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Transition from Membership to Team Leadership

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Introduction

One of the Core Values of UESI is "Shared Leadership." The UESI website states, "Leadership in UESI is and shall be based on Christ-like humble servanthood." Also, built into the structure of UESI i.e, various teams or committees working together at the National, State and Regional levels.

Character: Servanthood in Leadership

It was customary in biblical times for servants to wash the feet of guests. On the night before He was crucified, Jesus demonstrated servant leadership by washing His disciples' feet. Then Jesus told His disciples, "Now if I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet," In 13:14. Following His example, each leader is called to reach out to the needs of the others in the team with humility and with a servant's heart. Let us consider some of the qualities of a leader that contributes to building a team that works together in harmony to fulfill our objectives.

First, it is important for the servant-leader to understand the needs of each member in the team by: a) Getting to know them through personal sharing and by also being empathetic b) Equipping them to achieve their goals and grow beyond a team and be a part of fellowship.

Secondly, the servant-leaders should look out to the needs of the members of the team by: a) Being a good steward by using God-given resources to build them up. b) Correcting them when needed with humility instead of authority.

Commitment and Competence

It is important for each member to have a strong sense of commitment, which comes from their conviction that the Lord has called them to serve in the team. It is up to the leadership to prayerfully choose the team members, ascertaining their commitment to the cause. There is no menial job in God's Kingdom; each task is sacred whether it is preaching or serving tables. We need people full of the Spirit and wisdom (Acts 6:3). God has created each person uniquely and with lots of talents and potential (Ps 139:13,14). Nurturing the creativity and capabilities of the people in the team will bring out the best outcomes. This can be done by recognizing their competencies, giving them freedom to contribute and appreciating specific aspects of things done well.

Synergy In Working Together

We shall consider Synergy, defined as groups working together to achieve more than they would separately, using the examples of three team sports/games:

1) **Tennis Doubles Style Team:** A team member 'covers' for the teammate, complementing the partner's strengths and weaknesses. Jesus sent His disciples in teams of 2 when He sent them forth with authority (Mk 6:7). In our context, sub-teams of 2 or 3 can be formed to reach a campus. A team of 2, like a mentor/leader and a mentee, can work together.

2) **Cricket Style Team:** Each team member has a specific role and one person's task may begin when another person

completes his task. Titus was left in Crete to complete the administrative work that Paul had left unfinished (Tit 1:5). For example, in publishing a magazine, the tasks like collecting articles, editing and designing may be done one after another. The leader facilitates the smooth flow of the various tasks so that they are all done effectively.

3) **Football Style Team:** Each person in the team has a fixed position or role, but they play together as a team. They need to be alert to changes in strategies in the opposing team. In the ICEU/EGF committees, a specific responsibility is assigned to each person, but everyone works together as a team to fulfill the vision. As with the football team they are aware of changing scenarios. Open and interactive communication is essential to take collective decisions. It is best to make unanimous decisions prayerfully with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion

Jesus' model of leadership is team leadership. Core Values are caught rather than taught. They should be shown in examples rather than mere talk. The younger generation looks up to their seniors to lead by example of how to be a servant-leader. For leaders in UESI, it is a privilege for them to be a part of this building process. "For we are God's fellow workers," 1 Cor 3:9.

(Ref: Beulah Immanuel and Sheila John. Team Leadership Focusing on a Commitment to Excellence. Presented at National Seminar on Academic Leadership for Heads of Departments, Christ College, Bangalore, 26-28 Sept 2012.)



Beulah Immanuel, a senior graduate residing at Chennai. She was the former Head of Mathematics Dept at Women's Christian College, Chennai. She is actively involved in the UESI ministry and served as the former President of UESI Greater Chennai Region.

UESI Bible Study Centre-2024

4th Aug - 26th Oct @ Highfield, UESI Conference Centre, Kotagiri, TN

Month & Date	Subject	Topic
August	4	Arrival & Orientation
	5 -9	Sharpening your skills
	12 -16	English bridge course & Research Methodology
		OT Survey
	19-23	Study on Malachi
		NT Survey
September	26- 30	Study on Galatians
		Hermeneutics
	2 - 6	Art of learning & Leading
		GBS
	9 -13	Doctrines/Theology 1-5
		Sermon on the mount Kingdom values
October	16-20	Doctrines 6-10
		Christian Ethics
	23 -27	Homiletics
		Communication
	30 Sep - 4 Oct	Christian Home
		Counselling

October	30 Sep - 4 Oct	The Essence of Leadership	Christian Leadership
			Discipleship/Mentoring
	7 -11	The story of the church	Church History
			Mission Anthropology
	14 -18	Christian in a Pluralistic Society	World Views majoring on Hinduism & Islam
			Creative Evangelism
November	21 -25	Changing World Unchanging Commission	Theology of mission & Global concerns
			Mission Field Survey
	26	Final Sharing & Departure	

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Does your heart burn for spiritual maturity? UESI Training Department is pleased to invite you for 'The Bible Study Centre', which is geared towards Spiritual and Mental astuteness. The 12 modules are planned meticulously for sharpening skills in varied areas for personal and ministerial growth. If you desire, plan ahead. Study Centre learning is not limited to UESI members but open for all mature Christians. Participants would need rightful recommendations and eligibility. You are encouraged even to choose just one module as per your requirement.

Enrollment fee per module: 500/- and 12 modules: 6000/- (non-refundable). Per module: 5500/- and 12 modules: Flat 30000/- (Subsidised). Enroll on or before 15th July 2024. Enrollment link coming soon. Finance should not be a challenge for deserving candidates, kindly contact the Program Director.

