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**Great and amazing are your deeds, Lord
God the Almighty! Just and true are your
ways, King of the nations! – Rev. 15:3**



12th FAMIN PACE TRIP INDIA

12th February to 12th March 2010

- Team** Peter Mueller-Graf, Reini Baertschi-Haumüller, Silas Rameshkumar, Solomon Aruldhas, Vani Krishnamurthi
- Area** Bangalore, Gudiyattam - Tiruppattur - Kakangarai (Vellore District), Tiruchengode (Namakkal District), Coimbatore - Valparai (CBE District), Mamallapuram, Chennai (Kanchipuram District) - Bangalore

The PACE (Prayer and cultural exposure trip) was held during the above-mentioned period in order to achieve the following objectives:

Spiritual services

- Spreading the Gospel to bring people to Christ through providing counsel for the problems of people, personal and group prayers, preaching and bible teaching.
- To analyse the changes and improvements of families, Brothers and Sisters, over the period of time.
- To have and to provide fellowship, individual and family prayer among the people supported by **FAMIN**.

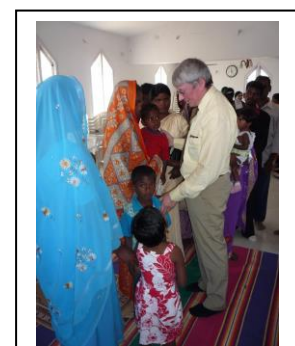
Duties and practical work

- Review itinerary and follow up from past field visit.
- Plan/determine and follow-up general and special assignments and duties actual itinerary.
- Review, inform, implement and instruct the ministry purpose to local leadership
- Evaluate activities (plans, achievements, developments).
- Head and area Offices visit to evaluate needs and organize adequate systems for ministry development.
- To study the field operations using practical opportunities to understand people with their lifestyle, culture and their alignment and orientation to the churches and their faith life and economic status.
- To travel willingly, to get adapted to the field situations, to cope up with available facilities and to act and perform in the development process with a special dedication.
- To work as a team according to the travel plan and report about issues based on observations.
- To take part in assessment, planning, evaluation and development activities.
- To visit sites and training centers to assess needs and to organize and implement adequate and effective systems.
- To assess and evaluate the correct use of funds and auxiliary supports towards various projects and tasks and to report with necessary suggestions and plans.

The following report is an overall summary and view on the activities and experiences during the PACE trip and some results and happenings afterwards.

Life Institute Trust – Bangalore Central Church, Bangalore

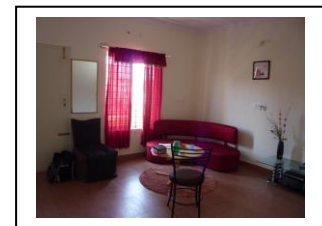
Bro. Reini was hosted by the family of SMA Bernad during his stay in Bangalore. He was able to share the word of God in the church and to have fellowship and encourage the congregation and children. He was inspired and impressed when some of the children remembered the bible verses and



testified how it was helpful for them, which he gave them 3 years ago, during his last visit. He was also helpful to counsel Lalitha, a believer of BCC, who had some family problems. Beulah completed her B.Com Studies and Moses completed his Pre-university course. They have failed in their final exams. During evaluation we decided to cease the sponsorship for both of them. The building of LIT-BCC was in need of some emergency repairs. Bro. Bernad, the president requested financial help from *FAMIN* towards that. So we organized a meeting to discuss the need and possibilities. *FAMIN* agreed to extend financial support for the discussed items. The work has been completed successfully during end of August 2010. Praise the Lord!

Bethesda Children Home, Bangalore

This is a Christian home which is a place of refuge for orphans. They offered place and admission for Nithya Sudarshan, a *FAMIN* beneficiary who was abandoned by his father. We visited him and had prayer and fellowship time with the home children. Bro. Reini distributed 'YoYo' toys to all the children. We also shared the expenses for one day meal of the home children. Nithya Sudarshan's mother has got a good job recently and she wanted to take him under her care. So now we ceased the sponsorship for him and changed the support to another boy who was in need of educational support.



