

POEMS OF THE MONTH

Hey You!

-Simon Zachariah

My friend in my class, fainted once,
Our teacher sent me to help him.
After coming back, she thanked me,
And said: "You only could help him!"

That words made me think a lot!
There are many things that I can do,
And there are some other things,
which I only can do some times!

Things which I leave undone here,
May never be completed by others.
You, you alone can-do certain things
Don't wait for long to do what you can!

Could have, would have, should have
Are the most regretful words to say,
Do what the God tells you to do now,
Before your mind tells you otherwise!

കണ്ണിലെ കരട്

-സൈമൺ സഖറിയ

“കണ്ണിൽ കരട് പോയ” എൻ മിത്രമോതി,
എൻ കണ്ണിലും കരടുണ്ടേ-ഞാൻ ഓർത്തു.
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അന്യന്റെ കണ്ണിലെ കരടെടുക്കാനിപ്പോൾ
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Channels of Glory – Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah

Recently the state of Kerala, India, experienced drastic mud-slides. The news media did a very good job reporting. Some of the newspaper accounts were very sensational because the reporters attached some very heart-rending stories and images connected to it. One of those stories was about a mathematical instruments box that belonged to a girl which they found among the heap of debris. The picture showed the box uncovered. There were the phone numbers of her parents inside the lid of the box. Between those two numbers, there was the photo of Messi the soccer player. That picture of the instrument box, brought back memories about my own school days. Most of those instruments in the Instrument box were never used for intended purposes. As far as I remember, the most useful things in that box was the six inch ruler, and the eraser. We

always wondered why we should carry those rarely used instruments in the box.

I have heard a fanciful story about God when He created birds. When God gave them beautiful wings to fly, none of them knew their use. All those birds carried those beautiful wings as a heavy load on their back. When they used to hop and jump from rocks and trees, those wings made them so frustrated. Finally, God took them high and dropped them from there to show them the use of those wings.

Likewise, when God created human beings, He has provided many things in advance. We might not have looked into our tool bag to see all the things God has provided in that tool bag. Many years ago, my brother who lived in America, sent a package of items to our family. We found those items useful except one. Many months later my uncle told us the use of that particular item. It was a can opener! In the same way God will bring certain people also in our life. We may consider them as trouble makers, or enemies. But later, we will find that they will do an extraordinary job to help us in our difficult situations.

I still have vivid memories of going to study typing in a typewriting institute. I had to walk more than half an hour each way. Those typewriters were very old and most of its keys were worn out. While I was slowly typing a,s,d,f,g,h using my fingers of my left palm, I felt severe pain at my pinky. Some other students were typing away at express speed. Those days I felt humiliated, thinking that, I could use that time for a better cause. Later I cannot even describe, the advantage of knowing to type. During my period of

doing research, keyboarding became very helpful.

I have a funny example to explain my point. There was a man who always played a single music note on his violin. His neighbors felt annoyed by his music. Finally they came to advise him to try different musical notes. He said “This is the music note all the others are searching for. But I found it. That’s why I am playing that same note again and again”

Even though this is a fictional story, it gives us some advice. God sent all of us to this world with certain abilities and inabilities. In certain situations, we will find that our inabilities make suitable for a better future. Likewise, we will find good coming out of people whom you have considered as a nuisance.

In the life of our organizations all the above facts are very true. God has led the organization in a wonderful way. He closed certain doors, and opened certain doors. In all these, we find that only God’s will being fulfilled. Many sick people are being helped by our organization. Also, many students are being financially helped by this organization. We are still looking into our tool bag and wondering why God has provided certain tools. Perhaps, one day we may find their use, even though now we may consider them the cause of trouble.

At this moment, I want to remind you to carefully examine your abilities and the so called ‘inabilities’ and ask yourself this question: “What else can I achieve with my God given abilities?”