Rajesh Kshirsagar, Program Director, BSC, Kotagiri 2024

Committee Members Training Camp - 2024 (CMTC)

UESI is raised for University Mission. Therefore, its activities are mainly centered around college and university students. We take this opportunity to announce the important and Signature training program of UESI: National CMTCs. This Year they will be held in 4 zones as per AGM direction .

Theme: "EQUIPPED TO ENTRUST" - 2 Tim 2:2

Objectives:

- To raise student leaders of high spiritual caliber.
- To pass on the vision of UESI.
- To equip the participants to be effective student leaders in their respective EUs.
- To impart national vision to the participant.

Eligibility Criteria:

- A believing student who is a present or prospective committee member of an EU, recommended by a Senior Advisor or Staff Worker.
- Preferably an undergraduate or PG student who will be in the College/ University for at least one more year after attending CMTC.
- One who is available for the whole program and will attend all the sessions of the camp.
- One who is willing to abide by the guidelines of the camp.
- Must have attended minimum 5 day LTC/ALTC or Equivalent program at local or state level.
- A Graduate or a Coordinator who has never attended CMTC and is willing to undergo training as a participant can be permitted to do so. But their number should not be more than 10% of the total participants.

Dates	CMTC, Zone & Medium	Directors Contact no
21 may – 4 Jun 2024	South Zone – English	Mr John Wesley 9940210066
10 Jun – 24 Jun 2024	North & Central Zone – Hindi	Mr Ravi Kanth 8800181417
19 Jun – 3 Jul 2024	East Zone – English	Mr Shashank Rawat 7044598742
12 Jun –26 Jun 2024	West Zone – English	Mrs Jemima Chauhan 8350903031

** The Venue of these CMTCs shall be intimated through mail & UESI Intouch, March 24th issue.*

We encourage the senior advisors and staff to identify eligible student candidates and encourage them to attend CMTC .

Continue to uphold the directors and Core teams and their preparations, resource persons, participants and the work of the Holy Spirit and fulfillment of the objectives of CMTC in the life of the participants.

Sharly kshirsagar, CMTC Coordinator, Email id : cmtc.national@uesi.in

Announcements, Advertisements and Reports for UESI-In Touch

To: Secretaries of National Departments, Zonals, & State ECs,

Please send the reports, advts, announcements, and news of national depts, zonal, and State level in max 200 words with event name, dates, participant number: Students & graduates, objective, topics, result and one photograph to: intouch@uesi.in, and copy to mandapallisamarpan@gmail.com, urmi757@gmail.com, on or before 20th of every month.

Note: UIT gives priority to National, and Zonal information. However, and State Regional, District and Local information can be published in their respective State Newsletters.

Campus Link Themes

1. Jan-Feb 2024: Christ-Centred Family

2. Mar-Apr 2024: Artificial intelligence (AI) and Bible

Word limit - Article = 1400 words max, Poem = 16 lines max.

You can upload your articles, testimonies, short stories, Bible studies, anecdotes, jokes, poems and cartoons based on the themes to:

<http://campuslinklive.org/submit-for-cl/> Email Id: campus.link@uesi.in



GS SPEAKS - HEART TALK

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure- Isaiah 25:1

As I write this, my heart is filled with gratitude to God for His faithfulness and mercy which are new and fresh. He does wonders beyond human description. Already a month of the New Year has gone by and we could see God's hand in two major events that took place in UESI, National Students' Consultation and the Extraordinary General meeting.

The National Students Consultation was an event, the first of its kind in the history of UESI. Though planned in 2019, it became a reality only in 2024. I was excited to witness more than 160 students from different states gathering with one vision and mission. As the Consultation progressed, I was thrilled, and my heart was filled with gratitude to God for raising these student leaders who own the UESI ministry and desire to see this movement growing and being the salt and light of the World, campuses and the nation at large.

Let us continue to pray for these student leaders and the emerging second line leaders to continue to be rooted in the Word of God and that they would stand out in their respective campuses witnessing to the historic truths of the Christian faith as the only alternative to the problems of mankind.

The Extraordinary General Meeting was another milestone where 215 members (Students & Graduates) of the society came together to pass

the constitutional amendments. It was a herculean task to bring people together but the Lord made it possible and made it a success. I am sure you will join me in praising God for His wondrous guidance and wisdom in accomplishing this task. I am also grateful to God for each member of UESI for your support extended towards the same. Through fervent prayers and unwavering faith, we have seen God's hand at work, guiding us through challenges. We continue to seek your prayers as the process of finalizing is yet to be completed. The Jabalpur ICEU affiliation was another important event in the Extraordinary General Body Meeting. The students and senior advisor from Jabalpur were present and prayed for.

On the 26th of January, we celebrated the 75th Republic Day, which reminds us of the precious gift of freedom and the responsibility we bear as citizens of our beloved country. Let us cherish the principles of democracy, justice, and unity that underpin the foundation of our nation. As Christians, may we be the beacons of integrity, contributing positively to the fabric of our society and upholding the values that honour God and serve people better.

This is a very crucial year for us - our country is heading for another General Election. As a responsible citizen and a Christian witnessing community, there is an urgency to pray and exercise our franchise and seek God's favour for our country India. Please pray that God will bring godly leaders who will practice truth and justice and govern this nation with the fear of the Almighty God Who is

sovereign and above all powers.

