



**VISION:** Transformed students impacting the campuses and the nation as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Foundation Day of UESI

**U**ESI is a student ministry founded on God's Word, born out of prayer, with a single-minded focus on presenting Christ to the students in India, discipling them, and enabling them to raise a testimony to the historic truths of the Christian faith. This ministry was birthed at a time when other organizations working among students lost their spiritual focus. Though the ministry began in one state, the founder's vision was for the students of the entire country.

Prof. H. Enoch was a professor in Govt. Medical College at Visakhapatnam since 1930 and was involved with Student Christian Movement. He was not comfortable with SCM as they believed that Bible contains the Word of God. In the year 1948, God gave him a burden to start an evangelical movement with a conviction that Bible is the Word of God. He was taking efforts while in Vizag; but could not initiate.

In 1949, Prof. Enoch joined as Additional Professor of Zoology in Presidency College, Madras. God had already prepared to raise a student movement, emphasizing on salvation through the atoning work of Christ on the cross. Similarly, God had laid a burden on the hearts of many believing students to win other students to Christ and nurture them with God's Word to become Disciples of Lord Jesus Christ. Some believing students of the Presidency College approached Prof. Enoch to start a Bible study group. On a Friday evening of 1949 they met at his residence at Poonamallee High Road, Madras for prayer and

Bible Study. It continued week after week for over a year. By 1950, David Watson, a young missionary, Mr. Sathkeerthi Rao and Mrs. Leela Martin students of Govt. Arts College, Madras joined the group.

Bro. Bhakt Singh connected Prof. Enoch, with Dr. T.N. Sterrett, who joined this group in 1951. Dr. Sterrett brought with him Moody Science Films. The trio - Prof. Enoch, David Watson and Dr. Sterrett visited several colleges with Moody Films and Prof. Enoch's lecture on Creation. Many students were attracted towards the prayer group in Prof. Enoch's house. The Evangelical Student – a student Magazine saw its birth, whose editor was David Watson.

During the same time, a group of believing students from CMC Vellore, formed an evangelical prayer fellowship. God sent Dr. John Moody from Australia to be on the staff in CMC, Vellore. In 1951, Dr. Sterrett paid a visit to Vellore. With the help of Dr. John Moody they formed an Evangelical Union in Vellore.

Mr. D. Jeyapaul, a student of the College of Engineering, Madras, moved to Government College of Technology, Coimbatore. He was part of the Madras fellowship. Along with Mr. H.S. Ponnuraj, a prayer cell was formed, which eventually grew to become an Evangelical Union. In 1952, Coimbatore ICEU was officially inaugurated.

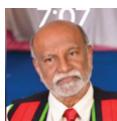
CMC-Vellore and Coimbatore did not know one another. But, the aims and objectives of the three prayer cells were found to be similar. All these 3

groups met in the Agricultural Farm in Katpadi near Vellore on 18th September 1954 and the national movement was born. After a lot of discussion, it was decided to call this movement - Union of Evangelical Students of India.

UESI is entering the 70th year, the Platinum Jubilee on 18th Sept 2023. The baton from the hands of people like Prof. Enoch, Dr. Sterrett, John Martin, Chandapilla, PC Varghese, Arthur Hope, Sathkeerthi Rao, Richard Masih, Prema Fenn, Shirley Christopher and many others has been passed down to our hands - the present EU, EGF members. It reminds us of our responsibility as students, graduates and Staff in passing the legacy by maintaining the core values of UESI, and reaching the students to impact our Church and Society. Student initiative, Quiet Time, Personal Bible Study, Personal Evangelism, Missions, raising leaders for church & society, Open Home concept, etc. are the strengths of UESI.

Let us recollect the past, not to boast over or compare, but to know why God raised UESI and to be challenged afresh to remain faithful to the God-given vision, and remain focused to serve God's purpose.

His glorious deeds in the past were an important aspect for God's chosen which enabled them to set their hope in the Lord (Ps 78:4).