"Merivian Lets" Lodge, Bangalore

Bro. Xavier is a member of Hope Chapel, Bangalore and running this serviced apartment business specially to cater the needs of Christian organizations. He offered a room for Bro. Reini at a concession rate. We could use this place for hosting our guests and sponsors who visit India.



Family Sam & Sheela Umaphathi, Bangalore

We visited the parents with their 4 children. *FAMIN* helped this family in the process of building their own house and supported for education of two children. During this visit we came to know their financial difficulties and extended supports for the other two children also. We also brought some gifts to the children and had a good time of fellowship.

Family Sukumar & Janaki Rajamonickam, Bangalore

This family was belonging to BCC congregation and now they are attending the church at Hope Chapel, Bangalore. Janaki is a tailor and working in a garment company and her husband Sukumar is a mason. Sukumar is an ulcer patient and couldn't go for work regularly. *FAMIN* is providing support for all the three children. Geetha has failed in her Pre-university course during the past academic year. Now we are supporting for Geetha's computer education which should help her to get a job.



Family Jose & Rebecca Thayanithi, Bangalore

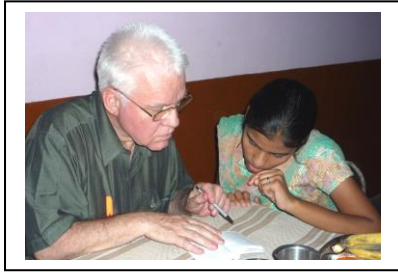
Bro. Jose and Sis. Rebecca have been friends of *FAMIN*. We were supporting Adalia, their daughter for a long time and due to their economic wellbeing, we had to switch the support to other needed area during our earlier evaluation. As a token of love, Bro. Reini visited this family to greet and to have fellowship with them.



Family Chandran & Parijatham, Gudiyattam (Vellore)

Sathish, the son of Parijatham, the mother of my wife Shobha, got married with Shanthi during February 2010. We had an option in our travel plan to attend this marriage and the plan had to be changed unexpectedly. So we visited this family later to greet the couple and dedicate

them in prayer and distribute the gifts for them. They belong to a Hindu family and we are praying for their lives to be saved. Shanthi is now pregnant for 4 months.



Student Sharmila, Gudiyattam

During our visit in Gudiyattam, Bro. Peter with restored health was able to share the word of God to this girl who is from a Hindu background and gifted a Gideon bible. Sharmila has now passed her higher secondary examination and joined in a college for studying B.Sc. Physics. We hope that God would open her heart and speak to her when she reads the scripture.

Family Thirupathi & Subhashini, Kakangarai (Vellore)



We support this family for both the children. Subha is working in our tailoring institute as instructor. Subha and Thirupathi are born again Christians and growing in faith. Shamini is studying upper kindergarten. Thirupathi is working as a driver in a public bus service. Thirupathi's old parents are staying with them. There was a scarcity of water during summer



time and the surrounding families had to walk nearly three kilometers to fetch drinking water which was difficult for them and the owner of the water well. So they requested FAMIN to provide a bore-well facility to solve the drinking water problem. So we extended our support to provide a bore-well with drinking water facility.

Tailoring Institute, Tiruppattur (Vellore)



There were 14 graduates completed there tailoring training in the first batch of our newly started Tailoring Institute at Tiruppattur. We conducted a graduation ceremony and distributed certificates and gifts to the graduates. Bro. Reini and Bro. Peter congratulated and motivated the outgoing students.

Some of these students have started their home tailoring business. The training for the next batch is going on and will be ended during September 2010. For convenience, cultural, administrative

and other reasons, we are shifting this tailoring school from Tiruppattur to Kakangarai. Sis. Subhashini our teacher lives next door and the students of Kakangarai and surrounding villages will be benefited through this training center.

Samuel & Helanrani Loveleeson, Tiruchengode (Namakkal)

Rebecca Sylvia and Grace Tabitha are the two children of Sis. Helanrani and Bro. Sam Loveleeson. This family was living in Tiruchengode for a long time. Due to employment problem and other family problems they had to move to Erode which is the nearest city where Sam got a job as collection agent for a banker. We are supporting this family for the children education. We also extended our help for the shifting expenses and caution deposit for getting a new rented house at Erode. We were able to support them to buy a new bicycle and to settle off their loan on a fridge they bought. The children were getting sick very often and Sis. Helen requested for a water purifier equipment to solve the health issues.