Come February and we can witness many young people in the campuses and outside thrilled to talk and express love to their beloved. However, as a University movement, let us take this as a profound opportunity to express and share the true meaning of love that is made complete in and through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and also reflect on the transformative power of Christ's love in our lives. His unconditional love which transcends all boundaries invites us to join Him in loving one another deeply, just as He loved us. Let us extend acts of kindness, compassion, and forgiveness, embodying the essence of Christ's love in our relationships and interactions.

In a short time, the class X and XII students would be going through their Board exams, a crucial year for the students as they graduate into a new phase of learning. As we pray for their success, let us also pray together for them that they would make the right choices in their future studies and look to the God of wisdom.

As I conclude, let us remain steadfast in prayer, seeking God's wisdom and guidance in all our endeavours. Let us remain united in purpose, serving as ambassadors of Christ's love and spreading His message of hope to all corners of the earth.

God bless you!

Jacob Varghese,
General Secretary, UESI

Obituary



Mr. Paul Jaisingh, former UESI-AP treasurer & DFD secretary, retired income tax officer with Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, went to be with the Lord on 2nd Jan 2024. He was a person of honesty and integrity. He was instrumental in bringing the entire family closer to the Lord Jesus and in the formation of Vijayawada ICEU. He was a regular church-goer and taking Bible Studies for youth. He gave their house in Patamata, Vijayawada on rent for the UESI-AP office, until it was shifted to Nambur in 1992. He was married to Lavanya, and blessed with son Jason, daughter-in-law Kavya and grandchildren Vivan and Drithika. Their home was open for Student ministry at Tenali, Hyderabad, Vizag, Tirupathi, and Vijayawada. They played a vital role in starting the first Bible study in Sanathnagar, Hyd. He was an encourager, mentor, and administrator.

His mentor, Dr R E Dhanaraj and family from Vellore: We knew Paul Jai Singh since his college days in Vijayawada (1970-80's) and I had the privilege of mentoring him. He was a humble and obedient son to his parents, a loving husband, caring brother to his siblings as well as a loving father and grandfather. Prayers for comfort of family members.



Mrs. Augusta Paul, former UESI Board member, former chairperson for the International Students Ministry department, aged 80, passed away on 01-Jan-24 at her home (Bangalore) after a long battle with a lung disease. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband Thomas Paul (Sugir), three daughters Keren, Ruhamah and Pearl, sons-in-law Daniel Bobby Thejus and Lewis Noronha, and grandchildren Aarti and Zephy, as well as the host of lives she touched.

She was born in Nadiad, Gujarat on 17-Aug-1943, and came to know Christ at the age of 19 through the EU, by the efforts of Dr. Indira Perry in Nadiad. She did MA in Sociology and MA Biblical Studies. She was married to Mr. Thomas Paul and blessed with three daughters. She taught Sociology at MS University, Baroda and Methodist Bible Seminary, Vasad, and later at Baldwin Women's College, Bangalore. She provided leadership at

the Centenary Methodist Church, Baroda. Owing to her concern for women and the marginalised she served on boards of NGOs and others like the Pandita Ramabai Mukti Mission. During her stay in Baroda from 1973-95, she was actively involved with the EU and EGF serving and mentoring a host of students who still remember her, and called and visited her till the end.

After moving to Bangalore in 1995, she continued her active participation with UESI and Richmond Town Methodist Church. Augusta Paul was involved in translating several books from English to Gujarati. She also wrote biographies later in her life. Her contributions will continue to be treasured, along with the memories of her gregarious personality, open home, and hospitality shown to all who crossed her path. She spent her time, talents and treasure in the service of her Lord. She will be remembered for her life of faith and efforts towards the Kingdom of Heaven.



Dr. K.V. Abraham, (20th Jun 1935 - 31st Dec 2023) moderator, India Christian Ministries, Tiruvananthapuram, entered his eternal home at 12 noon on 31st Dec 2023. He has been living in Bangalore in the recent past, after the demise of his wife, under the care of his two daughters. He was one of the first EU students of Kerala, without an EU while student in NSS College, Pandalam, Kerala

UESI Membership and Member Care Month: February 2024

"Pay Careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood. . ." (Acts 20:28 – 32).

All Christians are the members of God's Kingdom (Phil. 3:20), God's Family (Eph. 2:19), and the Church, Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27), to maintain kingdom standards, healthy relationships and functions of body organs with role clarity.

UESI is a Society, a registered body under the TN Registration of Societies Act, 1976, (formerly Society Registration Act (XXI) of 1860). Hence, each individual member of the constituent groups (ICEU students and EGF graduates) should signify their agreement whole-heartedly to the vision, aims, doctrinal basis, distinctives, and core values of UESI. It is also a statutory requirement that UESI Board members, State EC members, and ICEU Presidents and all who participate as UESI's Society members are signed members. It is also an important constitutional requirement that all UESI committee members or leaders at National, State and local levels are signed members.

UESI Membership is a commitment, as well as an agreement made before God and fellowship to be part of a community that serves students. It is also a reminder of one's commitment to the ministry. It is also a conscious effort to agree on vital shared factors or principles, including non-negotiable, and joining hands and collaborating with the UESI community at large, being accountable to one another and to the leadership that God has installed. The attitude of the person who fills up the membership form can also make a difference – both to the person and the fellowship.

Membership is also useful to distinguish UESI

members from UESI alumni or well-wishers who continue to be associated with UESI but have other priorities. However, UESI does not prohibit someone (UESI alumni/well-swishers) from attending the ICEU/EGF fellowships, Bible studies and meetings even if they do not sign the membership form.

In UESI, individual membership is by invitation from the appropriate local/regional unit, based on demonstrated commitment and adherence to our vision and ethos over a reasonable period of time. An open invitation to any believer without fulfilling the above pre-requisites, results in diluted membership and diluted vision.

