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"Of great force is the intercession of a righteous man when it is energized." - James 5:16

The force of prayer has been understood and utilized by the saints of all times and of every persuasion and school. They have prayed in the will of God because they were living in harmony with the will of God. They have prayed in faith because they were habituated to trust God for every desire as a child relying upon his father. They have prayed effectually because they were men and women of holy character; their hearts were right with God. They prayed boldly because they sought the good of others. Prayer is energized when it partakes of these four elements, for it is then that "the Spirit makes intercession in the saints according to the will of God."

It is just such energized intercession that India, Indian missions, and Indian missionaries need. It is just such intercession that we invite you to make on our behalf. Here is an all important phase of missionary work in which you can engage, nay in which we must all engage.

With this Issue of our field paper, we challenge you to make an honest attempt at energized intercession. It will not be an easy endeavour, but it will make you grow in your own spiritual life, and it will bring victory in the Indian arena of spiritual warfare. Please keep and use this issue of "The India Alliance" as a prayer manual. Most of the requests will be up to date for a considerable period if used in their time setting. Thanks for your labor of love throughout the entire year.
A Missionary Soliloquy

Today in India God is subjecting us to the discipline of change. The Christian Church in India has long been at ease under the benign favour of a sympathetic government. Have we not as a result, become stagnant? Have we not like Moab settled upon our lees until the good wine of His Spirit is being contaminated by the lees of the Old Man from which we should have been separated? Do not our bad qualities of lewdness, boastfulness, mammon-serving, and pleasure seeking, remain within us? Confirmed by time and use are not these elements rendering the good wine useless and even offensive? Being without affliction we have neglected the daily purification of the Word. Who among us can deny that God is beginning to do that which we would not do for ourselves? Might not His design be to turn us this way and that, permitting us no worldly security, that by this discipline of change we may be loosened from the evils of our own hearts and prepared to do both His will and work?

God's dealing with Israel is a case in point. The national life of God's chosen people was not designed by Him to be smooth. They groaned under the yoke of oppressor after oppressor. They suffered at the hands of their own kings. They endured the agonies of ever recurring wars and the humiliation of several exiles. In this manner God "emptied them from vessel to vessel" until they were finally purified from the taint of idolatry which made them unfit to be the messengers of God's Word.

God has proven the Church of India under circumstances of tranquility and prosperity, and she has failed to evangelize the heathen about her. Most of the effort of the Church has been consumed in the care of widows, the helping of the poor of the flock, the establishing of believers and other worthy causes to the neglect of the Word and its proclamation. If God should thoroughly overturn our circumstances as He did the early Church at Jerusalem, what would be the results? Are we ready to be made usable? Lord, remove my unbelief that I may truly pray, "Thy Will be done."

"I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit shall abide; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it you." — John 15:16.
Exploitation of India

For centuries the fabled wealth of India has challenged the spirit of adventure, inflamed the imagination, and stirred the cupidity of greedy capitalists. Exaggerated visions of Indian wealth in gold, silver, and precious stones have driven Westerners from many countries to make their fortunes or meet their death in this fabled land. India is still rich in undeveloped natural resources and in skills hoary with age. The eyes of the world are again turned upon her in hope of a new type of exploitation as soon as circumstances are favourable.

The real wealth of India is unquestionably her people—her human wealth. She is incomparably rich in spiritual possibilities. India today presents a unique opportunity to the Church for the laudable exploitation of spiritual wealth—- for the garnering of countless gems for the Master's crown. This benevolent exploitation can only be accomplished thru energized prayer.

Prayer Calendar

Please cover the following events and circumstances of the Missionary Year with earnest prayer at the appropriate time. Thank You!

JANUARY

1. Watchnight And New Year Services Are Held In Many Churches.
   1. Pray that all Christians may consecrate themselves anew and wholly to God's service and will.

2. Students Return To School From Christmas Vacation.
   1. Pray that God will spare the Mission Schools from the sickness and epidemics of the villages from which they return.
   2. Pray for the health of these young people removed from their home ties.
   3. Pray that these children may early learn to trust God as their Healer.
   4. Pray that God's will may be done in the life of each student, and that none of them may be hindered in returning to school after the holidays.

"When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any." Mk.11:25
3. The Coldest Weather Of The Year Is Experienced.
   1. Pray for the poor who have very little to keep them warm night or day.
4. Annual Church Business Meetings Are Held In All Organized Churches (Marathi, Hindi, And Gujarati Speaking).
   1. Pray that each local Church may seek the mind of the Lord in the election of local Church officers.
   2. Pray that the various gifts of the Spirit, and not carnal politics, may dominate Church life.
   3. Pray that the Lord's work may be conducted "decently and in order."
   4. Pray that the Church may be freed from all selfishness, exclusiveness, and cast considerations that bring harm to the cause of Christ.
5. District Evangelistic Work Continues. (The Cool Season is utilized in reaching the out-lying areas of our districts).
   1. Pray that your missionaries may be led to those whose hearts are prepared for The Good News.
   2. Pray that the seed sown may bear fruit.
   3. Pray for the evangelization of long-neglected areas in almost all our districts.
6. Annual Meeting of The East Khandesh Church Council Comprising the Churches Of Bhusawal, Jalgaon, Nargaon, and Malkapur is Held.
   1. Pray that this Prayer Conference may be used of God to inspire national leaders to do exploits for Him.
7. Missionaries and Indian Leaders Prepare Annual Reports Giving A Digest of the Past Year’s Accomplishments.
   1. Pray that there may be no dilitoriousness in preparing these reports.
   2. Pray that each compiler may realize that he has been an unprofitable servant and seek the God of all grace for such an enduement as will make him daily useable in God’s vineyard.
8. The East Khandesh Young People’s Rally is Held on Republic Day (January 26)
   1. Churches of the district in turn act as host. Pray

“... When thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father ...” Matt. 6:6
that this may be a time of blessing and strengthening for the entertaining congregation and youth group.
2. Pray that young people may be strengthened in faith and respond to the call for full time service.

FEBRUARY

1. District Touring Continues (c. f. No. 5 January)
   1. Pray for the awakening of souls until now unaware of their great need.
      Pray that wills enchained by Satan may be freed by the power of God.
   3. Pray that missionaries constantly surrounded by the blight of heathenism may never loose their belief in the possibility of an immediate harvest.
   4. Pray for isolated Christians who are generally ministered to at this time.

   1. Pray for Divine Guidance in the many irksome temporal tasks that form a part of the missionaries' work.
   2. Pray that each missionary may be alert to utilize these contacts with heathen merchants as opportunities for witness.

3. Most Annual Church Council Meetings are Held. (c. f. No. 6 January).
   1. Pray for these men who are set over God's heritage and especially for officers elected to positions of leadership.
   2. Pray that the reports read may reveal our weaknesses and cause us to earnestly seek the God of Unlimited Power.
   3. Pray that the national brethren who constitute the major portion of this group may have the mind of God regarding Church matters.
   4. Pray that a true missionary spirit may characterize all our thinking and actions.

4. Pastors are Assigned Their Appointments By The Synodal Executive Committees.
   1. Pray that grace may be given each one to accept decisions made for the good of the work.

"... Make you a new heart and a new spirit ..." Ezek. 18:31

1. Pray for our own school at Chikalda and for the Union Schools at Mussoorie, Conoor, and Kodaikanal where our older children attend.
2. Pray for the safety of these little ones most of whom are over a thousand miles away from their parents.
3. Pray that they may grow "in wisdom, and stature, and in favour with God and man." (Luke 2:52).
4. Pray that they may see the need to which their parents have responded, and consecrate themselves to the work of the Lord.

6. The Mission Executive Committee Meets in Gujarat.

1. Pray that our specially chosen representatives may be endued with understanding concerning God's program for the hour, and with faith and courage to forcefully execute the same.

