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# UBS MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Theme : Jesus Christ is Lord

IEM, FMPB, KEF, CGMM, IMS.

## DECISION CARD

Name : .....

Class : .....-.....

Date : .....

Address Over .....

The Next Year : .....

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(PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE SPACES)

The Holy spirit having directed me to arrive at this decision I commit myself openly to:—

(1) Pray for the work of the organizations represented and ( )  
for the extension of the kingdom in Asia today. I request  
that they periodically keep me acquainted with their work.

(2) Give generously of my time and money to:

Organization : .....

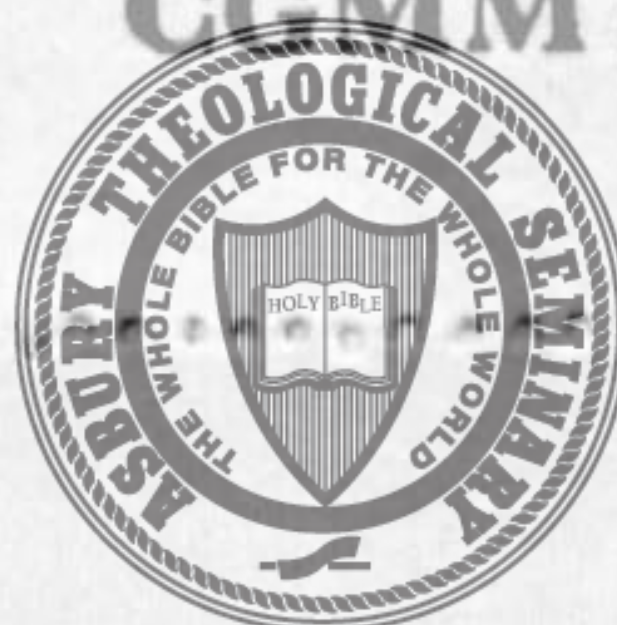
Individual : .....

(3) God's call to serve as a missionary in....., ( )  
Hence I would want the Seminary to direct me towards  
achieving this goal

4) Promote the vision for mission in my church and hence ( )  
request the represented organizations to put me on their  
mailing list from now onward.

(Specify if possible) .....

**IEM; FMPB; KEF; CCMM; IMS.**



I have made this commitment to ..... in  
God's presence.



# CHURCH GROWTH MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

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24.1.78.

Dear Dr. Hedlund,

Thank you very much for your kind note along with the cyclostyled literature regarding cross cultural Evangelism. But I received them after I returned from the camp. Though I could not use those notes I got a book which contained the Lausanne Papers and I made use of that. I thank you very much for your promptness and also the concern you showed. The Lord blessed that Students Missionary Camp and nearly 35 people committed their lives for full time ministry.

I do hope that you would have received my parcel containing 10 copies of Gerber's Manual in Tamil.

I'm glad to inform you that the Missionary dedication service for Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> of this month. Herewith I have enclosed some bills. I'm so sorry that they are printed in Tamil. I hope that some Tamil Student could help you in translating.





God willing they will start along with me to North India, on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, from Madurai. I'm planning to take them with me to Yavatmal to participate in the Missionary Conference too. My wife and our little son are also coming with me to Yeotmal and then to visit Korku mission field. We will start from Madras on 8<sup>th</sup> by G.T. Express and will reach Yavatmal on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb afternoon. Please inform the Missionary conference committee about our arrival.

I'm yet to hear from Mr. Alex Thomas about the theme and details of the conference. But we are praying for the conference. Rev. Bose Meiyappan plans to attend the Pastor's Refreshers' course from Feb 1 to 9<sup>th</sup> at U.B.S. My brother Mr. Gnanaraja is also coming for that.

I'm very glad to inform you that 10 people took baptism in Koothiyarkundu village on 22nd Feb. with love & prayers,



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Yours in Him,  
N. J. Gnanil



## SOME THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

What is this Conference all about? Be careful not to waste your time as it is very short and it won't be long before the Conference is over. What can you pray and hope to gain?