**JSA Julius, Bangalore,**  
UESI Vice President



# UESI Thrust Area - 'Caring & Growing' (2021-24)



**BIBLE STUDY CENTER 2023**

HIGHFIELD, UESI CONFERENCE CENTER, KOTAGIRI

20 AUG - 3 NOV

## EXPENSE DETAILS

- Per Module (1 Week)  
Registration ₹500/- (non refundable)  
Camp Fees ₹4000/-
- Complete course (11 Modules)  
Registration ₹3500/- (non refundable)  
Course Fee Subsidized ₹25000/-

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/UESIBSC23>



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SR. NO.	DATE	MODULE
01	11 - 15 SEPT	UESI DOCTRINES 1-5 / SERMON ON THE MOUNT
02	18 - 22 SEPT	UESI DOCTRINES 6-10 / CHRISTIAN ETHICS
03	25 - 29 SEPT	HOMILETICS
04	02 - 06 OCT	CHRISTIAN HOME / COUNSELLING
05	09 - 13 OCT	CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP / DISCIPLESHIP
06	16 - 20 OCT	CHURCH HISTORY / MISSION ANTHROPOLOGY
07	23 - 27 OCT	WORLD VIEWS ON HINDUISM & ISLAM / CREATIVE EVANGELISM
08	30 OCT - 03 NOV	THEOLOGY OF MISSION / MISSION FIELD SURVEY

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**UESI TENTMAKERS CONFERENCE – 2023**  
21(9am) - 23(4pm) October 2023  
Caleb Institute, Farrukhnagar, Gurugram, Haryana

**Devotions:**  
Rev. Sudharshan Thomas  
FMPB, Haryana

**Expositions:**  
Mr. Emmanuel Ratnaraj, Uttarakhand

**Special Talks:**  
**Families:** Rev.Dr.B.S.Singh & Dr.Geeta Singh, UP  
**Singles:** Dr. Emmanuel & Mrs. Phoebe, RJ  
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**Scan to Register**

**Last Date to Register: 30 Sept. 2023**

**Contribution:**  
Family: Rs. 1000  
Single Tentmaker: Rs. 500  
Missionary Student: Rs. 250

## UESI Foundation Day & UESI Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

(18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024)

**UESI is entering into the 70<sup>th</sup> year on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.** We are going to celebrate God's faithfulness and rededicating ourselves for this student vision by imparting it to our members and assisting our Churches to realize their role in making disciples of college students in their cities and region.

**UESI Fortnight Prayer: 18th September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023:** All States are requested to encourage your students, graduates and staff to join together to uphold our ministry to students during this fortnight prayer.

**UESI Prayer Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023:** UESI Prayer Digest is getting ready for the UESI Prayer Day. Please plan to have prayer gatherings in your EUs and EGPs on this day.

## Legacy Lecture Series on Prof H Enoch

Date: 18-Sept-2023

Time: 8.00pm-9.30pm

Flyers, Zoom & YouTube link will be sent soon

Hosted by:  
UESI Communication & Networking Department

# GS SPEAKS - HEART TALK



India just celebrated the safe landing of Chandrayan-3 on moon. I am sure some of us witnessed this great event with excitement. As an Indian, it is a matter of joy and pride. As we appreciate the efforts of every single individual who was involved in this project, let us also praise God for this great achievement.

Come September, we are reminded of the great day when the teachers are recognised for their role played. I remember as teenagers how we used to be ready to relieve our class and subject teachers for the day. It was always a joy to appreciate their labor and involvement in the students' lives. Though only for a day, but they felt like a celebrity.

To all the teachers in the UESI constituency and among the readers of UESI InTouch, blessings on this teacher's day! May God continue to use you to shape the lives of the students (whom God has put in your care) in wisdom and knowledge that they would know and walk in the truth.

Teachers play a significant role in shaping lives. When a small child walks out beyond the home (the safe zone) to a strange crowd and finds solace in the teachers who later even become their role models. They leave a lasting imprint in their lives which further shapes their future.

If a teacher/guru of this world order is recognised, how much more the rabbi/guru of our life- the Lord Jesus Christ should be adored and worshipped.

Jesus, as the greatest guru patterned a life for us which is simple yet profound to be embraced. Jesus' unconditional obedience to the Father's will and unconditional favour to mankind is beyond comprehension.

In our context (University mission), this simple and short life of Jesus Christ challenges us who are teachers in some or the other way. Our call is not just to be innovative and creative, rather being relevant to the needs of the students biblically. **"In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech. Titus 2:7 NIV"**

As we celebrate the foundation day of UESI, let me recall the significant role played by Prof. H Enoch whom we call as the founding father. A simple teacher who paved way for young students to walk to him not just with their subject doubts but with life issues and how he would care for them by listening and encouraging them to look through the lens of the Bible. He could provide an alternative to the issues the students were facing with Scripture as the authority.

The call for the members of UESI is to develop a Biblical perspective to look to the different needs, issues and challenges in the campuses. As teachers or mentors, we need to provide an alternative pattern rooted in the Scripture which would enable them to embrace the truth.

In this 70th year of UESI, let us be intentional in reflecting, recognising and recommitting our ways. May we not end this year with just celebration, rather let us prepare our hearts as we step into a new decade of our ministry of grace and mercy to the untold millions who are still untold.