The pre-requisites for UESI membership are (a) personal salvation experience, (b) commitment and demonstrated priority to the vision and aims of UESI over a reasonable period of time (c) willingness and demonstrated adherence to doctrinal basis, policies, core-values and ethos of UESI, (d) UESI members are expected to be active members of a local Christian Church and (e) maintain good testimony at home, workplace, Church, and society.

Enrolling and renewing membership through filling up the Membership form not only reduces ambiguity but also provides clarity and ensures transparency about what they are committing to. As members, if they are unclear, they may bring their own views, and purposes into the movement, which dilutes the vision of UESI. Filling out the membership forms is to be done rightly, and prayerfully.

The Objective of UESI Member Care Month:

1. To **enlist** the right members, who has God-given passion and vision for Student Mission (UESI)

delegates and others participated.

- 30 Oct 2023: NEGF Member Care Cell released the Mentoring Month-Nov 2023 Booklets (Hindi & English)
- Nov 2023-UESI Mentoring month: NEGF Member Care Cell members brought awareness on Mentoring in their respective local EGFs, State EGFs through the booklet, Bible studies and seminars
- 21 Nov 2023: NEGF Committee met online with full Quorum.
- 30 Nov 2023: Missionary Students get-together organized by NEGF TM Cell.
- 28 Dec 2023: NEGF Cristian Home Cell released UESI Family Month Booklets (Hindi & English).
- Jan 2024-UESI Family Month: NEGF Cristian Home Cell members brought awareness through booklet, Bible studies and Seminars in their respective local EGFs, State EGFs on building Christ-centered families.

2. To **enhance** the quality of the Signed members to be Servant Leaders for UESI, Church with Systematic Member Care
3. To **equip** the members to enforce the law of the Lord & the Land to bring God's Kingdom into the Society.

Member Care E-Booklet:



Kindly get this booklet from your State/Regional leaders and use it in your EGFs to bring awareness on Membership, involvement and Member Care. This has Articles, Bible Studies, Evaluation Tools, Membership Form, Compliance tools for EGF committees.

Member care is the individual care provided by someone who comes alongside to provide nurture and care to uplift a person spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically. *"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."* Eph 4:32.

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NEGF Digest

NEGF Update: Oct 23 to Jan 24

NEGF Cells under NEGF Committee: *NEGF Member Care (MC), Evangelical Graduate Editorial (EGE), Christian Home (CH), NEGF Tentmakers (TM), NEGF EU-to-EGF Transition (EET), and UESI Graduate Handbook 'Saved to Serve' (GH-SS) TG.*

- Oct, Nov 2023 & Jan 2024: NEGF Committee members shared at different State EGF committees and Zonal, State, and Regional Conferences NEGF initiatives and Concerns on Graduate development, and their involvement in mentoring students, MPC, build Christ-centered families and UESI Open home during October, November and January.
- 18 Oct 2023: Evangelical Graduate Quarterly bulletin (Jul-Sept 23) was released by NEGF Evangelical Graduates Editorial (EGE) Cell.
- 21-23 Oct 2023: NEGF-TM Cell organized UESI Tentmakers Conference at Gurgaon with 70

- 28 Jan 2024: NEGF-Tentmakers Cell organized Cultural and Linguistic Training follow-up for two batches and 11 participated.
- 31 Jan 2024: NEGF Member Care Cell released UESI Member Care E-Booklet. NEGF Zonal Graduate Members and Member Care Cell members initiated in their respective State EGFs and Local EGFs in organizing "Awareness Hours Sessions" on *Membership, Member Care, and EGF Compliances*

NEGF Plans: Feb-Jun 2024

1. February: UESI Member Care Month, State-EGF Compliances on Membership & EGFs
2. National/Zonal wise GLOPs and GMOPs.
3. NEGF Meeting with State EGF Department Cores.
4. Zonal Awareness Sessions on EGF Compliances: Recognition of Local EGFs: Criteria and procedure.
5. Finalization of UESI Graduate Handbook: "Saved to Serve"

APEGF-Regional Graduate Conferences (REGCONs) January 2024

APEGF Committee planned and organised Six (6) Regional Graduates' Conferences (REGCONs) in January 2024 with theme: Knowing-Growing-Serving (Phil 3:10-11). A state level online prayer was held on 27-12-2023 to seek the Lord's help for REGCONs, to which 350 plus graduates have participated. Mr. P. John Victor, Mr. Richard Masih, Mr. Selvadurai, Mr. Ranganatham, Mr. Gaddam Sudheer, Prof. John Paul, Mrs. M. Shanthi Sudhakar, Rev CB Samuel, Mr PA Swamy, and Mr. Aron Rajinikanth were the main resource persons. Mr Rajesh Jana, NEGF Staff Secretary, shared NEGF concerns at Central Circars and Southern Circars.