**MARCH**

1. Annual Mela (Camp Meeting) is Held at Mehmedabad for Gujarati-Speaking Christians.
   1. Pray that the times of refreshing experienced in bygone days may be repeated.
2. A Union Mela is Held at The Katepurna Alliance Camp Grounds for Marathi-Speaking Christians.
   1. Pray that God's Spirit may be outpoured upon this large gathering.
   2. Pray that Indian brethren may be anointed of God for convention and camp ministries.
3. Annual Meetings of the Gujarati and Marathi Synods are Held.
   1. Pray that Church politics may be kept out of the Lord's work.
   2. Pray that worthy and competent men may be elected to office.
   3. Pray for true Indianization of the work of the Church
   4. Pray that the Church may accept full financial responsibility for all its departments of endeavour.
   5. Pray that the members of the Indian Church may receive a burden for lost souls.

"Pour out your heart before (God)." Psalm 62:8
4. Two Large Hindu Fairs are Visited by the Marathi Missionaries for Evangelistic Preaching and Gospel Distribution.

1. Pray for the protection of Christ's witnesses, for the most bigotea are generally encountered at such times.
2. Such a frontal attack in Enemy territory is bound to call forth resistance. We can only hope for success in this endeavour as our little task forces are covered by a supporting artillery of prayer. Cover every phase of their movements with prayer.

5. Bible Students Take Their Final Examinations.

1. Pray that they may depend upon the Holy Spirit to bring to their minds those truths which they have learned during their three years of Bible Study.

6. Bible School Students are Graduated from Nargaon, Khambgaon, and Mehmedabad.

1. Pray that the commencement program and exercises may be used of God to accomplish a spiritual work in the lives of observers and participants.
2. Pray that the appointment of graduates to permanent spheres of service and of undergraduates to temporary summer assignments may be directed of the Lord.
3. Pray for married students who will be establishing homes in lonely heathen villages.
4. Pray for single ladies who will begin work as Bible Women.
5. Almost all students will return to the darkness of heathen villages in some spiritual capacity. Pray that their light may be set on a candlestick that all may be enlightened concerning salvation thru Christ.

7. Some Missionaries Will Be Sailing for Furlough.

1. Pray that they may be refreshed for a larger ministry in the future.
2. Pray that they may be enabled to so present the need of the heathen world that self-centered church members may consecrate their lives to a world ministry for Christ.

"He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6
8. District Touring Ends for Most Missionaries.

1. Pray that young converts who have just accepted baptism may utilize the means of grace and look to the Lord daily for guidance and strength to overcome the insidious temptations of relatives and neighbours.
2. Pray for inquirers who will now be without the guidance and help of the missionary and national evangelist.
3. Pray for the work of the district station and church as the missionary concentrates his attention upon it.
4. Pray for those who will continue spending the early morning hours in bazaar preaching.
5. Pray that the seed of God's Word sown during the past touring season may spring up into an abundant harvest.
6. Pray that results of the touring season may be preserved.


1. Pray for the exhausted missionary who finds the nights too hot for sleep.
2. Pray for Preparatory Teachers and Students who become weary in well doing.
3. Some teachers will sit for government examinations in higher education for which they have been preparing at home in their sparetime as they teach. They request your prayer help.

APRIL

1. The Temperature Passes the 100 Mark

1. Pray for missionaries and national workers who need physical strengthening to continue their work in this stifling heat.

2. Easter Services are Generally Held in This Month

1. Pray that all may have a fresh vision of Christ crucified in our place and raised for our justification.
2. Is it too much to ask of God that He make soul winners of those who have repeatedly heard this message of a risen Saviour?

"But ye are . . . a royal priesthood . . ." I Peter 2:9
3. A College Students' Retreat is Held at Chikalda.

1. This ministry is aimed at meeting the specific needs of Christian young people taking higher training. It will continue to be blessed of God as you uphold both speakers and students in prayer.

4. The Primary Day Schools Hold (Annual) Final Examinations.

1. Pray for the Day School at Dhandhuka where sixteen different Hindu Casts are represented by the 75 students.
2. Pray for the Bhusawal Agwalla Day School where the majority of the 220 students come from non-Christian homes.
3. Pray for the Day Schools in Christian villages such as Ashapur, Shantipur, Kadan, etc, where most of the students consider themselves Christians because they come from Christian homes.
4. Pray for the Scripture Classes held in all these and similar Mission Schools.
5. Pray that all Mission teachers may become evangelists to their pupils.
6. Pray that the large number of Christian teachers employed in Government Schools may embrace their opportunities of witnessing for Christ.

5. The Mission Boarding Schools Close for the Summer Holidays.

1. Pray that the students of our three Preparatory Schools (The Santa Barbara Boys' School, The Khambgaon Girls' School, and the Dholka Co-Educational School) will live for Christ during the vacation months spent at home away from missionary influence.
2. Pray for the Seventh Standard students who will sit for the comprehensive Government Examination covering all their primary school training.
3. Pray for the students of all other standards who will be examined on the work studied in their standards.
4. Pray that all the pupils may come to know the Lord.
5. Pray that through these school children we may have an effective ministry in many heathen homes.
6. Pray that the Christian teachers may embrace their constant opportunities to live and speak for Christ.

"... The river of God, ... is full of water." Ps. 65:9
6. The Government Fiscal Year Begins.
   1. Pray for missionaries in charge of Grant-in-Aid Schools who have exhaustive financial reports to present to Government in quintuplicate.
   2. Most Mission schools receive an annual government grant to assist in defraying the operating expenses and without which many of them could not remain open. Pray that these grants may be adequate and that all financial obligations may be met.

7. The Religious Periodical Published Monthly by The Gujarati Synod for Its Members, Begins Its Fiscal Year.
   1. Pray that Christians may be nurtured in the faith by the perusal of its pages.
   2. Pray that the editor, Rev. James Evans, may be able to meet the peculiar special spiritual needs of the Gujarati Christians thru “The Jivan Sanmarg” (The Most Excellent Way of Life).
   3. Pray that God may give to some of our young Christians special talent for the writing of effective articles in the expressive Gujarati language.

MAY

   1. Pray that thru their preaching, tract distribution, and organized leaflet campaigns souls may be won to Christ.

2. Evangelistic Week is Observed Throughout Most Churches as Christians Go out in Bands to Bear Witness to Their Neighbors of the Hope Within Them. (c. f. No. 9 Nov.)
   1. Pray that this annual week of witness may be extended into a year round vocation.
   2. Pray that God will bless the inexpert efforts of His witnesses with fruit.
   3. The extrication of souls from idolatry is not child’s play but the work of the Holy Spirit. Pray that no one may go forth in his own strength but in the power of the Holy Ghost.
   4. Pray that every church member may become a volunteer worker.

“... He ... made intercession for the transgressors.” Isa. 53:12
5. Pray that each Church may become the evangelizing agent for their own district.
6. Pray that prayer may have a large place in all such efforts.
7. There is a strong tendency to engage in intensive effort throughout the week and neglect the necessary follow-up work that brings lasting results. Pray for a vision that will be constant and unsatisfied with anything less than lasting fruit.

1. May God increase the number of these earnest, self-sacrificing laymen.
2. Pray that many more may aspire to the wisdom of Proverbs 11:30. "He that winneth souls is wise."

4. Singing Bands Travel About the Country Presenting the Gospel in Song.
1. Pray that they may be not as Ezek. 33:32 but that they may be able to sing faith into the hearts of their hearers.
2. Pray that these groups may display the joy of the Lord which is our strength.
3. Pray that our Indian leaders may be taught of the Lord to adapt familiar Indian tunes for the proclamation of the Gospel.