FAMIN supported to buy water purifier equipment and now the children are healthy and out of water related sickness.



Family Raman & Shakuntala Vigneshwaran, Valparai

Dhanalakshmi and Balamurugan are supported by *FAMIN* and we visited this family to encourage them and have fellowship with them. Dhanalakshmi was having some problem in urinary track and we insisted and explained about the importance of hygiene and some hygienic measures to be taken care of. Recently we heard

that the doctor reported that Dhanalakshmi is healthy now. Shakuntala is now able to go to her job in tea estate and Vigneshwaran is continuing his job as a laborer in market. They are caring for the old parents of Vigneshwaran.

Family Girija, Valparai

Gayathri and Pushpa were being supported by *FAMIN* for their education. We were able to bring some gifts for Gayathri and Girija from their sponsors. We also supported Gayathri with equipment as she is interested in photography. We had a good time of prayer and fellowship with this family. During our evaluation we came to know that their mother Girija who was a widow, has now got married to a person who is working in a tea estate as assistant to the manager. Considering their family income level we decided to cease the support for this family.



Family Joseph & Yesammal, Tea Estate Sirikundra



Angel and Josephine are the daughters of Yesammal and they are supported by *FAMIN* for their college education. Bro. Joseph is an auto driver and Yesammal is working as a tea plucker in Sirikundra Tea estate. These girls were finished their schooling long ago and could not go to college due to financial problems. *FAMIN* was instrumental to this family, during one of the PACE trip we visited them and came to know their situation. Angel has now completed her bachelor degree in computer science and studying her master degree. Josephine is studying her B. Sc in computer science.

Widow Rukkumani Palanisami, Tea Estate Stanmore

Sis. Rukkumani's family is very poor and consists of 5 members. Rukkumani has been abandoned by her husband when daughter Saranya was 3 months old. She is a washerwoman and due to health problem (uterus) she couldn't go for work and was not able to meet her family needs with the minimum income from her parents (INR 800). She has her parents and a sick sister staying with her and is struggling to meet educational, medical and family expenses. We started to help the family for Saranya's education and Rukkumani's monthly expenses. We also provided one month's provision needs, bedstead and household equipment. Recently we came to know that Rukkumani's health is restored and she started to work again and earning approximately Rs. 3000/- per month. Therefore we decided to stop our support from September 2010.



Widow Amuthababy Family, Tea Estate Stanmore

Suganyababy and Nithyababy are the daughters of Amuthababy who is a widow working as a tea plucker in Stanmore tea estate. We visited this family and based on our field study *FAMIN* extended its support for the girls' education and for the family. Amuthababy is a faithful Christian involving in church activities. Suganyababy finished her higher secondary last year and wanted to study B.Sc. computer science. With our support she is now studying in Valparai Government College.



Tailoring School Graduation and Family Fellowship Meeting, Valparai



There were 24 graduates completed their tailoring training of our Tailoring Institute at Valparai. We conducted a graduation ceremony and distributed certificates. Bro. Reini and Bro. Peter congratulated and motivated the outgoing students. Some of these students have started their home tailoring

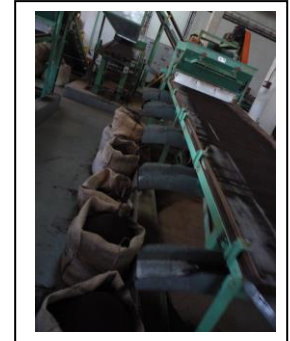


business and some are working in existing tailoring shops. They enjoyed the fellowship with each other and also had a community meal after the graduation ceremony. It was impressive when many of the students shared their testimonies about how the learning of tailoring was helpful in their daily life and for the family.



Widow Philomena Velmurugan, Tea Estate Iyerpadi

Sis. Philomena's family is a poor family with 5 members. Her husband died due to sickness when Divya was 2 years old and Anusha was a newborn baby. She is a Tea plucker and cares for the family. She has her parents and a sick sister staying with her. She was struggling to meet educational, medical and family expenses. During our visit to this family we observed the poor condition of the family and started to support for complete welfare of the daughters Anusha and Divya, including all educational expenses. She is a faithful Christian and regularly attending the weekly prayer meetings of the beneficiary families.