All the sessions were enlightening, encouraged the delegates to know Him more, grow in Him and serve Him more - Mr. K Vijayarathnam, Regional Coordinator, Godavari Region

The Devotions challenged the delegates with suitable, thought provoking illustrations on visible pursuits, pursuit of growth and pursuit of serving - Mr. R. Bulli Babu, Regional Coordinator, Northern Circars region



The constituency was richly blessed with the word of God and most of the delegates took decisions to involve in the students' ministry with vision and burden - Mr. G. Sunil babu, Regional Coordinator, Central Circars Region

#	Region	Families	Graduates	Students	Total*
1	Northern Circars	98	87	35	461
2	Godavari Region	127	109	12	625
3	Central Circars	178	124	12	762
4	Southern Circars	79	65	17	320
5	East Rayalaseema	90	59	29	227
6	West Rayalaseema	113	138	51	607

*includes children & volunteers

The theme is effective and every delegate and resource persons felt delighted with the theme and expressed their appreciation for it - Mr. Ravi Kumar, Regional Coordinator, Southern Circars region

All the sessions were very clear and heart touching as the spiritual aspects are so well - Mr Vikram Rao, Regional Coordinator, West Rayalaseema region

All the resource persons resented the messages well and all the objectives of the REGCON were fulfilled - Mr. Ravi Rajendra, Regional Coordinator, East Rayalaseema Region

In four REGCONs a session was on "Thanking the Lord for His faithfulness to UESI for the last 70 years: UESI Platinum Jubilee," and played the 4-minute video prepared by Mr Madhu Babu, Staff on "the growth of UESI-AP student ministry was including UESI origins." Dr Sarala Elisha one of the pioneering students of CMC Vellore EU addressed the delegates through online. The Lord provided all the needs of the conferences including financial. All glory to God!

Paul Samuel J, Secretary, APEGF Committee

Goa State Evangelistic Camp

UESI Goa organised Adventure camp at Pillar Fathers Farm, Collem from 25th to 27th January 2024 with about 60 participants and the assistance from Jteam, Chennai. This is the second one.

The camp was filled with experiential and captivate indoor and outdoor activities, games and session which was educational, skill based and fun filled enabling the



participant to understand their personal walk with God. The Jteam led the participants to intrinsically

analyse life and self with meaningful questions and engaged in significant conversation with the campers. Participants have learnt countless personal, social and spiritual lessons through this camp - like Assertiveness, building healthy boundaries and identifying green and red flags in relationships; team work, conflict resolution, time management, social skills, allowing the campers to have a different perspective of comprehending God and His love towards mankind through nature and adventure based activities.

The Camp created an integral impact on the lives of all the participants enabling each one to be verified and to draw more closer to God.

Reya, studying in Don Bosco College, Miramar Secretary of North ICEU, Goa.



Obituary of Mathias Malto

Mathias Malto (Mathew), an EU student at Dumka, entered the glory on 9-Nov-2023 at the age of 20. While playing football, he slipped and fell down and got injured very badly and was admitted in Prem Jyoti hospital, Chndraguda, Barharwa on 5th August.

He was an NMTC 2023 participant and his contribution in the Mission Exposure trip in to his own Malto villages was remarkable. He was the very first student attended NMTC from the people group called Maltos in Jharkhand. He was a bright student, who got 78% in 10th class and 80% in 12th Science subjects. Then He did his BSc at St. Xaviour's College, Maharo, Dumka. He was appearing for NEET examination because he felt the need to serve as a doctor in his village and hundreds of villages around there. He had told that "my dream is to become a doctor and serve my community to the best of my abilities." He was a prayer cell leader and under his leadership, the prayer cell members increased from 4 to 40plus.

Mathias Malto comes from Musabil village of Pakur district, Jharkhand. His father, Manuel Malto and mother, Mariam Malto. He has three sisters and three brothers. His father was a drunkard and created problems in the family and village. The villagers started accusing his family of practicing witchcraft, which is not true.

Subsequently, they ran away from the village and stayed at his uncle's village Nadopara, for 10 years.

In 2010 Mathias' family accepted Jesus through FMPB brothers and his father became a believer in Christ and left his bad habits. Then they returned to their village and his father became the church elder and the family began to progress in every walk of life, the surplus in rearing livestock and farming, all his siblings received education and Mathias got an opportunity to study at RCPS School run by FMPB in Kepakudiya. As they were witnessing for God, both his father and mother were brutally murdered on 15 April 2015, by his uncle and two of his cousins. This came as a sudden, shocking catastrophe in their lives. But God protected them. Mathias was taken to FMPB's Chapande hostel with his younger siblings. Meanwhile, his sisters got married, but unexpectedly his brother-in-law passed away because of tuberculosis on 18 April 2017 which disturbed all the other siblings. FMPB's contribution to the Maltos community for the last 40 years is remarkable. Prayers for God's peace and comfort of his family members.

(Collected from FMPB Staff Bro. Godwin, UESI Staff Bro. Ramesh and Sis. Gloria Rajkumar, Director, Hindi NMTC 2023)

Jose Thomas, SIC of UESI-TD Missions Cell

Prayer Diary

● Last Friday (FAD)

● First Saturday (National Dawn Prayer@5 am)