- \* New dedication to God's purpose for your life.
- \* New vision of the great task to be done on the missionfields.
- \* New uplift of Spirit.

Make your plans Now in order to achieve this. Watch your time and try some of these alternatives which will help you to fulfill the objectives of this Conference.

- \* Gather in groups or individually to pray for the speakers, other students and especially for God's guidance for your own life.
- \* Meeting and sharing with the Speakers, missionaries, visitors or friends to widen your horizons.
- \* Make careful notes of whatever that strikes you and anything relevant.
- \* Think hard and take part in discussions. Don't forget to ask questions. When in doubt - clarify.

What are the important opportunities of this conference?

- \* Allow time for God to speak to you. During the formal sessions and afterwards as you review your notes and meditate on what has been said.
- \* Look out for and talk to the Missionaries present and other visitors. Learn from them all about their ministry and needs.
- \* Discuss and share your doubts, your blessings and your burdens.
- \* REMEMBER You can start being a missionary here and now. Make your life and witness count.

In all the spiritual, intellectual and social activity, don't forget that God is your reason for being here. He called you, provided for you and wants to speak to you. Make this Conference a life-changing and a life-directing time. May God bless you during this Conference.

Objective of the Conference:

PROMOTE — INFORM — CHALLENGE —————> MISSIONS

Planning Committee: K. Marak, Puhor, Zothamawia, Fareth Sendegaya, G. Wilson, P. Leaderwell, Robin Paul, Dr. R. Hedlund, Alexander Thomas.

Steering Committee: Danny Moses, Robin Paul, Fareth Sendegaya, P. Leaderwell, Dr. R. Hedlund, Alexander Thomas.





DECLARE HIS GLORY  
SECOND ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE  
OF  
UNION BIBLICAL SEMINARY, YAVATMAL,  
FEBRUARY 10-12, 1978

DATE & TIME

PROGRAMME

SPEAKERS

FRI. 10th FEB.

8:00 - 8:45 AM

BIBLE EXPOSITION

Canon A. Neech

10:45 - 12:30 PM

Church Planting

Mr. Barry Mackey

12:30 - 12:45 PM

Prayer Meeting

7:45 - 9:00 PM

EVENING CHALLENGE HOUR

Mr. N.J. Gnaniah

9:00 - 9:30 PM

Prayer and Reflection

(in Groups)

SAT. 11th FEB.

8:00 - 8:45 AM

BIBLE EXPOSITION

Canon A. Neech

9:00 - 10:15 AM

Indigenous Missions

Rev. R. Hrangkhua

10:15 - 10:45 AM

Mission Agency Reports

Rev. R. Hrangkhua

10:45 - 11:15 AM

Coffee Break

Rev. R. Hrangkhua

11:15 - 12:30 PM

Forum

Rev. R. Hrangkhua

12:30 - 1:45 PM

Prayer Meeting

Rev. R. Hrangkhua

1:45 - 3:00 PM

EVENING CHALLENGE HOUR

Mr. N.J. Gnaniah

3:00 - 9:30 PM

Prayer and Reflection

(in Groups)

SUN. 12th FEB.

9:30 - 11:00 AM

Worship

Canon A. Neech

4:30 PM

Culture (in f...ing Hall)

7:45 - 9:00 PM

EVENING CHALLENGE HOUR

Mr. N.J. Gnaniah

9:00 - 9:30 PM

Prayer and Reflection & Conclude



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N E W S - N O V E M B E R

Stir me, O stir me Lord, I care not how. But stir my heart in compassion for the world; Stir me to give, to go, but most to pray; Stir till the blood-red banner be unfurled. O'er lands that still in heathen darkness lie, O'er deserts where no cross is lighted high. Stir me, O stir me, Lord till all my heart is stirred in strong compassion for these souls, Till Thy compelling love reaches to the Poles, Far North and South in burning dead desire; Till east and west are caught in love's intensest fire till Thou didst give Thine only Son, Thy best-loved one E'en to the dreadful cross that I might live; Stir me to give myself back to Thee, That Thou canst give Thyself again through me. (IMI Vol. XLV No.6)

NEXT CONFERENCE

Purpose: To promote Missionary zeal. To inform about what is happening on the fields. To challenge Seminary community to consider their calling & ministry.