RYAN Tea Factory, Sinkona Tea Estate, Anamalais

While visiting Sinkona College we also visited the RYAN tea factory at the same Tea Estate Sinkona, Valparai. To get entry we had to register officially and were escorted by a lady police officer. Our aim was to study and understand the process of Tea manufacturing in one of the 56 Tea Estates, an area of 204 km². The Ryan factory manager took us through the complete process of tea producing. This could be an interesting learning item for future visitors from Switzerland.

Family Solomon & Lilly Aruldhas, Valparai

Sis. Lilly and Bro. Aruldhas are happy as they have now moved to a new rented house. Nancy is studying her bachelor degree in computer science and Ringal is studying in higher secondary course, down in the Plains near Pollachi. Bro. Aruldhas is undergoing lot of health problems. Considering his eye defects, *FAMIN* supported for his surgeries to cure the hemorrhage in both of his retinas. To coordinate field works we supported him with a two wheeler also. This family now has a plan to move to Coimbatore after Nancy's college education. Considering his service to this ministry, *FAMIN* also contributed a provision for old age pension support for this family.



Family Rajangam & Vasuki, Coimbatore

Rajangam family was migrated from Valparai to Coimbatore 5 years ago. They have two daughters and father Gunaseelan is staying with them. Mother Jeeva died recently due to sickness. Rajangam and Vasuki are working in private companies. We are supporting for both of the children. We visited this family to comfort them on loss of the mother and to pray and have fellowship with them. Bro. Reini brought some gifts for the children on behalf of the sponsors and bought wrist watches for them as a token of love.



Widow Amutha Dharmaseelan, Mamallapuram (Kanchipuram District) and her children Anbarasan, ANBUKANI, Anbumozhi and Thamilarasan)

FAMIN is supporting Anbukani since she was in the children home run by intermission. Now she is getting help directly through *FAMIN*. This family was not able to come together because of the economic situations. *FAMIN* has made some efforts to unite and bring this family together by providing a rented house at Mamallapuram with basic facilities. From December 2009 onwards this family started their united life after 14 long years. Praise the Lord! The Son Anbarasan is working as instructor in Intermission's educational institute. During our visit we had a good time of fellowship and prayer time



with this family. Anbukani completed her B.com and now joined in M.Com. in the same college. Anbumozhi, the elder daughter is studying teacher training. Thamilarasan is now studying in B.Sc. All three of them are supported through **FAMIN** for their education.

Family Paul & Mary Anbazhagan and MPA Church, Mamallapuram

The Anbazhagan family is a financially challenged poor family with 4 members. Bro. Paul is working as a pastor and cares for the entire family. He was not able to meet family needs with his minimum income and he was struggling to meet educational, medical and family expenses. Considering the situations, **FAMIN** extended support for Beulah's education. We also gifted Beulah with an electric guitar and accessories. In their church at Mamallapuram Bro. Peter shared the word of God to the congregation and Bro. Reini made special meeting with prayers for the children and fathers.



Family Silas & Shobha Rameshkumar M., Secretary, Bangalore



During this PACE trip, Bro. Silas Rameshkumar expressed his interest to study MA in Management and Theology at SAIACS and approached **FAMIN** for educational support. It should be for the further widening theoretical and practical knowledge and experiences for opening opportunities to complete self-dependency in 2012. Bro. Silas can do the **ACT/FAMIN** ministry work with his wife Shobha during their spare time.

FAMIN decided to extend its financial support and granted complete scholarship to study full-time at SAIACS (South Asian Institute for Advanced Christian Studies). Over the past years, Bro. Peter had contacts with the Institute leadership and personally with Dr. Graham Houghton, Principal Emeritus, New Zealand). During our SAIACS visit we had a wonderful meeting with Bro. Houghton. Bro. Peter and Bro. Reini were instrumental and extended cooperation during his entrance exam and the admission. They also helped in counseling and solving a family issue with his Bro. Murugan.



Here again. God blessed my family with our first child born on March 31st, 2010. We called the baby boy Simon Peter. Shobha my dear wife and mother got her Christian baptism at Hope Chapel on 25th July 2010. STOTHROM!

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