FEBRUARY 2024

- 16** **NEG**
Thank God for awareness of UESI family month through Christian Home Cell in January and various initiatives by States and local EGFs. **Pray** for awareness of member care month (February) and membership drive; States to work on Recognition of local EGFs.
- 17** **Haryana**
Thank God for the faithful and generous contribution of graduates who are supporting the ministry in Haryana; Sis. Poonam who joined as national CND staff and is based in Karnal with her family; Kurukshetra ICEU fellowship and the committee which is functioning regularly.
- 18** **Haryana**
Pray for students and graduates to be prepared for the upcoming LLM, DTC, ALT, and CMTC in North Zone; Students (old and new) to join their EUs post winter break - no one will be lost and new one will be found.
- 19** **UESI Odisha**
Thank God for 32 Christmas programs that could be conducted in the state where 900 invitees heard the gospel; Evangelistic Camp could be conducted inside a premier institute where 18 students participated; 8 students could participate in the National Student Consultation.
- 20** **UESI Odisha**
Pray for follow-up of Christmas programs; DTCs planned in February and March in all regions; All departments and cells to function effectively; SPEC to prepare for Annual Reporting and Planning; Accumulated deficit of around 5 Lakh to be cleared; Monthly need of 3.75L to be met.
- 21** **Himachal Pradesh**
Thank God for new student contacts in Hamirpur and Bilaspur; 2 students attended the NSC at Hyderabad. **Pray** for successive leadership in EUs and EGFs; EBS to be started in Bilaspur; Graduated students to involve in ministry; All EUs and EGFs to be strengthened.
- 22** **UESI Finance and Administration Dept. (FAD)**
Thank God that Staff Children Education Assistance and January staff salary were disbursed. **Pray** for the Monthly gap of 10-12L and Rs. 1.85 Crore to be met by March end; Young graduates (<40Y), one time & occasional givers to contribute on a regular basis.
- 23** **UESI Finance and Administration Dept. (FAD)**
Pray for finalization of the centralized accounting software; Salary Revision TG to complete Staff Salary revision; Finance and Admin Manual TG to finish the work of Inner Working Manual (Part-4); North field property; needed finance, identification and finalization of the land and its Local and Development committees.
- 24** **UESI Maharashtra**
Thank God for continuation of UESI Maharashtra's Dawn prayer for the last 6 months and all the financial needs were met. **Pray** for follow-up of Christmas programs and new students may join cell groups; long pending change in signatories for the bank account would be done soon.
- 25** **UESI Maharashtra**
Pray for Student Initiative and leadership to grow and strengthen; Development of second line leadership; Urgent need of UESI-MH camp/conference centre; Need of more staff in Maharashtra; Active involvement of graduates in local ministry; More open homes in Maharashtra
- 26** **UESI Telangana**
Thank God for a program on "Revamp Your Life" conducted by State Student Cell; State Level follow-up meeting for TRICON delegates; DT camps conducted across state; New Year - New Resolutions program conducted by UESI-TS Working Committee.
- 27** **UESI Telangana**
Thank God that Telangana State could host the NSC and EGM. **Pray** for comfort and future of Deborah D/o Late T.B. Franklin; Training of coordinators; Erection of a transformer in the state Study Centre; Purchase and registration of 'Student Resource Centre and City Office' for Hyderabad Twin Cities
- 28** **Bihar**
Thank God for 5 EU students (from different places) got admission in RPCAU Pusa; Bhagalpur EU & EGF picnic held on 15th January; God's provision for January month needs. **Pray** for follow-up for Pre-Christmas programs; EBS to be started in strategic places.
- 29** **Bihar**
Pray for Students will be writing their exams from Feb-Mar; All ICEUs and EGFs to be strengthened; Regular financial contribution from all EUs & EGFs; Upcoming PBS workshop, Prayer walk, Retreats, Regional conference, Regional DTC & State LTC.
- National Dawn Prayer (NDP)**
CND is engaging all National Stewards to meet on every 1st Saturday at 5am over zoom and mobilizing prayer for Departments, Zones, financial and ministry needs of the month since 7 Oct 2023. Further to celebrate UESI's Platinum Jubilee (70 years) and God's Faithfulness (1954-2024).

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- 1** **Communication & Networking Dept (CND)**
Pray that CND-Editorial and Prayer Mobilization Cell (EPM) may organize 5th National Dawn Prayer (NDP) on 2-Mar to pray for Staff Development Department (SDD), and South Zone States. All the National Departments & States to accomplish their annual plans by March 2024 and get ready for the councils and National AGM.
- 2** **Sikkim**
Thank God for 3 Christmas programs with new friends; Mr. George Mathew's visit & Mr. Sathish's visit (Allahabad) to a premier Institute. **Pray** for new graduates, more local friends to be added & Area Bible study to be strengthened, new cell at SMIT to be started; Outreach-Jorethang
- 3** **West Bengal**
Thank God for helping us to organise state LTC with 23 participants. **Pray** for more graduate families in state; To challenge more believers from local churches to minister among students as graduates; The need of staff/coordinator in 2 regions.
- 4** **UESI Karnataka**
Thank God for all the Christmas programs where more than 4000 students and graduates heard the gospel; Graduates Deeper Life Convention (GDLC) conducted by the North and North-East Region was attended by more than 100 graduates who were powerfully touched by the Word of God.
- 5** **UESI Karnataka**
Pray for planning for the GSTP in February; Follow-up of the students who have attended Christmas programs; Women's Camp planned from 9th - 11th April '24 - speakers to be confirmed, needed finance; Triennial Conference planned this year - speakers, finance, venue and all arrangements.
- 6** **Punjab**
Thank God for formation of Jalandhar ICEU; reshuffling of Jalandhar EGF committee; New secretary appointed in the State EGF committee; Bible studies resumed at different centres across the state; Financial needs were met; Regular staff prayer fellowship every night.
- 7** **Punjab**
Pray for effective functioning of the three affiliated ICEUs, two regional committees and the state EGF committee; development of second line leadership; Mentoring to be done systematically; Need of missionary students/tent-makers in focus cities; Need of 2 coordinators; Monthly need of 90k
- 8** **UESI Gujarat**
Thank God for DTC for English speaking students held during 12th - 15th January were 40 students attended; State UESI Special Council was held successfully on 21st January; Single and Family Workshops held in January which were very meaningful for all the participants.
- 9** **UESI Gujarat**
Pray for follow-up of all the state level programs impacting the ministry; Regular Bible studies to be effective and life-transforming; State UESI building renovation and development plans to be accomplished; Effective functioning of all State level Departments and Cells.
- 10** **UESI Uttar Pradesh**
Thank God that the good news was shared throughout the colleges in 6 regions of UESI-UP; God enabled us to disburse Staff salary for January. **Pray** for appointment of a State Secretary for UP soon; Financial needs of the state; Second line leadership to be developed.
- 11** **UESI UP: West Region**
Thank God for Evangelistic Camp at Meerut and Prayer Yatra at Bagpath; Agra, Aligarh and Meerut divisional prayers. **Pray** for the DT camp from March 22nd - 25th 2024; Preparing students for LT camp; Pray Yatra at Kasganj.
- 12** **UESI Training Department**
Thank God for BSC & CMTC Review during consolidation meeting at Chennai; Weekly prayers of Evangelism cell on every Wednesday. **Pray** for effective implementation of the TD decisions; Planning of RPDP on conversational Evangelism at zonal level.
- 13** **IFES: Middle East and North Africa**
Thank God for the open windows despite the closed doors - and for the students and staff whose brave faith is fuelling their determination and dreams. **Pray** for God's protection and blessing on the students and staff as they faithfully persevere with student ministry in creative ways.
- 14** **IFES: Middle East and North Africa**
Pray that questioning students will find out about the open-air Bible studies and have the courage to attend; God will provide the financial resources the movement needs to maintain - and even expand - its staff, so that students can be fully supported in their witness.
- 15** **IFES: Middle East and North Africa**
Persevere in prayer for a change of heart in government so that the country can enjoy freedom of religion and open campuses; God would arm the students with all the grace they need to keep living for Jesus, and joyfully share their faith with their peers at university.