5. Adult Literacy Classes are Held for Illiterates, Both Christian and Non-Christian.
1. Pray that we may have a Bible-reading Church.
2. Pray that Scriptures used in teaching heathen illiterates to read may convince them of their sin and lead them to the only Saviour from sin. Illiterates are fully competent to understand the fundamental truths of the Gospel.
3. Pray for the ministry of “The Kristie Jivan Prakash” as its over 2000 copies monthly enter the homes of those who have recently learned to read the Marathi language.
4. Pray for the similar ministry of “Ajvalium” in the Gujarati language.
5. Pray that more of our national workers will give themselves to this valuable ministry.

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." John 14:13
6. **Missionaries Leave the Heat of the Plains for Respite in the Hills.**

1. Pray for refreshment of body, soul, and spirit.
2. Pray for missionaries taking part in Spiritual Life Conferences held at the Hill Stations.
3. Pray for those forced to take burdensome correspondence and other special work with them.
4. Pray for those who will be organizing their work for the year — preparing sermons, Bible lessons, Flannelgraph materials, etc.
5. Missionary parents generally go to the Hill Station where their children are studying, so that they can be together in out-of-school hours. Pray for parents seeking to direct the lives of their little ones during these brief times together.
6. Pray for both Marathi and Gujarati language students who attend classes in intensive language instruction offered at the various Hill Stations.
7. Pray for immature Christians left without a shepherd.
8. Pray for all those who labour for Christ and witness to His saving power during the prostrating heat of hot India’s hottest month.

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**JUNE**

1. **Roof and Other Repair Work is Completed in Preparation for the Monsoon.**

1. Pray that God may give unusual patience and foresight to His servants entrusted with this work.
2. Pray for the supply of every need.

2. **Monsoon Weather Restricts Travel — Missionaries Concentrate on Local Work.**

1. Pray that we may have a copious monsoon for if the winds that blow this month and the next are not laden with rain the masses of India who are solely dependent upon agriculture for their sustenance will be reduced to famine or near famine conditions.
2. Pray for Christian farmers who are tempted to work on Sundays during the rushed monsoon season.

3. **Day Schools and Boarding Schools Begin a New School Year.**

"...I have prayed for thee... strengthen thy brethren." Luke 22:32
1. Pray that students may not be hindered from coming to school for financial or family reasons.
2. Pray that God will spare the Boarding Schools from diseases brought with the scholars from the villages.
3. Pray that homesick children may be able to settle into the school routine quickly.
4. Pray that the managers of schools may have wisdom and tact in dealing with undisciplined children.
5. Pray for evangelistic meetings held in some of the schools at the beginning of the term.
6. A new school term always brings the problem of stealing. Pray that the temptation to steal may be overcome by a true experience of salvation.
7. Pray for the salvation of heathen families contacted thru our school work.
8. Pray for the salvation of unconverted children of Christian parents who think of themselves as Christian because they were born into Christian homes.

4. **Bible Schools Reopen for a New Year of Work.**
   1. Pray that our young folks may willingly offer themselves for the Lord's service.
   2. Pray that we may have worthy applicants.
   3. Pray that the Lord will restrain the coming of those without calls to His service.
   4. Pray that God will endue and fill teachers for their year of service for Him.

5. **Short Courses of Instruction for Enquirers Conducted on Several Mission Stations During the Latter Part of the Month.**
   1. Pray that enquirers may put their faith wholly in the Lord Jesus Christ and look to Him for strength to confess Christ openly.
   2. Pray for all new converts that they may be sustained thru temptations that the adversary heaps upon them.
   3. Pray for those persecuted by relatives because of their interest in a religion different from that of their fathers.

**JULY**

1. **Most of Our Year's Supply of Rain Comes This Month.**
   1. Pray for a good monsoon without which there will be hard times.
   
   "Help, Lord." — Psalm 11:1
2. Pray that your fellow Christians may be exempt from coughs, colds, and related troubles that are common to this season of constant dampness.
3. Pray that the wells may fill with clean water. Typhoid rages during this season due to the drinking of contaminated water.
4. Grains, cotton, peanuts, etc. are being planted in abundance. Pray that there may be a spiritual planting season in all our scattered fields of endeavour.

2. Mission Executive Committee Meeting is Held at Headquarters (c. f. No. 6 February)
   1. Pray for the supply of financial needs.
   2. Pray for divine wisdom and sanctified aggressiveness.

3. Various Church Committee Meetings are Held.
   1. Pray for divine enlightenment for members of committees as they seek to expedite the actual conduct of the work.
   2. Pray that all methods adopted may be Bible-centered and Christ-glorifying.

4. East Khandesh Sunday School Institute Convenes
   1. Our Sunday School work could and should be greatly extended. Pray.
   2. Pray for the preparation of volunteer teachers thru Teacher Training Classes.
   3. Pray that the excellent Sunday School Helps available in Marathi and Gujarati may be utilized for constructive Bible Study.
   4. Pray that Christian adults may not despise the Sunday School as an institution for children.
   5. Pray that Sunday Schools may be established in unreached villages.

5. Revival Meetings are Conducted in One or Other of the Bhusawal Churches
   1. Pray for conviction of sin.
   2. Pray that believers may seek and experience the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

6. The Women's Bible Training School Begins a Regular Program of Practical Work Among Christian and Hindu Children

"Have faith in God." — Mk. 11:22.
1. Pray that these little ones may exercise an act of faith in the blood of Christ.

7. All Schools Are Underway
1. Pray that the students will form regular study habits.
2. Pray that students will form constructive friendships that will be an encouragement thru their entire lives to live for Christ and serve Him only.
3. Many schools will be inspected by a Government Officer during this or the following month. Pray that government will make no unreasonable demands and that we will remain free to teach the Holy Scriptures in our schools.

AUGUST

1. Evangelists and Bible Women Attend Short Term Bible Schools.

1. Pray that all may be enlightened by the study of the Word of God in these six to eight week refresher courses.
2. Pray that each worker may be encouraged by Christian fellowship and prepared to return to his lonely service for the Master.
3. Pray that our young workers may become students of God's Word.
4. Pray for the teachers that they may have an anointing of the Spirit of God for this important service.

2. Evangelism is Pursued at the Numerous Hindu Festivals Held at So-Called Sacred Places Throughout Our Area. (c.f. No. 7 November)

1. Pay that God will give favour with officials that suitable locations may be secured.
2. Pray that God will bring to nought the efforts of those who would heckle and annoy the preaching of His Word.
3. Pray that all workers may be divinely strengthened to endure hardness as good soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. Pray that seekers may overcome thru faith in Christ the many obstacles Hinduism sets on the threshold of conversion.

"Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Hebrews 7:25
3. The East Khandesh Young People’s Rally is Held on August, 15 (Independence Day)
   1. Pray for the speakers and youth officers.
   2. Pray that the young people may obey God.
   3. Pray for Christian workers who have opportunities to speak or pray at Independence Day Celebrations.
   4. Pray for “all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life...” (I Tim. 2:2)
   5. Pray that the political situation may remain such that the Lord’s work may be pursued unhindered.

4. Evangelistic Services are Held at Santa Barbara Boys’ School
   1. Pray earnestly that these boys may get beyond a head knowledge of Christ to one that changes their hearts.

5. School Continues
   1. Besides study each student has a specified amount of detail work to do - cleaning grain, preparing food, weeding fields, tidying their own rooms and compound. Pray that these students will early learn the discipline of work.
   2. Pray for High School Youths who share the hostel life of our Boarding Schools as they attend Government High Schools. May this minority maintain a clear and uncompromising testimony.
   3. Pray for the whole younger generation most of whom are not privileged to attend Christian schools nor live in Christian Hostels.

SEPTEMBER

1. New and Retuning Missionaries Sail for India
   1. Pray for spirit-filled recruits to fill up missionary ranks for a concerted advance into unoccupied territory.
   2. Pray that visas may be granted.
   3. Pray that needed outfits may be acquired.
   4. Pray for a safe and profitable passage.

