

POEMS OF THE MONTH

Sandpaper

-Simon Zachariah

Who invented the paper?
What was the use of a paper?
What are the uses of a paper now!
Many many papers for different purposes!

Writing paper, wrapping paper,
Tissue paper, toilet paper,
Wiping paper, printer paper,
And the unique one sand paper!

Shiny and strong sandpaper,
But rough and bumpy to touch.
Rusty, ugly and dirty later,
But it leaves a smooth surface!

തൊട്ടാവടിയും ചേമ്പിലയും

-സൈമൺ സഖറിയ

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“Sun shines itself ...

...and make shine others.”

_By Megha Maria Joy.



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

I know that this newsletter is late. “Better late than never!” is a very familiar excuse! I have heard a story about Winston Churchill. When he was a soldier, he was invited for the medal awarding ceremony. He was late and the door was closed. He tried to convince the guard, to let him in. But he didn’t. Churchill gave a note with his name on it, because he thought the king will recognize his name as one of the recipients of the medal. But the king sent that note with a question, “Why late?” Churchill took his pen and jotted three distinguished words which expressed his greatness even at that young age. The king immediately recognized his greatness from those three words and gave him permission to sit next to him on the stage. You may be wondering, what were those three words of ‘greatness’. Those were these three simple words, “I started late.” Some of you may wonder, what the greatness in those words are! But the king recognized his quality to take responsibility in every situation. And later Churchill became the

Prime minister of England during World War II.

In the game of chess as you know, there are several types of pieces. They have different shapes and duties according to their abilities. But the other player has the same set of pieces but of different color. The rules are the same for both but the white pieces get the first move in the game. As the game progresses, both players lose many pieces, and the game becomes slower. Sometimes I like to imagine that each person is playing the chess game with God! We think that we are smarter than God and try to escape all the ‘checks.’

During the last few months, God was giving me some ‘Checks’ in my life. I tried to escape each one thinking that I am smarter than God. I encountered many health problems one after the other, and sometimes, conflicts with people! Each time I did not understand that these are special ‘checks’ from God to give me warning of the danger. Every time I face a ‘check’ from God, I take off my eyes from the chess board and look at God’s face and enjoy His smile! He is our Father and we all know that He will win the game. But one day when He will softly say to me “CHECK MATE” with a smile, I will go and rest in His bosom!

Till this time I did not tell the real reason for this late newsletter. One of our very loyal friends took a humble effort to raise money for one of his colleague in India. He contacted his friends and colleagues here and raised a significant amount and we were able to channelize and dispense the full amount at the right time. So it took some time to account all those contributions for this noble cause. I just want remind you all,

that we do not take any funds for office expenses for such fundraising. All the amounts donated for a specific cause, will be fully dispersed without any delay. So if you find any genuine causes, we can help you to channelize those funds through our organization. When I thought about such fundraising, I was thinking about the trust and friendship he had in his circle of friends and colleagues. Many of them gave very large amounts, some of them so unselfishly! I was wondering about if some of us do a fundraising, how many of our colleagues will willingly co-operate!

When we were small, we all went to the doctor for small injections. Before they gave us the injection they used to say “Look outside to a green leaf! There won’t be any pain; it’ll be only like a small ant bite.” But when the needle pierces, we’ll experience the real pain! This is very true about life’s problems. We all brag about how easily we can win all the temptations and trials. But when a small trial comes, then only we will know how perplexed and confused we are. Recently some of my trusted friends started criticizing me. I quickly realized, how feeble I was! I reminded myself that I should look out for that ‘green leaf’ in the time of trouble and trial. God is allowing those trials to show us that the real friend and well-wisher is our God. He is reminding us not to lean on feeble pillars which already going to fall. Those friends may be closer, and attractive, and may look stronger. But in reality, you cannot lean on any of them.

As we draw close to the end of the year, I realize that our funds are diminishing fast. Many kids and sick people are solely depending upon us to help them