NATIONAL STUDENTS CONSULTATION (NSC) 2024

National Students Consultation from 25th-28th January 2024 at The Good Samaritans Alias, Vishwavani Centre, Telangana with the theme, 'Dreaming Together to make a Difference' was a longstanding dream come true. It was first of its kind in the history of UESI seeing the cream of our constituency on one platform to brainstorm and to be relevant to the student community in our country. It was a great time of fellowship, learnings and discussions with the key students across the country. The theme was exposed through different sessions based on the 4 aims of UESI.

The thought-provoking Bible expositions reminded us not to take decisions when we are emotionally high or low and the need to serve the Lord always irrespective of receiving recognition from people. Also, the need of spending quality time with people and not writing off anyone but seeing the potential in them and making them as useful leaders.

The life challenging devotions opened our eyes to see the urgency of preaching the correct gospel and fulfilling the dreams with hope and by depending on the promises of God. These learnings along with the panel discussions attesting the same left an indelible mark on all the participants. The emphasis on being relevant yet without diluting the Biblical principles and the core values of UESI made the student leaders to dream big.

Talk on University mission and the scanning of campuses made us to realize the pressing need among the students and the urge of committed students available for the Lord. It challenged us to be salt and light of the college and to be an agent of change impacting the campuses and the nation at large.

The group discussions were heart-warming and mind blowing to think out of the box to be relevant to the present generation of students. It helped us to think and dream for the future of UESI and it's a great opportunity to express our views, opinions and thoughts and also helped us to know the situations in other parts of our country. It brought to us many new and creative ideas to reach out and disciple the student community. It helped us to think globally and act locally and to dream big for the Universities & colleges in India.

Students time with the UESI Board core helped in expressing students' concerns for the ministry and assuring their full support to make the dreams fulfilled in the coming days.

On the last day, the General Secretary, along with the graduates and staff, prayed and dedicated the students to fulfil their dreams in God's work and to make the difference in their campuses with the help of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Telangana team's hard labour and great hospitality made a lasting impact on all the students. We thank the National Students Cell and the Field Development Dept. for organizing this historical event and it is our prayer that the participants will be the torch bearers to pass on the baton diligently and faithfully to the coming generation.

A few feedback from the participants:

"I loved the Bible exposition, and the inspiration provided me to excel in ministry and personal life and also challenged me to spend quality time with one or two which in turn impacts several others and thus the chain keeps spreading." - **Robin Mathew**, South Zone

"The theme was chosen perfectly as "Dreaming Together to Make a Difference". It helped me to retrospect and recommit myself to involve more actively in the ministry keeping the Biblical standards." - **Y. Wankam**, North east Zone

"Panel discussions were very encouraging, and we got so many suggestions regarding relationships between students and graduates. Through different sessions I learnt so much regarding Evangelism, Fellowship, Testimony and Missions and will stay committed to it" - **Joshay**, Central Zone

"It was really helpful to know how UESI works and what new ways should be added to deal with the current generation and what should be changed for the betterment of our ministry. The Bible exposition and Devotions helped me to know my roles and responsibilities as a human on earth as well as a student in the campus and how God shapes our life and makes us fruitful." - **Shobit**, West Zone

"It really motivated me to pray more fervently and seek His guidance. The sessions really helped me understand the need for true fellowship and discipleship. The panel discussions touched the important issues we face in our life, and how to have a gospel-centric solution. It really motivated and inspired me." - **Shaina**, East Zone

"I learned through Paul's Missionary journey that God can use even the weakest person for his glory. Also the urgency of the gospel to the students in campuses and to thrive for Christ. Fellowship with students and graduates all around the nation encouraged me" - **K. Arunjiyothi**, North Zone

Teena- Telangana, Burri Rachel- West Bengal & Gaurav Maruti Gawali, Maharashtra (NSC Participants)

Extra-ordinary General Body Meeting (EGM)-2024

Extra-ordinary General Body Meeting (EGM) was nothing short of an Extra-ordinary God's Grace as it unfolded before, during and after the EGM. Sleepless nights being spent by the leadership in mobilizing students and graduates so that the requirement of the quorum of 213 could be met was truly rewarded. There was great round of applause during the EGM when it was reported that 215 delegates were present, which is a display of the extraordinary Grace of God. The biggest blessing was to see about 183 students from all around the Nation who took part at an EGM reflected in their asking questions, showing a true sense of ownership. It was also heart-warming to see how students travelled for the EGM, some even traveling for more than 2 ½ days one way just to attend.

