited their home and shared the Gospel; while praying, she powerfully got up and sat on bed even though she was weak. The whole family accepted Christ including younger son and daughter-in-law. Once her brother gave something like rice to eat (black magic) and after accepting it she again fell ill and passed away after someday. The missionaries were apprehensive about the family’s reaction to this situation, but her husband and family assured they won’t forsake God and had a Christian funeral service. During the last rite usually drunkards will create commotion to finish the rituals quickly, but here they waited without any disturbance for hours and many came for the funeral with eagerness to know the Christian tradition. The missionary used the opportunity to share the Gospel and comforted the grieving family. Indeed her death was an altar to take the Gospel to the non-believing people.

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**Priscillas of Maharashtra:**

Vandana Tulisidas Wadgare from Karvanth village is the first believer from her village and from Maddi people group. She shared her faith with her broth-in-law and his wife, affirming through her life that Jesus Christ is the only living God. Her perseverance yielded fruits, both her brother-in-law and his wife accepted Christ and regularly attend prayer. All Glory to God!

Kavitha Chichgare of Naleshwar village is a believer and attends regularly the Bible study group with other 8-9 families. As she grew in her faith and word of God, she started sharing the Gospel with her neighbors. Recently, three new families have accepted Christ and attend regularly the Bible study and growing in the Word of God.
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