

## POEMS OF THE MONTH

എങ്കിലും..

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നീ തള്ളിയിട്ടില്ല അവൻ വീണതു  
നീ കുഴിച്ച കുഴിയിലും അല്ല വീണതു  
നീ വീണ കുഴിയിലും അല്ല വീണതു  
എങ്കിലും നിനക്കു രക്ഷിക്കാമായിരുന്നു!

നീ ആരെയും ഒരിക്കലും ദരിദ്രനാക്കിയില്ല  
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എങ്കിലും നിനക്കു ആശ്വസിപ്പിക്കാമായിരുന്നു!

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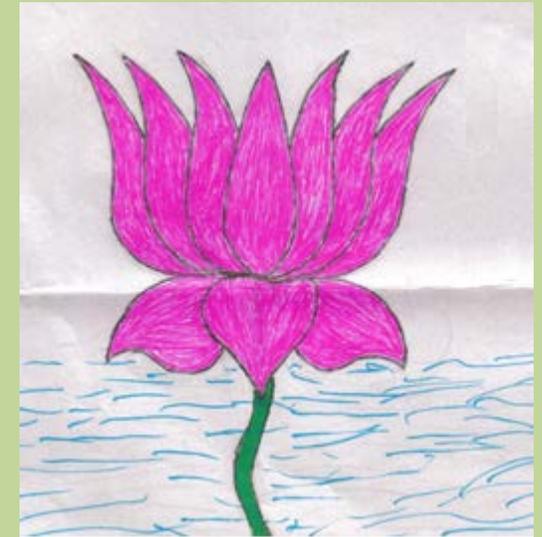
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**“Where ever God places you,  
be a blossom for God!”-**

*Anumol. T.S.*



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

This summer was not very hard on us. I do not know how many of you know that I have studied botany and taught botany for many years. One interesting thing I studied in Botany is about *growth rings* of the trees. During favorable seasons, trees produce more cells than the other seasons. Thus when you cut a tree, one can calculate its age by counting its growth rings. In our human life also there are summer times and winter times. How productive are we for God and men during these favorable times of our lives? Most of the time we have our own justification for not doing so. At first we start judging others; “he should have, could have, and on and on...” After that we tell our pity stories; what our inabilities and limitations are! Let me tell you why we are doing these two things. First of all, we do not have a call from God to do so.

Secondly, the seeds of good thoughts may fall in our hearts, but they won’t germinate unless God ploughs our hearts. God has to teach us or open our eyes, hearts, and minds to see what others are really going through. Then we will be like a rocket of fire to do what is right.

I have heard many criticisms about the ‘homeless’ and ‘addicts’ of our community. Once God ploughs us, we will **feel** the real stories of these less fortunate people. We often forget that every living being has something inside called ‘self-pride’. No one wants to be at the receiving end. When we get the applications for financial help I can easily notice the hesitation to reveal their identity, especially of their young children. They want to protect the status of their children. But since we promise them that all their details will be kept confidential, they open up and tell us everything. Most of the stories are alarming, or heart breaking. One thing I have noticed is that, there are some people who are filled with God’s hope and peace. They even write to us with their paralyzed hands. Children draw pictures, writes jokes and riddles from their sick beds. Some parents take steps of faith to enroll their children into schools and colleges for higher education, hoping that ‘*God will provide*’. On the other side we face the people whose lives are not ploughed by God. They cannot feel the pain and sorrow of others. When I was a child, every year my father used to feed the less fortunate people of the town. This was our family tradition for many years. My father used to correct us when we treated them with disrespect; because, he knew that all of them had self-respect. My father knew how painful it was for them to come to our house to have

that food. That is why Jesus said, “*when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing*”. So let us not judge others who are less fortunate, or those who help them. One day when God plough us all, then we will understand what others are going through.

One important thing we want to share with you is that the dollar exchange rate is more than 60 Indian rupees to a dollar. Last two times when we sent the financial help, many of them were over joyed to see an increase in the money value. Some of them got extra treatments; two boys wrote me that they could buy a wheel chair for their paralyzed father. Two mothers could spent that extra money to buy school materials and uniforms for their children. But still so many are waiting for money for their major surgeries like kidney transplants etc. Sometimes I don’t have any words to comfort them, but can only pray for them. When we called one person over the phone, he said that he daily he spends a lot of time to pray for others who are sick like him. When his mother persuaded him to come and eat, he would say, “*Mother, this is the only thing I can do for others*”. We all should remember that there are so many people like him who are praying for all the board members and donors of Channels of Glory. In return, we have much obligation to pray and support all the less fortunate especially the young children who have started their academic year, hoping that God will open up some door to meet their humble desires of their heart. Our fruitful seasons will not last long. Before the winter comes, let us make some good ‘growth rings’ for God.