Goals : New dedication for God's purpose for your life. New vision of the great task to be done on the Mission Field. New Spiritual uplift.

When ? February 10th - 12th 1978.

Speakers: Rev. Canon Alan Neech, Gen. Secretary of BCMS-England.  
Mr. M.J.Gnaniah

Program: Bible Expositions; Messages; Plenary sessions, work shops, Forum & Panel.

E.F.I., New Delhi (IMS April 1977, Vol. 24, No. 7) - The Evangelical Fellowship of India, under the leadership of its executive secretary, D. John Richard, has created a new Department of Mission. Rev. Theodore Williams, general secretary of the Indian Evangelical Mission and one of India's best-known Bible teachers, will direct it. There are now a dozen indigenous cross-cultural missionary societies in India. The Indian Evangelical Mission has taken the initiative in organizing a national association of missions. Williams will serve the new association as coordinator.

IMA, Bangalore (IMS April 1977, Vol. 24, No. 8) - The India Missions Association came into being on March 16, 1977 at Bangalore as heads of indigenous Christian missions gathered to study the prospects of cooperation. Charter members of the Association are: Friends Missionary Prayer Band, Fellowship of Evangelical friends, Quiet Corner - India, Full Gospel Young Men Association - India, and Indian Evangelical Mission. Church Growth Missionary Movement was accepted as an associate member. A committee was formed, with Rev. Theodore Williams as the General Sec.

Mr. R. Stanley as the Treasurer, and Messrs. Enil Jebasingh, Thomas Samuel and D.R. Rajah as members. Mr. D. John Richard, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship of India, has been invited to serve as the Chairman of the committee.

Officers called for a Missions Consultation in 1978 and expressed the hope that by that time other Indian missions will have become members. Eight goals of the Association were outlined during the organizational meeting. Some of them are summarized here: To get to know, evaluate and establish contact with all missions in India that are indigenous in origin and government; to present a united evangelical stand for the cause of missions before the Christian public and the government, to exchange information of missionary importance through a news-letter or bulletin; to establish and administer missionary training institutes for the purpose of turning out missionaries who could serve in cross-cultural situations both within and beyond India.

ANNOUNCING THE 1978 NATIONAL SEMINAR ON CHURCH GROWTH - Dr. Vergil Gerber and Dr. Donald McGavran will be conducting a National Seminar on Church Growth at the invitation of the Church Growth Committee of India. This seminar will be held at Madras in July 1978. This seminary will bring together 80 Indian Church Growth workers. As a follow-up to this National Seminar we are hoping that both nationally and internationally known experts on Church Growth, Dr. Gerber and Dr. McGavran will also conduct a few Regional Seminars in July 1978. Information about Church Growth Seminars may please be made to either of the Committee members or to the Secretary Mr. C.D. Jebasingh, C 47 Eucress Buildings, Wadala (East), Bombay 400037.





Church Growth news from the State of Tripura :- (CGC No. 1) - The Rev. I. Darlong, General Secretary of the Tripura Baptist Christian Union reports that "Tripuris" continue to be very receptive to the Gospel. Two weeks ago (June 19) 36 were baptised and then last week another 30 new converts were brought into the fold of the Church. Literature work is best. All publications of the Church uses the Roman script against the Bengalee script used by government publications. This has induced Tripuris to read more of the Church publications. In another issue you will hear more from Tripura. They need your prayer support.

MIZO TRIBESMEN - (CAW, Oct. 76, Vol. VI, No. 11) - In 1900, Mizo Tribesmen in India believed eternal life was earned by killing animals, birds, snakes, and men. Today, most of the 300,000 members of the tribe believe in Jesus. They are laying plans to witness to the 30 million primitive tribes people throughout India.

SRI LANKA - (WWMC, June 77, Vol. XXXV, No. 6) :- On the predominantly Buddhist Island of Sri Lanka (Population 13 million) Millions of Buddhists have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with Jesus Christ for the first time by reading of Him in the secular press. They write in for the Scripture and Christian literature offered them, with the amazing result that many of them whole heartedly accept Jesus Christ. (About 1,600 such letters are received each month).