The EGM was a great time of learning where small grammatical variations and words had an implication on the overall meaning. There was so much apprehension when I heard, "change in constitution especially in the faith policy". But seeing how the changes actually did not change but brought out the original meaning of the clauses, gave tremendous confidence in the hard work being put into the whole exercise, by the Task Force and the UESI Board. I was blessed with the questions being raised and the answers being provided reflecting our oneness in working together. All the amendments proposed by the task Group



(with minor changes/corrections) were agreed upon by the floor.

Another milestone of the EGM was witnessing Jabalpur ICEU getting affiliated. The history of the beginning of the ICEU was presented. The members presented were recognised and prayed for. The Board President and Board Secretary handed over the gifts to the Jabalpur ICEU members as well.

I thank God that I could be part of the historical moment, being the first EGM of UESI and was overwhelmed in meeting and interacting with students representing the various states in India. Indeed, it reflected the Biblical concept of "people from various tribes / various nations" coming together. Having experienced a small glimpse of this, I came back home encouraged to continue to serve the Lord through the ministry of UESI.

Sunil Dsouza, graduate, Maharashtra

Giving – An act of Faith; Withholding – A deterrent! – *Continued*

In the month of December 2023, we discussed that one of the tendencies often found in believers is that they plan to give, but then hold back what was planned to be given. This is one of the deterrents to the Lord's blessings.

This month, we shall see two others attitudes in withholding to give.

1. Fear of Insufficiency

When we consider giving, a particular fear can grip us. Especially when we plan to give a substantial portion of our modest income, there's an apprehension that we won't have enough left by the end of the month. Thoughts flood our minds: What if my savings dwindle? What if a family member falls ill? What if my salary is reduced unexpectedly?

However, the Word of God is clear in Exodus 23:15 and Deuteronomy 16:16 that we should not come before the Almighty empty-handed. I can testify from my own life that there have been numerous instances when I've given a portion to the Lord for the month, and the Lord has safeguarded the rest of my savings. There was even a period when I lost my job, yet the Lord remained faithful and promptly restored my employment. Giving to the Lord prompts Him to provide for all our needs from His boundless riches, as 2 Peter 2:9 reminds us – *"the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials."*

2. Failing to Recognize Giving as a Blessing

It is common for believers to overlook the blessing inherent in giving. In Acts 20:35, during his farewell speech to the Ephesian elders, Apostle Paul underscores the importance of giving through one's hard work and proclaims that giving is a blessing:

"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of



the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

While it may seem counterintuitive, the world teaches us to accumulate wealth to become richer. However, the Word of God instructs us that true enrichment comes through giving. When we give to those in need, as the Lord commands, we experience the joy of helping someone in their time of necessity. Have you ever had someone return to you, expressing how the small gift you gave was an immense blessing to them? Tears of joy well up in our eyes when we hear such stories. Let us give to the Lord with the expectation of a bountiful harvest.

In summary, these common hindrances to giving – the fear of insufficiency and a failure to recognize giving as a blessing – can be overcome through trust in God's provision and an understanding of the inherent joy and enrichment found in generous giving.

I just returned from Bhongir after experiencing His marvelous provisions during the National Students' Consultation and the EGM. It was a great opportunity to witness more than 160+ students from across the nation under one umbrella praising the Lord and getting enriched through the Lord's anointing. UESI ministry is still relevant for the current times. I am assured, that the ministry done in God's way will not lack any provisions.



Yours in His Service,
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Remember **Northfield Conference Center** still requires more than Rs. 5 Crores for purchase of land and putting up a basic structure for camps. Please pray and participate as the Lord leads.

As mentioned in the earlier Intouch editions, UESI is maintaining a **Corpus Fund** which is an endowment fund. The interest from this is used for Operational expenses. The current target is Rs. 1 Crore. Prayerfully consider contributing a lump sum amount.

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April - January 2024 (in Lakhs)		
Avg. Monthly Income	35.85	
Staff Salary	28.85	67%
Pension	0.57	1%
Staff Future Benefit (EPF, NPS, MUT)	3.44	8%
Reimbursement	0.61	1%
Admin Expenses	1.25	3%
Shifting	0.29	1%
Northfield (Allot)	1.80	4%
Dept. Expenses	2.05	5%
Highfield Support	0.37	1%
Children Education	1.29	3%
AGM Expenses	1.17	3%
Mediclaime	0.41	1%
Christmas Gift	0.91	2%
Avg. Monthly Expenses	43.01	
Avg. Monthly Deficit	7.16	
Total Accum. Deficit	71.58	

Projected Expenses for February 2024 (in Lakhs)	
February 2024 Salary	29.50
Pension	0.52
Reimbursement	1.50
Admin.	1.00
Staff Future Benefit (EPF, NPS & MUT)	3.51
Department (Staff Travel, Study Center)	5.00
Northfield	2.00
Highfield Support	0.35
Total Projected Expenses February 2024	43.38
Total Projected Expenses March 2024	56.50
Deficit upto January 2024	-71.58
Total funds Required in March 2024	171.46

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