



Summer 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank you for your faithfulness to the people of India. Without you, we cannot reach those who cry out to God Almighty for help. He uses His people to reach His people. He uses those willing to go out and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who have not yet received the gift of eternal life.

As a mission, with God's help and your generosity, we train young men and women to become Christian leaders for the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ and the proclamation of the Gospel to the unreached in India and beyond. We do this because you understand who we are and why we exist. It helps those who believe that God wants them to use their God-given resources to determine if they should financially partner with the Bishara mission and the Shaliach's Institute.

God wants all of us to continue to grow. While it is true that we are an institute that trains pastors, missionaries, and leaders, especially among Muslims, we must continue to grow and prepare for whatever opportunity God gives us.

Many of you are already partnering with us and regularly making an eternal investment, and we praise the Lord that you are standing with us. Thank you for believing in our mission. We are truly blessed with your support and continue to partner with you to ensure we can reach the unreached and continue to train leaders to spread the Gospel of grace worldwide.

As I close, I thank our partners for supporting the New Hope Mission Society, which partners with us, enabling us to train pastors, missionaries, and Christian leaders who will proclaim the Gospel of God's majestic Grace. We hope that through this newsletter, you will stand with us by faithfully praying for us and partnering to continue ministering for God's glory.

With unending gratitude,
Rev. K. K. Alavi



Reports from the Mission Field

The Shaliach's Institute is blessed with 40 students for the Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) classes this academic year, and 15 new students have joined as first-year students. We have 14 in the second-year and 11 in the final or third-year. Most of them come from the remotest areas in the country. Almost all graduated students have begun ministry as pastors, managing smaller house churches in their native communities or working with other missions. A few have chosen to do higher Biblical studies and desire to deepen their understanding of God's Word further.

We have sad news to share. Pr. Nazir from Kollam, Kerala, one of the pastors that Bishara supported, passed away on June 23.

Another Pastor, Ismail, who ministers among the Muslims in Ananthapur, was admitted to the Bangalore Baptist Hospital with a brain stroke. We praise God for his speedy recovery, and he is now back home for some more days of rest and soon will be back ministering to the Muslims in his state.

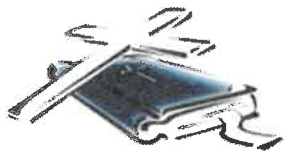


In January this year, we laid the foundation stone for a new building project to house refugees and evangelists. However, we have stopped all work as we need help raising the required funds to continue.

We were able to finish the structural work on the baptism pond but more final touches are needed. This traditional pond has been on the campus for the last 45 years, but the walls were destroyed in the flood of 2018. This pond for baptism and the Chapel at Bishara are very important as they are the face of our ministry, where hundreds of people visit together, worship every Sunday, and conduct baptisms. Many smaller churches also request that we provide the space and pond for their pastors' meetings and conduct baptisms at Bishara.



Dr. Abdul Messiah



BISHARA MISSION

*"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."
- John 15:18*



Literature Ministry Report: Malabar Region

During the summer vacation, Markaz ul Bisharah conducts Gospel outreach ministry in the Malappuram and Calicut districts of Kerala. According to the latest census, Malappuram is one of the most populated Muslim-majority districts in Kerala, with a Muslim population of 70%, Hindus of 27%, and Christians of 2.2%. Most people are deeply religious in their personal and social lives.

In April and May, our dedicated Gospel team, consisting of two staff workers and three Bible graduates led by Mr. Johnson, embarked on a mission to spread the Gospel. They visited thirty-three towns and villages in seven taluks of

Malappuram District (Perinthalmanna, Nilambur, Ernad, Kondotty, Malappuram, Tirur, and Tirurangadi) and Kozhikode Taluk of Calicut District. Their tireless efforts led them to more than nine thousand homes and shops, where they distributed Gospel tracts and booklets printed in Malayalam. The literature included "A Letter from a Distant Land," "Ibrahim Khaleelullai, God's Friend," "Is the Holy Injil corrupted?," "Thampis Heart", etc. They also shared the Gospel according to Luke and John with those interested.

