

# CIM NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2017

**FROM PASTOR RAJI....**

**“Immanuel – God is with us” - Matthew 1:23**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! This is the season of joy, peace and love.*



*From Pastor Raji.....*

*We are grateful to our Lord for His blessings in 2017 and “Immanuel”- God is with us in 2018. We had a blessed India Mission Trip this year with God’s wonderful people. I am very thankful to Calvary Lutheran Church and Mount Olive Lutheran Church for their continuous support. Also thank you to Rev. Jim*

*Schultz and Our Savior Lutheran Church for their support. I pray and wish you all to receive the love that started in the manger on that first Christmas.*

*From the Mission and the Calvary India Mission Leaders, Staff, Students and Trainees – we bring you all heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*As 2017 draws to a close, we reflect on this year and plan for 2018 to be a year where God is our focus and we trust Him to be our constant guide and provider. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” A Peaceful and Blessed Christmas to you all...*

***In His Mission,  
Pastor Udhayanesan Rajipillai***



*The Lord will perfect that which concerns me. Psalms 138:8*

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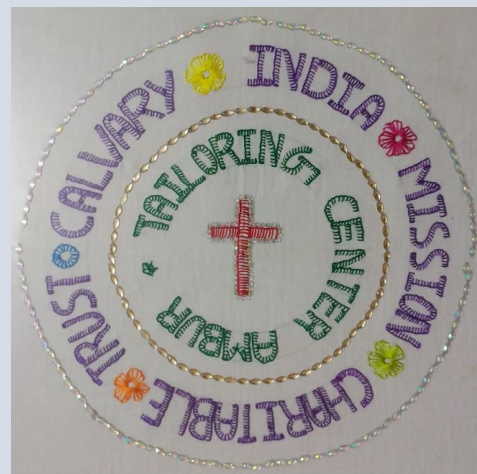
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## TAILORING CENTER



*The Tailoring Training Center is at our Head Office in Ambur, India. The Tailoring Center was started in 2015 to assist women to stand up and earn a living on their own. We have well trained teachers who teach the students in handworks, embroidering and machine stitching dresses/sarees. The 1<sup>st</sup> batch of students graduated in May, 2016. We issue free sewing machines to all who complete their training. The women who completed the initial training have started stitching and earning money now. The 2<sup>nd</sup> class was completed in October, 2017, and received their free sewing machines. The Mission Team was honored to be present for the Graduation Ceremony (below). Applications for the next class are in progress, with interviews completing in November.*



## TAILORING PRODUCTS

### Handwork - Bangles



### Gifts for the Mission Team



### Graduation Saree



### Chudidar for Mrs. Karen





## TUITION (TUTORING) CENTERS

*Through God's grace we are providing after-school education to deserving students at no cost. We have 60 students, 3 teachers and 2 cooks at our Tuition Centers. The class begins at 5 p.m. All the students are from a poor background. Their parents earn only daily wages and return home after 6 p.m. Usually they have little education and are not able to*



*fully care for their children. So, we gather these children in our centers. We help the students to study well and to become what they would like to be. We not only provide education, we also provide dinner after the*



*class. **Most importantly, we teach them the Love of Jesus.** We follow up with them and visit their schools, which helps us to concen-*

*trate our effort on particular students. We have planned to offer them a Free Medical Camp and Social Awareness in the villages. We do pray and believe these students will be a blessing to many in the days to come. We are thankful to the teachers and staff who serve them. All our staff and students need your prayers and blessings.*



*The students were blessed to have a visit from the Mission Team in October—students received school book bags and Bibles. In November, Marvin and Rhonda did crafts and sang songs with the students.*





## INDIA MISSION TRIP 2017 — Sep. 28—Oct. 8

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*What a blessing to have our 4th visit from the India Mission team this year! The opportunities for outreach and sharing the love of Christ have grown each year along with the expanded programs of CIM.*



*The team from Calvary included Pr. Raji and Marvin and Rhonda Hansen. The team from Mt. Olive included Pr. Jeff Alexander, Karen Davis and Scott Klosterman. The team conducted Bible Studies and various programs in Ambur and the surrounding*



*area. They taught arts and crafts and sang songs with the people in churches and schools. The team distributed 665 Tamil Bibles, 450 book bags, and 167 quilts.*

*We especially thank the quilters at Mt. Olive and Calvary for their wonderful quilts - we distributed twice as many quilts as on our previous trips!*

*A highlight of the trip is visiting Our Tailoring and Tutoring Centers! The children love to be with the team, and they receive Tamil Bibles and book bags filled with school supplies. The mission team thanks the staff at these centers for their great work and their dedication to showing God's love. The mission team was able to attend the graduation celebration for the 2nd batch of Tailoring students—what a blessing for us to see the results of their training and to see them using their new talents!*





## MISSION TRIP 2017

*The Mission Team was honored to be able to attend the dedication ceremony for the **new Computer Center!** The first batch of students started class in November. Students receive free computer training, and the center is available to the neighborhood for internet browsing and photocopying.*

*The mission team was also able to distribute 5 nursing student scholarships, 10 college student scholarships, and support the Lutheran Deaf School!*

### *Nursing Scholarships*



## COMPUTER CENTER

### **Computer Center Dedication Prayer and Ribbon Cutting**



### **Going Up the Mountain to Pray!**



***We are all waiting and praying for  
the 2019 India Mission Trip!***

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*From Miss Mary: We thank Dr. Marvin for coordinating our 2017 India Mission trip, and Rev. Jeff for his support of the mission trip and the Tailoring Center. We also thank Marvin and Mrs. Rhonda for extending their mission trip to 9 weeks this year. Finally, we thank our Tuition, Tailoring and Computer Center teachers for their dedication, and our founder and CEO Rev. Raji for making CIM possible! To God be the Glory!*

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***Have a Blessed  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!***