2. Pastors’ Prayer Retreats Held by Both the Marathi and the Gujarati Synods.

“With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.” Isa. 12:3
1. Many of these Pastors are older men who have borne the heat of the day in the Master's vineyard. Pray for their refreshment and spiritual invigoration. (c. f. Workers' List for Ordained Ministers' names)

3. Short Term Bible Schools Continue (c. f. No. 1 August)


1. All the Protestant missionaries working in the Gujarati-speaking area of Bombay State meet for worship, fellowship, and the discussion of their common problems and objectives. We long for spiritual union that will not demand uniformity.

5. The Berar-Khandesh Christian Conference is Held During the Second Week of the Month.

1. This Conference admits national workers as well as missionaries. It has been the means of closer cooperation between all evangelical missions working in this area. Pray that this cooperation may continue.

6. Short Term Bible Instruction for Village Christians is Held in Several Centers.

1. Pray that God will open both the minds and hearts of these simple Believers to His Word.
2. Pray for their growth in grace for which these times of instruction are designed.
3. Pray for missionaries who must arrange for shelter, food, water, firewood, etc. as well as Biblical instruction.

7. Teaching of the Laubach Adult Literacy Course is Begun at the Women's Bible Training School.

1. Pray that these students may learn the technique for teaching adult illiterates.
2. Pray that the Church in India may become a literate, Bible reading group of disciples.
3. Pray that simple, fascinating Christian literature may be printed in adequate amounts and at low enough price to meet the literary needs of those who have just learned to read.

8. Children's Day is Observed in Many Sunday Schools.

1. Pray for all work among children: Sunday Schools;

"... Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth...." Matt. 6:10
Day Schools; Boarding Schools; Children’s Church; and weekly Bible Classes.

2. Pray for the safety and well being of missionary children in Boarding Schools many miles removed from their parents.

9. Quarterly Examinations are Held in All Primary Schools and Reports Sent to Parents.
   1. Pray for those who have not yet learned the discipline of study.
   2. Pray that results of these examinations may cause students to apply themselves to their studies.

OCTOBER

1. Touring Season Begins: Missionaries and Indian Workers Visit Villages not Reached at Other Times. (c. f. January-March)
   1. Pray for those areas in each district where the Gospel has never or seldom been preached.
   2. Pray especially for our large pioneer areas of Arvi, Radhanpur, and Palanpur.
   3. Pray for the half-million souls in Cutch still unreached by the Gospel message.
   4. Pray that enquirers may confess their sins, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and witness for Him before their relatives and neighbours.
   5. Pray for the evangelists. A dispensation is committed unto them which they cannot fulfill except by large supplies from the Throne of Grace.
   6. Pray that the Scripture portions daily sold may be read and their messages considered. God’s Word will accomplish its purpose when actually brought to bear upon the heart.
   7. Pray that jeeps and funds may be sufficient so that the work of touring may progress unhindered.

2. Missionaries Arrive on the Field From Furlough.
   1. Pray for a safe and restful voyage.
   2. A missionary to India lives from his outfit for five years. Pray that it may arrive without damage or loss.
   3. Pray that missionaries may receive kind treatment at the hands of the customs officers.

“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.” — Mk. 14:38
4. Pray for the missionary himself. He lives among the dying. He bears an unmeasurably momentous commission. On its fulfillment depends the eternal destinies of thousands now living and of generations yet to be born. All about him are prodigious forces for evil. He is a constant witness to the force of prejudice, the enslavement of superstition, and the unspeakable power of Satan. He is a constant candidate for your prayers.

2. The Mission Executive Committee Meets at Akola (c. f. No. 2 July)

1. Pray for divine guidance in all decisions. The circumstances in which we are placed call for extraordinary amounts of wisdom and grace.
2. Pray that the Chairman may be strengthened for his multitudinous duties and decisions.

4. The Annual Missionary Conference is Held at Akola

1. Pray for wisdom to make the changes necessary to meet the need of the hour.
2. Pray that missionaries may be able to adjust to the New India.
3. Pray for foresight in the development of the indigenous Church.
4. Pray for God’s will regarding Mission property.
5. Pray that all may be given grace to accept their annual appointments without murmuring.
6. Pray that all missionaries may be spiritually prepared for our role of decreasing prominence in the Church of India.
7. As Christ took on Himself humanity without sin in fulfilling His earthly mission, so must the missionary to India take that form of humanity which the Hindu assumes divesting himself only of its sinfulness. The magnitude of this endeavour demand earnest prayer.

5. The Christian Home Festival is Observed in Most Churches

1. Pray that this week of meetings, visiting, and domestic activities may impress all concerning the importance of the Christian Home as an evangelistic force.
2. Pray that all heathen habits and conceptions concerning social activities, the training of children, marriage, sex, duties to the family and relatives, use of money, expressions of patriotism, etc., might be brought under the light of Holy Writ and abandoned where in conflict with the same.

"Pray without ceasing." — I Thess. 5:17.
3. Pray that Christian Homes may be kept clean, healthy, and orderly as a testimony for Christ.
4. Pray that every Christian Home may establish and continue family worship.
5. Pray that all old debts may be paid and no new ones contracted.
6. Pray that Christian fellowship may not be marred by any considerations of former cast connections.
7. Pray that Christ may indeed become the Head of Each Home.

1. Pray that secret believers may have the courage to confess Christ openly (Rom. 10:10)
2. Pray that these services may be conducted and the candidates for baptism so yielded to God that attending relatives and neighbours may be convicted of their own need.
3. Pray that each candidate may fully renounce the snares of idolatry in its many and varied forms ascribing all glory and worship to God alone. (I Cor. 10:20)

7. Week of Prayer Observed Throughout Indian Churches
1. May Indian Christians learn the futility of man-made methods and resort to the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man that avails. (James 5:16)
2. Let us humbly entreat the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ to visit His blood-bought Church and His Spirit-called messengers with a gracious quickening of the Holy Spirit for field wide revival power.

NOVEMBER
1. Youth Camp for Teen-age Gujarati Young Men is Held at Kedeshpur
1. Pray that at these meetings God will empower them to "flee youthful lusts." (II Timothy 2:22)
2. Pray that God will make our young men like Stephen, "full of the Holy Ghost, . . . wisdom, . . . faith, . . . grace, and power." (Acts 6:3-8)

"Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin . . . ;and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy book which Thou hast written." Ex. 32:31-32
2. **District Evangelism Continues** (c. f. No. 1 October)
   1. Pray for the health of workers exposed to the filth and sun of village streets where meetings are held.
   2. Let us not forget that we are in a spiritual battle. If victory is to be ours the Strong Man must be bound ere we enter his territory.
   3. Pray that workers may be guided of the Holy Spirit to present those portions of Scripture that exactly answer the need of each seeker.
   4. Pray that workers may be the means in God’s hands of conveying eternal life to dead souls.

3. **Annual Sunday School Scripture Examination Covering the Year’s Work is Taken by Scholars.**
   1. Pray that all may strive to do well in this scripture examination.
   2. Pray that each contestant may hide the Word of God away in his heart.
   3. Pray that the Word thus hidden may be used to the salvation of each Sunday School scholar. A goodly number of these pupils come from Hindu homes.
   4. Pray that the prizes given may encourage others to make the effort to excell.

4. **Bible Training Schools Begin Their Second Terms of Study.**
   1. Pray that the students may walk in the new light they have acquired from the study of God’s Word. (John 12:35)
   2. Pray that these God-called messengers may be “thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (II Tim. 3:17)
   3. Remembering that spiritual men are not made by schools, synods, nor missions, let us pray God to prepare His own ministers for service in the dark places of the earth. (Acts 26:16-18)

5. **Missionary Language Students Take Examinations**
   1. These are five in number each three hours long. Pray that every missionary may be strengthened for this ordeal.
   2. Pray that each language student may have a good instructor and sufficient time in which to cover the course.

