

POEMS OF THE MONTH

മുടന്തൻ

-സൈമൺ സഖരിയ

നന്മ ചെയ്യാൻ ഒരു മുടന്തനാശ
മോരുണ്ടാക്കി പലരുടെ ദാഹം മാറ്റി
“മുടന്ത”നെന്നുജനം അവനെ കൂകി ആർത്തു
നാണിച്ചവൻ തന്റെ ദാനം നിർത്തി

ദാഹിച്ചു വലഞ്ഞു പല വഴിപോക്കരും
മുടന്തനോ ലജ്ജിച്ചു അകത്തിരിപ്പായി
ഒരു നാൾ തൻ മകൻ ദാഹിച്ചു വീണു
നാണമോർക്കാതവൻ മോരുമായ് ഓടിയെത്തി

തൻ മകൻ ദാഹമവൻ ഏറെ തീർത്തു
പലരും അന്നവൻ മോരാൽ ദാഹം മാറ്റി
മുടന്തനെ വീണ്ടും പലരാക്രോശിച്ചു
മോരു വിളംബിയവൻ അവരെ ഇളിച്ചു കാട്ടി

ജനത്തെ പേടിച്ചാരും ദാനം മറന്നിടല്ലേ
പൊതുജനം വെറും കഴുത എന്നല്ലേ ചൊല്ലി
അവസരം പലതും പാഴാക്കിടല്ലേ
നന്മ ചെയ്യാൻ ശക്തിയേറെ വേണമീശാ.

എന്തു വിചിത്രം!

-സൈമൺ സഖരിയ

അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങൾ മുത്തു പോലെയാണെടോ
എണ്ണുംതോറും അവ ഏറ്റം തിളങ്ങിപ്പോന്നു

സങ്കടങ്ങൾ വെറും പുക പോലെയാണെടോ
തുറന്നുവയ്ക്കുമ്പോൾ അലിഞ്ഞുപോയിടും

സന്തോഷം കുളിർ കാറ്റു പോലെയാണെടോ
ചുറ്റുമുള്ളോർക്കും അതു തണുപ്പേകിടും

അറിവു നക്ഷത്രങ്ങൾ പോലെയാണെടോ
തിരയുന്നോറും അവ പെരുകി വന്നീടും

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“Hidden powers- Medicinal plants”

(One of the ten greeting cards made by
Jyothi as a part of the Dasapushpam
project)



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

2010 is a blessed year for Channels of Glory. In spite of the sagging economy, God continues using individuals to support the needy people through Channels of Glory. As I had mentioned earlier people in need, appreciate the words of comfort or even a quick telephone call. Such words of comfort and assurance goes a long way in their times of trials and hopelessness. A couple of months ago, I wrote a letter to the children of a beneficiary family and asked them to send me some jokes and riddles. The eight year old son responded with some riddles, two of which I want to share with our readers. Since I was so curious as how such a young boy got these interesting math problems, I contacted him on the phone. To my astonishment I found out that the boy's father who is paralyzed neck down, is the one that told him the math problems. All the father requested me to do was to provide encouragement for his two sons to study well and pray for

their future. Often times I wonder how many wild flowers in the wilderness go unnoticed like these two boys. Our words and a simple smile can provide a lot of encouragement and hope for those who are in need. All we have to say is "Hold on..."

Now, here is the first problem:

You are given 100 marbles and seven bags. You have to distribute these 100 marbles into these seven bags in such a way that you should be able to give any number of marbles from 1-100 with out opening any of the bags. How many marbles do you have to put in each bag?

Now here is the second problem:

You are given \$1000 and you have to buy the following animals at the given rate. No bargaining! In total you have to buy 100 animals. Here's the price for each of them. Elephants \$50; Goats \$10; Rabbits € 50 Calculate the total number of elephants, goats and rabbits that you can buy.

Remember, total animals should be 100. The answers are at the bottom of the page.

The cover picture "Hidden powers-Medicinal plants" is one of the ten greeting cards made by Jyothi from Kottayam as a part of a Dasapushpam (Ten medicinal flowers) project by *Messengers for Ability in Disability*. This particular card depicts the flowers of *Eclipta alba* which are used in treating Jaundice and Night blindness in Ayurveda. When we acknowledge the hidden medicinal powers of these wild plants, let us be reminded of the hidden powers and abilities of the people with disabilities!

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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Please send in your generous contribution for this noble cause. You can also help us locate needy individuals around you or in India. Please ask them to submit an application showing their need.

God's Gift

Dr. Simon Zachariah

I asked for a flower from God
He gave me a branch of thorns
But I planted and watered it
And eventually I got a bunch of roses!

I asked for a pearl from God
He gave me an oyster in seaweeds
But I nurtured it in some sea water
And one day I found a natural pearl!

God wants our trust and sweat
To make wonderful things
He created Garden of Eden
But He made Man to care for it.