A large section of people would rather avoid taking the literature. A few even rejected it due to their fear of religious repercussions that they may face if they brought this Christian literature to their homes. But some accepted our literature with happiness. In three incidents a few individuals discouraged the distribution, threatened us with dire consequences, and reported us to the local authorities. We talked to persons who questioned the validity of the Gospels and the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our answer to them is that the Bible is intact and valid, and is quoted in the Quranic text, confirming Jesus's validity. The ancient text claims "Injil was canceled on the advent of Quran," "Jesus was not crucified," "Christians are polytheists," "Jesus is only human and not divine," etc. The literature we distributed was an excellent way to reply to many of the questions the Muslims ask.

We observed that the Muslims in these areas we visited are prosperous in material wealth compared to the status of people of other faiths in their neighborhoods. Many live in big mansions. Many Muslims live in the Middle East and work there as merchants and in different businesses. It is our earnest hope and prayer that our literature will open their eyes to read the Gospel, redefine their faith, and help them discover the real life in its fullness in Him.

We praise the Almighty Father, His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit for the grace and strength given to our team members in their work under the March and April scorching sun. All praises to Him alone. Amen.

Tamil Nadu Region

The Markaz ul Bishara Outreach team, led by Brother Raj, distributed Gospel literature to non-believers, mostly Muslims, in 11 districts of Tamil Nadu. Gospel tracts, Mark's Gospel, John's Gospel, and the New Testament were distributed in various Indian languages, such as Tamil, Hindi, Oriya, Kannada, Bengali, Telugu, Assamese, Gujarati, Marathi, and Malayalam. We were able to have direct contact with 609 people who spoke the above languages.

April 25 is a notable date in our outreach. The team met a group of eleven Muslims. They were traveling to Tirunelveli district from Tiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu to strengthen Muslims in Islam. We gave them our tracts, which condemn the Quran and testify the Holy Bible in Tamil and Arabic.





SHALIACH BIBLE COLLEGE

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."
- III John 4

Faith Sewing Project



The Faith sewing center has moved to the basement of the Bishara Chapel, a larger hall. This hall can accommodate at least 20 students and the sewing machines. It has a separate classroom for devotions and lessons. We have women from the migrant workers' community who join and learn sewing. Most are either Hindus or Muslims from West Bengal and Northeast India. We pray that the Lord speaks to these sisters who will attend and participate in the daily devotion time. We pray they can pick up skills to help them generate income for their families. After the sewing lessons for the year, each woman will be given a certificate of completion and a new sewing machine.

It is comforting to know that so many of our neighbors are spiritually open and seeking answers, and we want to be ready to receive them and connect them to Jesus. God uses all means to bring people to himself (1 Cor. 9:22). Because of their conversion, many new converts face ongoing hurdles and dangers around daily living. Over the last many years, Abdul has had the privilege of visiting at least 200 new believers, conducting home visits, and witnessing their struggles and is grateful, especially to the local pastors to whom these families are connected, who also guided him to these diverse locations, facilitating meaningful connections with faithful brothers and sisters. All glory to God!

Financial Shortfall Calls Us All to Meet Potential Crisis

The first six months of 2024 resulted in a dangerous drop in giving by our faithful and generous partners in this 20+ year vital mission. The result was income approximately **40% below our need** to meet our commitments primarily through the Bishara Center in the Kerala region of southern India and beyond.

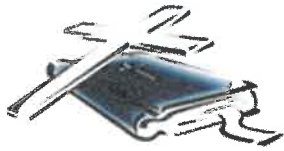
The board of NHMS asks for your prayers and any special contributions you may be able to make to bring us back to where we need to be for this mission to continue. Thank you in advance for prayerfully letting the Spirit lead you in considering what you have been given to share through this mission.



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- Harold Warner*

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