“The Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends.”
Job 42:10
3. Pray for daily strength in pursuing the minute details and painful repetitions of language study.
4. All missionaries suffer loneliness from a sense of the solitariness of their position and the singularity of their character in a heathen land. This is especially true of the language student to whom everything is strange and new.

6. Local Revival Services are Held.
1. Revival of the Church is the requisite for the evangelization that India so sorely needs. Pungent conviction of sin is the precedent of revival. Pray.
2. Since the Church does not have a vision for the salvation of the lost, intercessors should stand sponsor for the Church.

7. Evangelistic Work is Conducted at Two Large Hindu Fairs in Gujarat (c.f. No. 2 August)
1. May workers be able to present the Gospel in such a way as to commend it to the consciences of those who hear.
2. This is serious frontline warfare in which the battle is for souls, the conquest for the Lord, and the outcome for all eternity. Pray!
3. Pray that where sin has hitherto abounded grace may much more abound (Rom. 5:20)
4. The milling throng and the maddening confusion of these large fairs make Gospel preaching exceedingly difficult. All circumstances combine to give impression that this is "their hour and the power of darkness." Pray that the Spirit of God may move even on such troubled waters.
5. Pray for Brahman priests and Mohammedan maulvis who by their profession and by their lucrative self-interest, are "armed to the teeth," against the Gospel.

8. Bible School Students Go out in Bands for Practical Work
1. Pray that they may be "clad with zeal as with a cloak." (Isa. 59:17)
2. Pray that these attempts at service may drive them back to their Bibles with new animation and to their knees with new earnestness.

9. Week of Witness is Observed in Churches Where Not Held in May (c.f. No. 2 May)
"... He said that He would destroy them, had not Moses His chosen stood before Him in the breach ..." Psalm 106:23
1. Pray for laymen who lay aside other duties during this week to go out into the highways and byways to witness concerning their Saviour.

2. Pray that increasingly evangelism will be regarded as the business of the whole congregation and not as the work of a select group of paid workers.

3. Pray that our goal, "Every Christian a Witness," may become a reality.

4. Pray for fruit.

10. Six Month Examinations Are Held in All Primary Schools

1. Pray for the teaching staff as well as the students.

2. With few exceptions, the men now serving the Lord as pastors, evangelists, and catechists have come from the halls of our Preparatory Schools. Pray that the students' grounding in spiritual as well as secular subjects may be sound.

DECEMBER

1. Two Weeks of Bible Instruction are Held for Village Women at Several Centers

1. Pray that they may store God's Word away in their hearts.

2. Pray that they may come to appreciate the heinousness of sin, and apprehend with vividness the beauties of holiness.

3. Pray that recent converts may not purchase peace thru silence.

2. Missionary Children Return to Their Parents on the Plains for Their Long Vacation Between School Terms.

1. Pray for traveling mercies.

2. Pray that their adjustments may be speedy and wholesome.

3. Special Church Offerings are Gathered.

1. Pray that each Christian may experience the joy and learn the grace of giving.

2. Pray that complete self support may become a reality.

3. Pray that all Christians may practice tithing.

"... The Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered ... He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8: 26, 27.
4. Annual Collection Made for the Bible Society of India, Burma, and Ceylon
   1. Pray that funds will be sufficient to place the Bible or New Testament into the hands of every man, woman, and child who wishes to read it.

5. Boarding School Children and Bible School Students Enjoy Christmas Holidays at Home.
   1. Pray that their lives and their witness may be such as to lead relatives to Christ.
   2. Pray for orphans who having no homes to go to especially feel their orphaned condition at this time.

6. Special Preparations are Made in all Christian Homes for a Joyous Christmas.
   1. May there be an equal preparation of heart.
   2. Pray that non-Christian neighbours will be patiently told the full meaning of Christmas.
   3. With all our gift giving may we not neglect to give the “unspeakable gift” to men lost in sin. (II Cor. 9:15)

7. Sunday School Children Have a Large Part in Christmas Services and Programs Held in all Local Churches.
   1. A Saviour is born — may He be born in their hearts.

8. Youth Camp for Teen-age Gujarati Girls is Held at Dholka
   1. Pray that all unsaved may respond to the invitation of Christ and that the Lord may use these meetings to call young women into His service.
   2. Pray that young believers may become aware of the height, and depth, and length, and breadeth of the Divine love and the Divine law.
   3. Pray that personal religion may be divested of its exotic characteristics and become indigenous to the soil of India.

9. Union Meetings for Youth of Entire Gujarati Area
   1. Pray that convictions may be deepened, sentiments purified, motives energized, and perceptions lucidated.
   2. Any stage of spiritual attainment is so far beyond the majority of their associates that they are apt to suppose they have reached perfection. Pray that they might not soon be satisfied but identify their desires with those of the Apostle Paul: “Not that I have already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after.” (Phil 3:12)

"But ask in faith, nothing wavering . . .” James 1:6
THANK YOU for bearing the burden with us throughout the year. As a new year dawns we begin anew the same round of activities. Please pray with us throughout this coming year so that the old round of activities may be marked by a new spirit and a plenitude of power and results. THANK YOU.

Prayer Manual for Each Day of the Week

SUNDAY

1. For the strengthening of all Christians in the faith.
2. That Christians may witness for Christ as missionaries to their own people.
3. For "lapsed" Christians
4. For unevangelized areas.
5. For village work, and village schools.
6. That there may be a willingness on the part of Indian Christian doctors, nurses, teachers and evangelists to take posts in the villages.
7. For Alliance Missionaries on Furlough from India:
   Rev. and Mrs. Tilman Amstutz ....
   Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Derr
   Rev. J. L. Amstutz
   Rev. and Mrs. L. L. King
   Mrs. J. F. Brabazon
   Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Carner
   Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Cartmel
   Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Vandergrift
   Miss Luella C. Burley
   Miss Winnie Sanford
8. For Alliance Missionaries Retired on the Field:
   Miss H. C. Bushfield     Rev. L. J. Cutler
9. For Alliance Missionaries Engaged in Special Work.
   Miss Agneta Hanson, Matron of Missionary Children's Home, Chikalda, Berar
   Miss Gladys Jacper, loaned to Biblical Seminary, Yoetmal, Berar.

MONDAY

1. For spirit-filled men and women as Church leaders
   "Christ Jesus . . . at the right hand of God . . . maketh intercession for us." Romans 8:34.
2. For the establishing of a strong indigenous Church
3. For all existing indigenous work.
4. For all Seminaries, Bible Schools, and Institutions for training pastors, evangelists, and teachers.
5. For the following Alliance Stations, their workers and work:
   Chandur, Berar—Evangelistic Center:
   Miss Marthena Ransom
   Arvi, Berar—Evangelistic Center: Unoccupied. Pray for missionary couple and residence for them.
   Mehmedabad, Bombay State — Gujarati Bible School:
   Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Ringenberg
   Evangelistic Center: Unoccupied. Pray for missionary couple.

TUESDAY
1. For evangelical vision and fervour.
2. For guidance in policy, especially concerning the indigenous Church.
3. For needed new workers.
4. For Missionaries of all Evangelical Bodies.
5. For Mission Hospitals (The C. & M. A. has none in India)
6. For work among the outcasts (60,000,000)
7. For the following Alliance Stations, their workers and work:
   Amravati, Berar - Evangelistic Center:
   Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Hartman
   Murtazapur, Berar - Evangelistic Center:
   Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Perrer
   Ahmedabad, Bombay State - City Evangelism:
   Miss Myra B. Wing
   Language study: Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Jacober
   Miss M. E. Dyke
   Gorakhpur, United Provinces - Nepalese Bible School:
   Rev. and Mrs. A. I. Garrison

WEDNESDAY
1. For the work of translating the Bible
2. For the production of Christian literature.
3. For literacy campaigns that Christians may learn to read their Bibles.
4. For copies of the Bible, and Bible portions in inexpensive editions to be put into the hands of all literate Indians.
5. For the translation of religious books that would broaden the lives of National Christians.