LINGUISTS FROM INDIA TRAIN FOR TRANSLATION WORK (MNS April 77, vol. 24, No. 7) Wycliffe Bible Translators report that 12 Indian missionaries were due to arrive in Britain in February to train for linguistic and translation work among their own people. The trainees, all of whom have attended introductory linguistic courses in India, are sponsored by various organizations, including the Indian Evangelical Mission, the Friends Missionary Prayer Band, and the indigenous Indian Operation Mobilization.

LAUSANNE STRATEGY GROUP FORMED (MARC Jan. 77) - The Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization has formed a strategy subgroup with research members from all six continents. One of the goals of the strategy group includes detailed Status of Christianity Profiles for all countries by 1980 with their unreached people described by 1985. Continuing status-of-evangelization reports, with the first formal report to be given to the entire Lausanne committee in January 1978, and the continued publication of data about unreached peoples, are also goals of the strategy group.

PHILIPPINE CHURCHES WORKING FOR RAPID GROWTH (MNS Aug. 77, vol. 24, No. 15) - "Target 400 is the Alliance church growth project in the Philippines that aims to plant 400 new congregations and disciple 40,000 new members by the end of 1979," according to the Alliance Witness (July 13, 1977). Begun in 1975, Target 400 has already planted more than 100 churches, leaving less than 300 to go. The emphasis kept before the churches through seminars and other means is "the fact that evangelism is not merely getting decisions; It means making disciples and integrating them into fellowships of believers." The Christian and Missionary Alliance of the Philippines now has about 500 organized congregations, with some 30,000 communicant members.

MUSLIM RESPONSE (WV July 77 & CAW, Nov. 76, vol. 6, No. 12) - Christian ads in the Muslim Newspapers of Indonesia are proving to be an effective tool for Evangelism. Last year (1975) they resulted in 48,000 inquiries. 21,000 enrolled in Bible correspondence courses and 3,400 became Christians. In a six month period (1975-1976) 163 new churches were established for former Muslims who accepted Christ as Saviour in response to the ads.

KOREAN CHURCHES GIVE TO MISSIONS (MNS July 77, vol. 24, No. 14) - Leaders of the Korea Evangelical Church (OVS-related) are guiding their Churches into missionary involvement, according to a report by missionary Elmer Kilbourne. The churches of Korea provided funds to help build ten rural churches in India. Three of the Korean church leaders then traveled to India for the dedication of the new buildings. Following their trip, the Korean churches set a goal of helping with 100 more such buildings in India by the end of 1978. In another aspect of their missionary involvement, the Korea Evangelical Church plans to send missionaries to Indonesia. They are also supporting two Brazilians who have gone as "home missionaries" to the jungles of the upper Amazon. Kilbourne reports that the Korea Evangelical Church has 900 churches with more than 150 of them in the city of Seoul and its suburbs. ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY churches are being started each week.



WHISKEY BOTTLE MISSION (CAW SEPT 77, Vol. 7, No. 10)- For the past 39 years Jewel Pierce, a Methodist layman, has launched whiskey bottles stuffed with tracts and gospel portions into a river near his home in Piedmont, Alabama. 30,000 bottles have produced 5,640 letters from 29 states and several foreign countries, and at least one church has been formed by people converted through reading a bottle's contents.

ACUTE NEED IN NIGERIA (MNI JUNE 77, VOL.KIV, NO. 6) - The acute need for Christian teachers in Nigeria continues. Since the government decided two years ago to give all Nigerian children an 8th grade education. 600 American christian teachers have applied to go, but the Nigerian government is calling for 40,000 ! BIBLE TEACHERS are especially needed. Contact Sudan Interior Mission Cedar Grove, NJ. 07009, (In Canada SIM, 10 Huntingdale Blvd., Scarborough, Ontario M1W 2S5).

#### P R A Y E R   R E Q U E S T S

Pray for India Evangelical Mission.

