

POEM OF THE MONTH

നല്ലവരായ നാട്ടുകാർ

-സൈമൺ സഖറിയ

ഇന്നത്തെപത്രംനിങ്ങൾവായിച്ചു തീർന്നോ?
 ഞങ്ങളുടെ പടം നിങ്ങൾ കണ്ടില്ലെന്നോ?
 ഞങ്ങൾതൻ പേർ നിങ്ങൾ കണ്ടിരിക്കും.
 “നല്ലവരായ നാട്ടുകാർ” ഞങ്ങളത്രേ.

ഞങ്ങൾക്കു മറ്റൊരു പേരുമില്ല
 ക്രിത്യമായ് മറ്റൊരു മുഖവുമില്ല
 ഞങ്ങളെ അറിയാത്തോർ ആരുമില്ല
 ഞങ്ങൾ ശ്രവിക്കാത്ത തേങ്ങലില്ല

ഞങ്ങൾക്കു യാചിപ്പാൻ നാണമില്ല
 ഞങ്ങൾക്കു കരയുവാൻ ഇനി കണ്ണീരില്ല
 ഞങ്ങളുടെ ഞെരമ്പിൽ ഇനി ചോരയില്ല
 ഞങ്ങളുടെ കീഴയിൽ കാശുമില്ല

കരളിൽ ഇനിയും നിറയേ സ്നേഹമുണ്ട്
 സ്നേഹത്തിൻ ഭാഷ നല്ല വശവുമുണ്ട്
 അന്യനായ് കേഴുവാൻ ഏറെ താഴ്മയുണ്ട്
 രോഗി തൻ ദുർഗന്ധം സാരമില്ല

പേരിനും പ്രസിദ്ധിക്കും നോട്ടമില്ല
 സ്വന്തംകുടുംബത്തിനു യാതൊരു നേട്ടമില്ല
 ഞങ്ങൾക്കൊപ്പം നിങ്ങൾ ചേരും വരെ
 നിങ്ങൾക്കുറക്കം ഞങ്ങൾ തരികയില്ല

ഞങ്ങൾക്കു ഒരിക്കലും മരണമില്ല
 സ്വർഗ്ഗത്തിലെ കിരീടത്തിനും മോഹമില്ല
 പക്ഷേ നാളത്തെപത്രത്തിലുംപേരു കാണാം
 കൂടെ പോരുന്നോ നീ എൻ കൂട്ടുകാരാ.

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“Seeing beauty in fallen leaves”

Painting By: Roma Matharu
 (2nd Gr. Rogers Elementary School
 Bloomington, Indiana.)



Channels of Glory –
Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah

I have heard that three things will surprise us when we get to heaven.

1. People whom we expect will not be there.
2. People whom we did not expect will be there and...
3. Your own presence in heaven!

In the same way when I receive requests for help I come to understand how terrible it is to be at the receiving end of the society. People who never dreamed to be there are there. Recently when I got an application, I sent some financial help as usual. Then there comes the family photo in which I found a very familiar face! Within a second our lives may change with some bad news. Friends and family may leave us alone. But we should always remember that God is the only Friend who has never forsaken us in our times of crisis and difficulty.

In the past three months a few people whom we have helped unfortunately died of chronic illness. A particularly sad case among them was a boy I wrote about in the previous issue. He was paralyzed, so when his kerosene lamp fell on his mat and caught on fire, he was unable to escape because no one was around to help him!

When we receive applications for help, sometimes there will be a newspaper clipping describing the details of their conditions and needs. In most of the clippings, we see the role of the **“Good people in the village”** who have helped them to open a bank account, or make a collection, or helped during their hospitalization. This made me think that the “Good people” are not only in their village; they are all over the world. This is the theme of the ‘poem of the month’ on the back side of this news letter.

In the midst of sorrow and sickness there is always a ray of light. Many of our youngsters are expressing their gratitude and happiness in their letters because of the financial help they have received from us for their education. Most of them are looking forward to helping others, once they reach the safe shore. May God help them to achieve their goals and to serve their fellow beings around them.

The cover picture “Seeing beauty in fallen leaves” is painted by Roma Matharu. It illustrates the helplessness of the formerly glorious and diverse leaves once they have fallen from their glory. This reminded me of the human condition! Her

father reminded me how much hard work this young girl put into this 1’x2’ size painting. Yes we all need to work hard to see the beauty in the fallen leaves.

At this juncture we want to thank you all for your support to Channels of Glory. It is only through the prayers and participation of people like you that we have been able to fulfill responsibilities to those who are less fortunate.

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The Unseen.

Dr. Simon Zachariah

Thousands watched the fireworks
But none noticed the human being
Who ran up and down in the darkness,
With a red flashlight to flip the switches
Except his mother, with a praying heart.