"The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer." Psalm 6:9.
6. For the following Alliance Stations, their workers and work:
   Anjangaon, Berar - Evangelistic Center:
       Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Eicher
   Akola, Berar - Headquarters:
       Rev. R. H. Smith, Chairman
       Miss F. A. Gerrie, Secretary
   District Evangelism: Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Eicher
       Miss Ann Droppa
   Boys' Boarding School: Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Dyke
   Language Study: Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Lewellen
       Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Stengele
   Dholka, Bombay State - Boarding Schools
       Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Haagen
   District Evangelism: Miss Ruth Ellen Blews

THURSDAY

1. For the entering of areas formerly closed to district evangelism.
2. For Moslem work in India.
3. For Sunday School and Youth Work.
4. For the following Alliance Stations, their workers and work:
   Khamgaon, Berar - Women's Bible School:
       Miss Hilda Davies       Mrs. O. G. Schlatter
       Girls' Boarding School:
       Miss Bernice Steed
       Miss Janet Woehrer
   District Evangelism: Miss Julia Derr
       Miss E. C. Karner
   Dhandhuka, Bombay State - Evangelistic Center:
       Rev. and Mrs. K. H. Kose
   Palanpur, Bombay State - Evangelistic Center:
       Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Evans

FRIDAY

1. For the political leaders and government officials.
2. For the raising up of Christian leaders to responsible positions.
3. For all work among Anglo-Indians.
4. For our 37 organized Churches and 50 outstations.
5. For the following Alliance Stations, their workers and work:
   Malkapur, Berar - Evangelistic Center:
       Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Shaw
   Nargaon, East Khandesh - Marathi Bible School:
       Rev. and L. R. Carner
   Viramgam, Bombay State - District Evangelism:
       Rev. and Mrs. P. L. Morris
       Language Study: Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Garrison
SATURDAY

1. For Mission colleges, schools and orphanages.
2. For all work among children.
3. For Indians studying in the United States.
4. For Jews in India (24,000)
5. For the following Alliance Stations, their workers and work:
   - Bhusawal, East Khandesh - City and District Evangelism: Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Schelander
   - Jalgaon, East Khandesh - Evangelistic Center: Rev. and Mrs. D. W. H. Capps
   - Radhanpur, Bombay State - Evangelistic Center: Unoccupied by Missionaries. Pray for missionary couple and bungalow
   - Ramabai Mukti Mission, Kedgaon

Editor's note: We suggest that whenever possible the full time national workers whose names appear in the following list be prayed for individually when praying for their district and district missionaries. The same geographical system is used in the above and following lists.

NATIONAL WORKERS ON THE INDIA FIELD OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Please pray for each worker individually

MARATHI WORKERS

CHANDUR — ARVI DISTRICT

Rev. Samuel Khatre Ordained Pastor
Barsoba Monahar Catechist
James Pathre Student Worker

AMRAVATI DISTRICT

Rev. Samuel Kokane Ordained Pastor
Balwant Khandekar Evangelist
Bhimrao Ingle Catechist
Bhimrao Dongardive Catechist
Shimon Manohar Evangelist
Petros Tode Evangelist
Moses Palaspagar Student Worker
Ambibai Ingle Bible Woman
Jhingu Thorat Evangelist

"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 18:19, 20.
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“Who thru faith subdued kingdoms . . .” — Heb. 11:33
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KHAMGAON DISTRICT

Rev. Louis Aglave
Parsharam Wankhede
Tanaji Chakranarayan
Vikram Ingle
Sumant Krater
Gayabai Mohol
Sagunabai Chahurpagar
Nalini Athvale
Miss Gitabai Jelaji
Miss Namibai Gavai
Miss Tarabai Tayade
Miss Lois Wagmare

Ordained Pastor
Colporteur
Catechist
Catechist
Catechist
Bible Woman
Bible Woman
Teacher
Teacher
Teacher

JALGAON JAMOD BEAR

Rev. Chintaman Gavai

MALKAPUR DISTRICT

Motirao Raiborde
Gopal Athvale
Renukabai Bhagwe
Shantibai Athvale

Evangelist
Evangelist
Bible Woman
Bible Woman

NARGAON, E. KHANDESH

Devrao Telgote

Teacher, Bible School

BHUSAWAL DISTRICT

Rev. R. K. Cutler
Othniel Khatre
Madhukar Damle
Abraham Moon
Emilybai Cutler

Ordained Pastor
Evangelist
Evangelist
Catechist
Bible Woman

JALGAON DISTRICT, KHANDESH

Bhaurao Bansod
Sumatibai Bansod
Stephen Aghamkar

Evangelist
Bible Woman
Evangelist

SPECIAL

Rev. Yeshwant Aghamkar

Final Year of Study in Biblical Seminary, Yeotmal

"The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works." — Psalm 145:8, 9.
THE INDIA ALLIANCE

GUJARATI WORKERS

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DHANDHUKA DISTRICT

| Timothybhai Khadu        | Evangelist (Acting as Pastor |
|--------------------------| Bible Woman |
| Ednabai Chagganlal       | Teacher     |
| Purshotam Jethalal       | Teacher     |
| Jaykar Mavji             | Teacher     |

VIRAMGAM DISTRICT

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“...Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be made full.” Jn. 16:24
IMMEDIATE REQUESTS

Please Pray For ——

1. Newly baptized converts in Bhusawal District.
2. Newly baptized converts in Matar District.
3. Young men who have just entered Bible School.
4. The Bhusawal building program. God has enabled us to secure a site in the town. We expect to build our Marathi Church and parsonage there. Evangelists' quarters and a reading room will be built elsewhere. We need more funds to complete this project.
5. Benjamin, an earnest Bible Student who is being tested physically.
6. Esudas, who is unsettled as to his call into the Lord’s work.
7. Three excommunicated Church members who are making themselves extremely troublesome.
8. Malkapur District where there is general apathy to the presentation of the Gospel. The missionaries have met with open antipathy in four villages from which they have been driven in defeat. Pray that it may be so only temporarily.
9. Malkapur City Church that it may catch a vision of the needs of the district surrounding it where there are almost no village Christians.
10. Building work now in progress at Dhandhuka.
11. Timothybhai who has recently been appointed to pastorate duties at Dhandhuka.
12. Daudbhai who was retired in May after a long life of active evangelism. He has since lost the sight of both eyes.
13. The granting of visas to new missionaries. At this writing Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Voth are still waiting for visas.
14. The supply of funds for approved specials recommended by the Board as follows:
   a. Radhanpur property and bungalow ($5,000.00)
   b. New classrooms for Khamgaon Preparatory School ($3,500.00)
   c. Cars for J. Garrison, E. Jacober, E. Lewellen and L. Stengele ($8,000)

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, if ye shall ask anything of the Father, He will give it you in My name." — John 16:23.
e. Electric Lighting for Dholka. ($2,000)
d. Electric Lighting for Nargaon Bible School ($1,800)
f. Publication of Dr. Simpson’s book in Gujarati and Marathi ($1,000)
g. P. A. System and equipment for L. R. Carner’s proposed evangelistic team ($750.00)
h. Support of orphans in one of our Boarding Schools ($5.00 per month or $60.00 per year)
i. Support of catechist, Bible Women, or Evangelist ($150. to $200.00 per year)