Remember to pray for our 10th Annual Conference from 17 to 19 of March 1978. Remember our General Secretary Rev. Theodore Williams and his wife, Mrs. Esther Williams, in your prayers as they travel and minister in various places in USA and Australia. Pray for Mr. F.S.Thomas and his visits to different places to promote the mission. His eldest daughter, Susan, is not well. Pray for her. Remember all the Promotional Secretaries - Mr. Solomon Farnar, Gujrat; Rev. Victor Benjamin, Andhra Pradesh, Mr. M.T.Abraham, Kerala; Mr. Gladson Anchan, Maharashtra, Mr. Albert Davis, (Acting). Tamil Nadu. Remember Mr. Azariah Benjamin and his family, Mr. Nelson Rajkumar, Mr. & Mrs. G.John, Mr. Jeevan Paul, Mr.Arthur Selvaraj and Surendra Parnar.

Pray for the church in Vietnam (CAW July 77, vol. 7, No. 8) - South Vietnam fell into Communist hands two years ago but the Evangelical Church of Vietnam, to which 85 percent of South Vietnamese evangelicals belong remains active. Member churches continue their normal schedule of meetings and conferences, but all publications have ceased. Church operated medical clinics, orphanages, and schools have been taken over by the government. In addition, the main pastor training school has been closed.

Pray for church in Brazil (CAW June 77, Vol. 7, No. 7) - Missionaries in Brazil face eviction next year unless they follow new government policies which call for rapid integration of stone-age tribes into modern society. Government Indian officials, anthropologists, and Protestant and Catholic missionaries are protesting the measure, fearing that it will ruin the Indians' social stability and culture. Between 100,000 and 200,000 Indians will be affected.

Pray for the church in Ethiopia (TS May 77, Vol. 24, No. 9) - A report from the Sudan Interior Mission's headquarters here states that as many as 60 churches in the Darassa area have been burned by hostile Gujee tribes people. Several Darassa christians were reported killed, and many homeless. The raids took place in the region where 23,000 had turned to Christ during the last quarter of 1975. Mission spokesman reported that in all of Ethiopia, 200 new congregations were added to the Word of Life Churches (SIM-related) between June and December 1976.

Pray for the church in Uganda (MNS July 77, Vol. 24, Nov. 14)- A fund called Ugandan Relief and Reconstruction Fund has been initiated for the training, equipping and preparing of Ugandan christians in Kenya for future restoration and reconstruction of Uganda, according to an announcement by Bishop Festo Kivengere, who fled Uganda early this year. Among the thousands of refugees are hundreds of Uganda's leaders and future leaders, Kivengere says. There are university students, theological students, clergymen, church workers (both lay and ordained), university professors, lecturers, medical doctors, engineers, lawyers, accountants, and civil servants. The goal of the ministry is to give purpose, hope and opportunity to the lives of these men and women, Kivengere said.

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (CAW July 77, Vol.7, No.8; Mar 76, vol.6, No.4) The Church of England has lost 1 million members over the last 20 years forcing 500 parishes to close. The Church in Great Britain has been losing 250,000 members annually. Current membership is now down to 2.7 million. The number of missionaries has dropped nearly 25 percent in the past four years from 6,007 to 4,592.

GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTISING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. MATTHEW 28:19-20





# Union Biblical Seminary

Yavatmal, M.S. 445001, India  
Jan. 18-23, 1977  
First Mission Conference



← Rev. P.M. Thomas  
U.B.S. grad., church  
planter, Kashmir  
↓ East meets West



Rev. Osei-Mensah  
from Nairobi, main speaker.



