

# The Arnold Times

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Paul Billy and Shirley and Shirley Arnold serving in South India with PMI - Presbyterian Mission International

*Dear faithful friends and prayer partners,*

After completing our training in five states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Maharashtra over the last few years we have sought to strengthen our Teaching Elders in these two presbyteries by training them beyond the 10 seminars we teach our church planters. These past few months we have made every effort to serve them through the resources God has given to us. Please join us in praising God for His faithfulness and join us in prayer for the needs we have to continue what God has called us to do.

**Revelation** – In the years we have trained and planted congregations we have not been able to teach our pastors everything we believe they need to serve. Our approach has been to offer them the

opportunity for a lifetime of learning through PCPNI. This past week we were able to conduct for our brothers in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu teaching from the book of Revelation. Our focus was to help them understand the message of Revelation and then equip them to preach from it to their people. We were greatly blessed by the ministry of three brothers from Park Cities Presbyterian Church, Dallas who came, loved and served with all their hearts. ***Praise God for the joy of seeing eyes opened to the message of hope in the midst of aggressive persecution against the body of Christ in our land.***

**Seminary Student** – Last year a young man who has been growing in his understanding of the reformed faith made

contact with us. After an internship this summer the session of our congregation approved him to be sent to Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Dehra Dun. Earlier this month Christopher David passed his Bible content exam and is studying his first year M. Div. His vision is to plant an English congregation in the city of Chennai in India. For years we have prayed and recruited men we felt could be the ones for this but in the end God in His providence has brought us who we believe is His choice for this task. ***Please pray that we would be able to identify others like him to be equipped for the major cities of our land and that God would provide us financial resources to train these men.***



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**BPC Family Retreat** is coming up soon and our Church is working hard on plans for our Family retreat 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of October, our members will travel by train, bus and by cars to reach Rock Bible Centre campus in Muttom, Tamil Nadu the venue for the conference. We are hoping to have about 50 of our church attend the retreat. Another 15 from Anugraha Presbytery and about 25 to 30 from Nagercoil. Our desire is that this will evolve into an annual Family Retreat we can offer to the wider Reformed and Presbyterian Community in South India. *Please pray for God's word to impact all who attend, safety for all who are traveling to attend and God's provision of financial resources to conduct the retreat.*

**Rock Bible Centre** continues to be used by many groups to come study God's word. After a busy May and June, in the last two months we have been working hard to get some of the electrical, plumbing and other problems are fixed. Being a conference and camp center on the seashore has its challenges.



This October we hope to restart classes that were being offered but temporarily stopped to the 50 students who attend. Of the two standby generators we have on the property to provide uninterrupted power supply our most used 35 KV generator needed a complete overhauling so classes, camps, retreats and conferences will not be affected by the intermittent power supplied to us by the government. *Please pray with us for financial resources to conduct classes for our students and for fixing this much needed generator.*

**Arnold Highlights** – Our youngest **Joseph** is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is now officially the tallest in our family. He plays basketball for the school team and is learning to play classical guitar and is a great help in handling the PPT's as we sing in church. **Elsie** is studying science in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. She loves to play basketball and represents her School. This year was an important year as she

cleared the important 10<sup>th</sup> grade exam. **Jesudhas** has now completed his first year at Covenant College and interned in Ridge Haven during the summer. He is absolutely loving his studies and making new friends. He just started his sophomore year. This month in addition to hosting our friends from Dallas, Shirley and I have had the joy of hosting her two brothers and their families as they have come to visit us from the US and Qatar.

Please do continue to pray for as we remember you with gratitude for your partnership in the gospel.

With love and prayers,

*Paul Billy for the Arnolds*

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*In the photo below, some of our Pastors from Tamil Nadu who attended the conference on Revelation with Rev. Matthew Fray and Mr. Isaac Paul*