15. The contemplated Daily Vacation Bible School we hope to hold at Dholka in May 1954.
16. The Daily Vacation Bible School usually held at Khamgaon during the hot season and for similar Bible instruction that is given the children who attend Short Term Bible Schools with their parents.
17. The 45 students who took the course in Adult Literacy Training at Nargaon in April.
18. The 218 illiterates who learned to read during the hot Season.
19. The more than 90 students in our three Bible Training Schools.
20. Christians who attend weekly Bible classes.
21. The 3812 Sunday School Scholars enrolled in 111 Sunday Schools.
22. The over 800 children attending secular and spiritual training in our Primary Schools.
23. The over 200 children attending weekly Bible classes in Ahmedabad, Bhusawal, and Khamgaon.
24. The more than 50,000 who have enrolled for “The Jivan Prakash” (The Light of Life) Bible Correspondence Course based on St. John’s Gospel and offered in several languages. Pray for the directors of this extensive work and for the Bible School students who assist in the correction of the papers. Pray for those now preparing additional courses of study.
26. The many religious broadcasts and rebroadcast in English beamed at India.
27. The conversion of Hindu High School boys many of whom cross the street from their school to visit the missionary at Viramgam.
28. A guru (religious teacher) who has repeatedly visited the Viramgam missionaries to learn about Christ. On a number of occasions he has brought large groups of his

“O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.” — Ps. 65:2
relatives and disciples to listen to the Gospel.

29. A recently baptized convert who has left Palanpur for his home in Udaipur because he lost his job when baptized. Pray that the Lord will strengthen him to endure hardness for His names sake.

30. An enquirer at Dhandhuka who prayed the prayer of a repentant sinner.

31. A young castman of 20 years of age whose request for baptism had to be approved by his parents according to the prevailing law. Thru feigned kindness and assent he was spirited away and has not been heard of since.

32. Several Mahar villagers of Bhusaval District who have withdrawn their requests for baptism due to threats of persecution.

33. A suitable site for a mission station may be secured at Akot, Berar.

34. A Moslem Bhil who openly professes Christianity, and also for a member of the headman’s family who has renounced idolatrous practices although he is unwilling to profess Christianity openly because of ostracism.

35. The health of those of our missionary staff who have lately met with accident and sickness.

36. A believer from Shegaon who still stands true although he has not yet been baptized because of the opposition of his employer.

37. A Brahman priest, a Moselm, and several outcasts of Shegaon who are earnest enquirers. Pray with us for a witnessing Church expectant of Christ’s coming in this place.

38. A new outstation just opened in Jalamb, a town of 3,000 inhabitants. The people are friendly and there are a number of villages within walking distance. Vikram Ingerli is the first resident worker in this town. We hope to place a student-worker with him.

39. Backsliders in the Khamgaon Church.

40. A Moslem and his wife hired by Miss Derr. This couple pray to the Lord, read the Bible and live like Christians on the Mission Compound. They want to become confessed Christians but lack the courage to accept baptism. The wife truthfully demurs: “All our Moslem friends will attack us. Who knows what they would do?”

“Oh that the Lord would pour out upon them a spirit of deep concern for their souls.” —Henry Martyn, India.

“If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.” —Matt. 21:21
GENERAL REQUESTS

Please pray for—

1. Missionaries engaged in district touring, that they may be led to centers where the Spirit of God has prepared hearts for the reception of the Gospel.

2. Additional missionaries to replace those leaving for retirement and to press on into unoccupied areas.

3. The daily sale of Scriptures in many languages at reading rooms, Mission stations, on railway platforms, in refugee camps, on the street corner, and throughout the villages of the districts.

4. The ministry of the printed page:
   a. “Jivan Prakash” (The Light of Life). This is a Bible Correspondence Course designed especially for the unsaved and given free of charge in Marathi, Gujarati, and English. Many Hindus who would not be seen darkening a Church door will search the Word of God so that they can answer the questions of this course correctly. Pray that it may be the means of salvation and enlightenment to millions.
   d. Sunday School Quarterlies published in both Gujarati and Marathi.
   e. Tracts in many languages
   f. Adult Literacy Literature and monthly periodical for the newly literate.
   g. Translation of Dr. Simpson’s and other books for the establishment and growth of Christians.

5. Young men of vision and vigour to lead the Christian forces in Gujarat Most of our present National leaders are quite elderly.

6. Each servant of Christ that he may give priority to the winning of souls.

7. The millions residing in our present occupied areas who do not have an adequate knowledge of the way of life.

8. Those in positions of political and governmental leadership in India in order that the work of evangelization may continue unhindered. Since Dr. Kutju’s recent pronouncement on the foreign missionary problem, some sections of the Indian press have carried on a sustained vilification of both foreign missionaries and Indian Christians.

“Brethren, pray for us . . .” I Thes. 5:25
9. Pray that land held by the Mission in Ahmedabad may be sold at a good price so that the money may be reinvested in one of our new extension projects where accommodations for the missionary are urgently needed. The Lord can send us a buyer as we trust Him to this end.

10. The classes held weekly among Hindu Children by the students of the Women's Bible Training School.

11. Bible Women as they go into the homes of non-Christians to tell them of the love of Christ.

12. A deep spiritual working in the heart of each student under mission instruction.

13. The yearly revival services held at various times in the several churches.

14. The special Easter and Christmas services.

15. Christian marriage ceremonies and baptismal services that are often attended by Hindu and Mohammedan relatives and friends.

16. Monthly illustrated Bible messages and school subjects given at Dholka Boarding School. These are so popular that we must restrict the attendance by special invitation. Pray that these messages may be an opening wedge for a more direct spiritual ministry.

17. The Church that it may be awakened to its essential calling of evangelism.

18. Our Schools:
   a. Day Schools in Dhandhuka, Ashapur, Kadan, Bhussawal, and Shantipur.
   b. Boarding Schools at Dholka, Santa Barbara, Khamgaon.
   c. Bible Schools at Mehmedabad, Khamgaon, Nargaon and Gorakhpur.
   d. Bible Seminary at Yoetmal (in which we participate)

19. Reading rooms where available newspapers and books in the vernacular make it possible for the custodians to become acquainted with and witness to high class people.

20. The yearly evangelistic campaign in which our Marathi missionaries unite at Rin Mochin Yatra to bring the Gospel to the thousand of Hindus who resort there on pilgrimage.

21. Workers doing personal work with enquirers.

22. The regular Sunday Services of all churches.

23. The national pastors of all organized national churches. (e. f. Ordained Pastors included in National Workers List.

24. The officers and staff in New York City who have the general supervision and correlation of all Alliance Missionary endeavor.

"And He said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground." — Gen. 4:10.
25. Our primary need — another great revival.
26. The huge District of Khamgaon with 200,000 people of whom only about 150 are Christians.
27. A year round boys’ meeting held for Hindus in a suburb of Khamgaon. Opposition has begun as neighbours fear some may become Christians.

PRAISE

1. For victory at Khanirapura where eight persons recently turned to the Lord. Relatives of these folks have prayed for them for years. Others are showing keen interest in spiritual things. Pray that they also may yield to Christ.
2. For the conversion of a widow and her two sons at Rishol. They are now being persecuted by their neighbours. Pray that they will come thru these testings victoriously and that they will be true witnesses concerning their new life in Christ Jesus.
3. For the conversion and baptism of a village headman. He is the only village Christian in Malkapur District.
4. That many in Malkapur District do listen to the Gospel and read Scripture portions they have purchased.
5. For the conversion of five young girls at Dholka who had been ringleaders in most school and boarding troubles.
6. For revival at Santa Barbara this spring. “February, 1953 was a month we shall never forget. God visited Santa Barbara with revival. Confession of sin spread through the school from the oldest to the youngest. Few were untouched. The One Who is the same yesterday, today, and forever can do it again. Pray that we may have a continuous revival.”
7. That India is open to the Gospel.
8. For the conversion of four Dholka Boarding School Boys.
9. For full allowances.
10. For the goodly number of Sunday School children who won prizes in the Sunday School examination.
11. For a thirteen percent increase in last year’s Church offerings of the Gujarati Synod over the previous year.
12. For the conversion and baptism of an Ahmedabad carpenter thru the study of “The Jivan Prakash” correspondence course. Pray that he will learn to trust the Lord for every need. He was dismissed from his work because he became a Christian.
13. For the reopening of an outstation in Varangaon and for the conversion of a young Brahman of that place who is now in Bible School.

“Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me.” — Psalm 66:20.
14. For a high cast Hindu now in Bible School who carries a great burden for his unsaved Hindu relatives and friends.

15. For the completion and dedication of the long awaited Eicher Memorial Chapel at Nargaon.

16. For 50 years during which the Lord has met every need of the Dholka School and Orphanage.

17. For a completely renovated water system on the Dholka compound.

18. For the many recent baptisms in Anjangaon Taluka.

19. For the restoration of a worker for several years out of fellowship with the national church.

20. For the encouraging results derived from several successful Sunday School Institutes.

21. For the safe arrival on the field of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Morris; Misses Ruth Ellen Blews, Gladys Jasper, and Ann Droppa.

"Giving thanks unto the Father . . . ." — Cil. 1:12

RESULTS OF PRAYER
— Julia Derr —

We sat in a cool, quiet, room; thankful indeed for its shelter. India can be very hot at noon, even in February. Outside heat waves shimmered over the dry, brown earth and man and beast sought refuge from the glare of the sun in their homes or in the shade under the trees. Perhaps you folk in America would scarcely have called this room a home. It was a long room with grain, cotton and farming equipment stored on one side. On the other side was an Indian cot with a well-worn Bible on a box beside it and such other things as are necessary for a man living alone. The long verandah outside was enclosed at one end to make a simple kitchen, furnished with a tiny Indian fireplace, a stone to grind spices, and a few pots and pans.

We had driven over to this village from our camp in Shegaon that morning. Tho’ it was only about 8 miles, the distance seemed about twenty as we worked our way thru plowed fields, in and out of gullies, and thru ruts deep with dust. We went slowly to avoid hidden stones and stumps. The welcome we received from Hanawant and his glowing testimony well repaid our efforts. On our arrival he courteously gave Miss Karner, our Bible-woman and me his room while he and our

"Thus saith the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered . . ." — Isa. 49:25
Indian evangelists sat outside to eat their noon meal.

After our lunch and a little rest, Hanawant came in with the inevitable sweet tea. As he only owned two cups, he served us in relays. Then the men joined us and we settled down for a little meeting with those who had gathered. How sweet Christian hymns, the message of Life and prayer to the Lord Jesus sound in a heathen village! Several Hindus had joined us and listened quietly. Afterward we learned that one of them was a school teacher. It is quite an honour for a low caste man to have such a guest. He told us that his contact with Hanawant had given him a desire to know more about Christ and he was reading the Bible and thinking deeply of accepting the Lord.

Hanawant is a low caste man won to the Lord over six years ago by our faithful book-seller in Shegaon—a distant cousin of his. His quiet consistent life is a real testimony to the transforming power of Christ. He has forsaken idolatry with all its practices; his Bible and prayer take their place. At this time his wife had not yet accepted Christ. Two years before she had told us firmly that tho' her husband could do as he pleased, she would NEVER become a Christian.

Now I turned to Hanawant and said, “You know, that tho' you are here alone, you can meet God in prayer. He hears and answers.”

His face lit up with joy as he replied, “Yes, I know that. I have the experience.”

I added, “We are praying for your wife. I believe the Lord will save her too.”

Again his reply showed quiet faith: “She will come,” he said.

Not long after that we had the joy of seeing this man’s faith rewarded. Our Bible—woman went to call on his wife, Bhulibai, and came back with glowing reports. She had told them about the difficulties of her husband’s work. He is manager for a rich man who owns many fields in different villages. Like Potiphar with Joseph, he trusts Hanawant with all his goods. But this brings responsibilities. Recently men robbed a field at night. Bhulibai said, “His master knows he walks with God, so he never doubts him. And because he walks with God, God protects him.” When we pressed her to accept the Lord herself, to their amazement she replied, “What harm will there be, if I do.” So they urged her to visit our camp.

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” — Isa. 40:31.
The next day she came and listened eagerly as we all told her again of the Lord's love for us and how to become a born-again Christian. Afterward we prayed with her. Her fifteen year old son told our evangelist, "We all want to become Christians. Only mother holds back sometimes."

Our big annual campmeeting was to be held soon and our book-seller planned to bring Hanawant and his family with him. We were a bit sceptical, as we had worked on this project before, only to be disappointed. This time they all came! When an announcement was made that separate classes were to be held to instruct those wishing baptism, Bhulibai stood up. She seems as eager now as she was reluctant before. Her eagerness and joy show a real change of heart. They could not be baptised that day as Hanawant could not get there in time for the service, but we hope they will soon be baptised in their own town. Please pray for them, already his neighbors call Hanawant Sadhubuwa or holy man. We believe their baptism will be an incentive to bring others of that community to the Lord. His employer is a bigoted Hindu and has done all in his power to hinder Hanawant, sending him out of town whenever we come and keeping him so busy he can not properly attend meetings. When he is baptised it will probably cost him his job. Pray with us that the Lord who has thus far worked for him will in His own marvelous way supply continuous employment.

Buried

Art thou buried? God's pure seed
Buried? Yes, but it is seed
From which Continents may feed;
Millions yet may bless the day
When that seed was laid away.

Buried! hidden out of sight!
Dwelling in the deepest night;
Losing, underneath the sod,
Everything, except its God.

Buried, unremember'd, lost - -
So thinks man: but all the cost
God has counted to display
Life abundant one glad day.

Art thou buried? God's pure seed
Doth thy heart in silence bleed?
Change their sighing into song,
Thus alone can harvests come.

—M. E. B. Missionary to China
The Prayer of an Indian Seeker

"Lord Jesus, come to me. Come as Thou didst promise to Thy sorrowing faithful when the earth darkened around them. Come to me, Lord Jesus, in Thy silent suffering and sweet resignation whilst I am so lonely in my pain among all men. I need Thy patient faith, Thy uncomplaining love, Thy perfect confidence in the Father's care and love. I need Thy strength, Thy peace. Come to make a dwelling with me on the approaching desertion. Come to comfort me with Thy graciousness, to make me Thy own and like Thee. Lord Jesus, my whole soul reaches out to Thee in my need. I have no rest, give me rest. I search Thee not as the centre of a theology or a church. I know Thou Lovest me, and I know Thou didst die for me. I know not what Thou art. But I love Thee. I know not what Thou wert. I know Thou hast redeemed me. At Thy side I am God's son, God's image, God's redeemed. Let me possess the treasure of Thy humanity, now in the insignificance and poverty of my soul let me possess Thee and be at repose."

The Stained Tiger Skin

An oriental traveler was showing his curios to a friend.

"I would part with my home, nay, with all I have, before I would give up that tiger skin" he remarked.

"Why so? You could easily replace it," said his friend.

"Do you see that stain?" he enquired.

"Yes. It's a horrible blemish," said the guest depreciatingly.

Let me tell you its history, and you may change your mind," said the owner. "My brother and I were tiger-hunting in India. I was attacked. My brother came to my rescue, and saved me at the cost of his own life. That stain is my own brother's blood."

The listener was moved to silence and admiration.

How much more should every child of God who is wrapped in the blood-stained righteousness of Christ be moved to praise and adoration. Christ is our true wealth. What if He be an all-exclusive wealth! If need be, let everything else go, but cling always to Him.

"For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth: and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." — Luke 11:10