"Yes,  
Devadass,  
'Korkus' means people -  
250,000 need Christ"



Over 3,000  
tribes and castes  
←

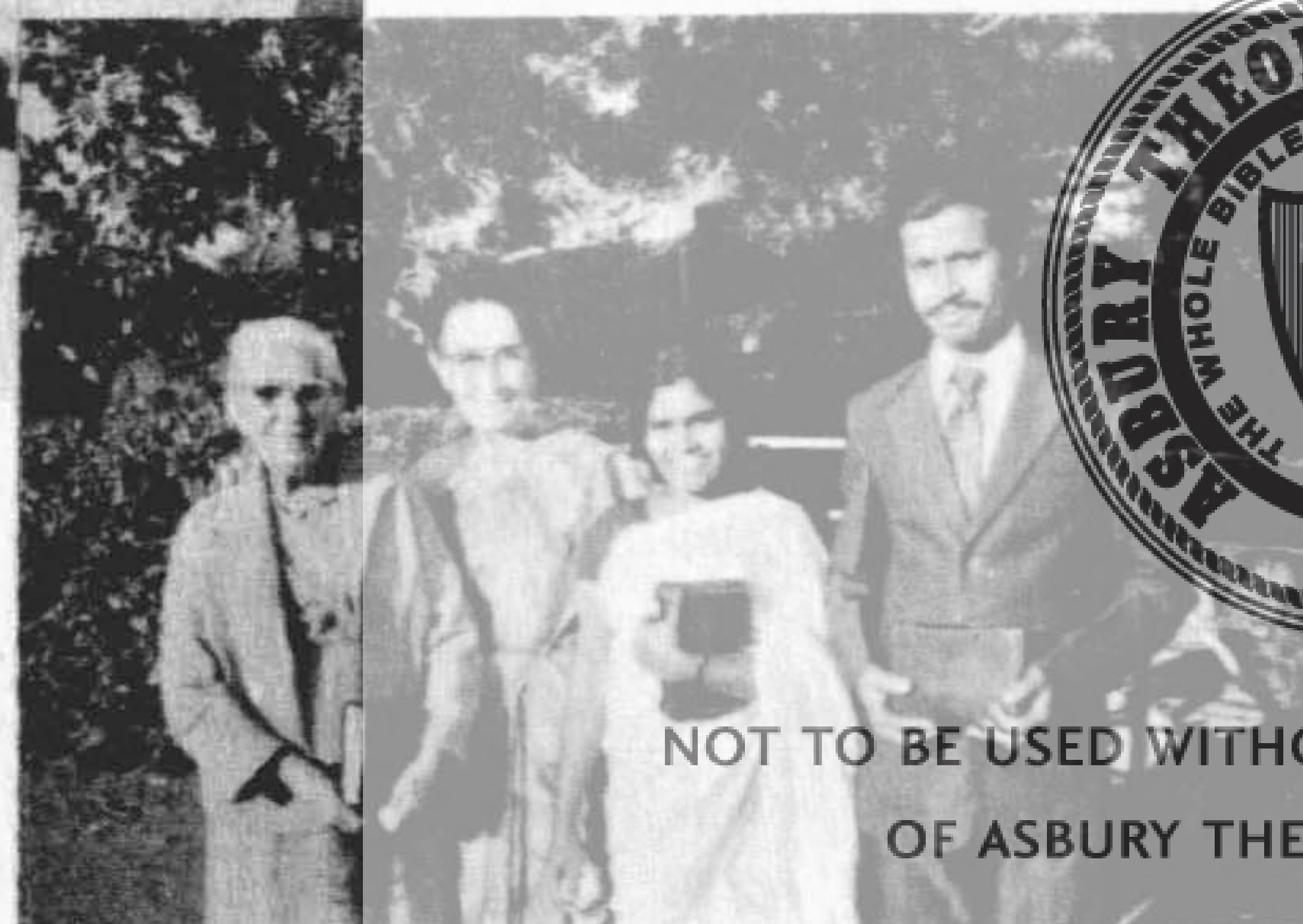


U.B.S. grad.  
J. Edwards, Indian  
Missionary Society  
Orissa.

Indian Evangelical Mission  
has 45 missionaries in 10  
fields. →



↑ Mizo Baptists from Tripura  
↓ Advisor - Dr. Hedlund  
Student chairman --  
C.B. Samuel



Partnership in  
mission to the Korkus:  
Miss Merry (retired) and  
Miss Beryl Girard, CBFMS  
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Sukumar,  
Church Growth Missionary Movement



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