

**Channels of Glory News Letter**  
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# Channels of Glory

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*Painting By: Jyothimol Kottayam*

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow  
not, neither do they reap, nor gather into  
barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth  
them. Are ye not much better than they?

Matthew, 6: 26

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## NEWS FROM THE CHANNELS

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### **Channels of Glory – Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah**

Greetings in the name of our Lord! It is with great pleasure we are still continuing in helping others with the generous help from many good people. In the early part of this year (2009) we completed all our official formalities like account and budget preparation and general body meeting. We would like to let you know that IRS has informed that we can continue to avail our tax exempt status as long as we fulfill their current laws and requirements. Our accountant and attorneys are taking care of those things very promptly. Let us thank God for all His Divine guidance and provisions! Recently we expanded our area of operation, and as a result we are in a position to extend help to all those who are in need. I want to remind every one that all of us are in need for something or the other; today or some day. So let us continue serving each other from God's abundant blessings. And how do we do that? The answer is simple: start some where, at least in a small way. Do not think of excuses. Just meet some one, get to know them personally. Then you will understand how badly they are in need of some thing. May be some comforting words, or some inspiration or an encouragement or a word of recommendation, or little guidance or even a

correction. Many times corrections and criticisms may be painful but later on they will be thankful, when they realize that you were their well wisher. When we get to know people, things will be different. Let me share with you an incident that happened to me in 1978. One time I was traveling in a crowded bus. A friend of mine tried to provide some space for me to sit between his fellow passengers. One of the fellow passengers got irritated and tried to complain about my friend's generosity. I felt embarrassed and prayed in my mind and tried to get to know that person. Soon I found out that he was not against me or my friend. His only concern was about an expensive electric bulb, which he had packed in his bag, might get broken. When I got to know him I knew his real problem, and we became friends in that three hour bus journey. He even took an orange from his bag, peeled it and gave it to me. Later on when he met one of our mutual friends, he had lot of good things to talk about me! Getting to know people is the first real step in helping others. When we try to help others without knowing them, it is just like feeding the wild bird. Many times when you feed wild birds with out knowing the bird, or its food or the season, you may be doing harm or even worse, you may be wasting your time and resources. So do not be shy the next time you meet some one- be the first to talk to them. They may need you and do not forget some day you may need them too. In this age of information and technology boom the opportunities to help others are immense.

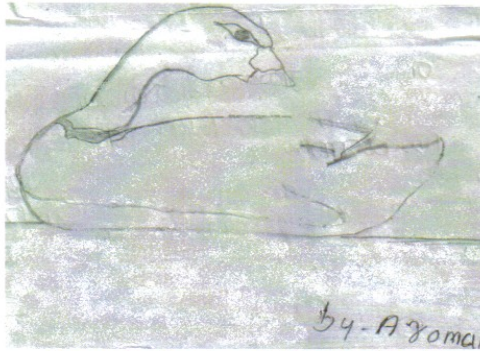
During this quarter, among those students who received financial help were two nursing students, a student in Agriculture, two engineering students, one paramedical student, and two high school students. We have also been of great help for people who have been

going through severe illness. Among those who have been helped to receive treatment were a blood Cancer patient, four patients suffering from kidney disorders, three heart patients, two physically challenged sisters, and a motor accident victim. In some cases these patients are the only bread winner of the household and in other cases the patients are their precious innocent children. We also helped a widow struggling to find financial help for her prolonged treatment and were able to help with the education of two young boys. As I have given a hint in my poem of the month, I do not want to go into the details of these individuals and their situations, because of the confidentiality I promised to them in my personal communication. Please feel free to give your own imaginary names to these individuals and try to picture them as your own brothers and sisters.

In this era of telecommunication, let us use every opportunity to make use of the technology for helping others. Computers, e-mails, blogs, Facebook, Orkut, Youtube, Hulu, web pages, electronic news papers, text messaging, cell phones, are all open to every one these days. Let us talk comforting words, assuring words, encouraging words to each others. Let us be friendly with every one so that we can sing with the song writer:

“Let there be peace on earth,  
Let it begin with ME”

The time is running out for our action. No one knows your abilities and talents except you and God. And you cannot tell Him any excuses because He knows what He gave you. Both of you know where you have buried your God given talent. He is only asking you what He gave you. “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”



Remember the story of “Ugly duckling”?  
Pencil drawing by Aromal (9 years)



“The same moon shines for us all”  
Pencil drawing By Avinash (13 years)

## Beggars for Others

**By: Dr. Simon Zachariah**

I saw a mother and a baby in the streets.  
Her baby was hungry and they were poor;  
Her baby was weak and was sleeping.  
She had no money, so she decided to beg.  
Literally go begging from door to door.

She found many closed doors and gates;  
Even barking dogs behind those iron gates.  
They said: 'Go away!' and closed the doors  
She was really thirsty and felt very tired  
Begging some food for her own baby.

Some asked many questions- often hurting.  
She didn't want to give any answers  
She didn't want to tarnish her baby's future  
denying dignity, just to feed her hungry baby-  
"No! I won't name my baby- *a beggar*."

She saw another child begging, so appealing-  
That child got plenty of food and money  
My child is so weak to cry- she thought.  
But I am ready to cry- louder and louder  
Because this is my own child- she said.

"I won't show my baby's face to anyone,  
I won't humiliate him- he has a future,  
Or tell me, should I humiliate him?  
Just because we are poor and helpless?  
Feed us please. Because you have plenty.

I know not when the day shall close  
But when life's curfew rings,  
I want my Lord to find me then  
Still doing little things - *Unknown*

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Also please note the following details for your tax purposes.

Accounting period ending: December 31  
Public Charity Status: 509 (a) (2)  
Effective date of exemption: June 2, 2005  
Contribution deductibility: Yes

**Please send in your generous contribution for this noble cause.**

**You can also help us to locate needy individuals around you or in India. Please ask them to submit an application showing their need.**

The needs are many. Please remember all the activities of Channels of Glory in your prayers.

**Yes! We need your prayers!**

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-(സൈമൺ സഖരിയ)

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