UESI Bible Study Centre has just begun. In addition to participants registered for different modules we have 10 participants from different states for the entire course. . Appreciate your prayers for the participants, resource persons, organising team and the entire program to be fruitful.

2nd October is UESI Prayer Day- the prayer digest is getting ready, and efforts are taken by Communication & Networking Department to reach the same to you by the end of September. May I urge you (every single EU, EGF cell) to set apart this day to come together to seek God's mercy for us. In this 70th year, will you join me in going to the feet of our Lord and seek his mercy and forgiveness for our bankruptcy in almost all areas of life as individuals, families and fellowship. It is His promise that, "**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness!**" *1 John 1:9 NIV*

I am sure as we pray together for the needs of our movement the Lord in His mercy will answer to our needs according to his will.

- Jacob Varghese, General Secretary

## UESI STAFF TRAINING 2023

06 Nov - 8 Dec 2023  
(HIGH FIELD KOTAGIRI)



Skillful Hands Ps 78: 72

### STAFF LIFE

- Personality development & effectiveness
- Skills development
- Relational dynamics

### STAFF & ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

- UESI Vision, Mission & Aims
- Policies and HR terms

### STAFF & MINISTRY

- Ministry challenges & development
- Creativity

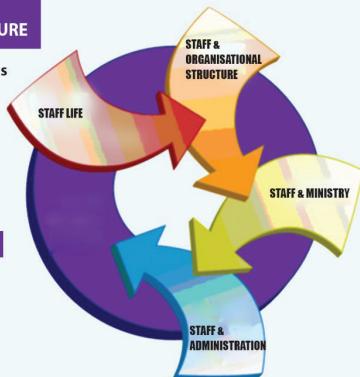
### STAFF & ADMINISTRATION

- Finance Management
- Reporting
- Accountability
- Planning & Execution

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## OBITUARY



**Mr. John Martin**, former UESI Staff entered glory on 30-Aug-23 at Cambridge, England. Mr. John Martin and Mrs. Jane had such a profound influence upon the development of evangelical leaders in India as the vice principal of Clarence High School, Bangalore. Then

John Martin and his wife Jane became UESI staff based at Kotagiri in 1975. He was the Dean of the UESI Study Centre, brilliant Bible teacher, expositor and Encourager. He was the Director for 10 weeks Study Centre held at Kotagiri in 1977. They were like parents to the participants and godly role models among the UESI Staff team being transparent to their mentees.

Mr. Martin made all to sing "There is a place of quiet rest . . ." just before each morning Bible Study at UESI Silver Jubilee Conference in Secunderabad which prepared the participants for the Word. Mr John's was known for his impactful communication, group dynamics and his servant leadership. Mr. James Ratnaraj, Mr. Krishnaiah, Mr. John Jebaraj James, Mr. Atmasoruban, Mr. Maxwell David & Sis. Sneha witnessed their care and hospitality when they went to England. Dr. John Martin and his son came to Bangalore in 2007 and took sessions on reaching neighbours in India. Their life and passion for neighbours challenged the participants. Thank God for the life well lived.



**Mr. Prajan**, a graduate of Kompally, Hyderabad, died in a road accident on 11-Aug-23. He was doing a part-time job and pursuing MBA. He was faithful in discharging his responsibilities in student ministry. He was involved as a Bible study in charge, and raised his testimony among the campus students was commendable

He hails from Naspoor, Mancherial. He used to go every Sunday for prayer walks to the Polytechnic Institute at Medchal to get student contacts. He was the first and last person in camps and any gatherings. His care for students moved them to follow Christ. He left an exemplary life.

# NEGF-Member Care Cell Announces ...

## UESI Mentoring Month: November

No shepherd without sheep! No graduate without students!

**UESI Thrust Area for 2021-24 is Caring & Growing.**  
Mentoring is one of the CORE aspects of our ministry to take care of new and other believing students. Let us implement this in our local EUs and EGFs with a biblical pattern. Mentoring Students through Micro Prayer Cells (MPCs) is our strategy. God bless UESI both in quality and quantity: 'Grow-in' and 'Grow-out'!

### Objective of the Mentoring Month:

- \* To exhort the UESI Constituency on the Biblical pattern of Mentoring.
- \* To empower the Mentor-Mentee relationships with mutual accountability in all the Local EU & EGF fellowships by means of Micro Prayer Cells (MPCs).
- \* To encourage EU leaders, EGF members and Staff to mentor students to be effective witnesses with Christ-like character and skilful hands.

### Topics for Mentoring Month:

- 1) Right Relationship, 2) Right Discipleship, 3) Right Stewardship, 4) Right Leadership and 5) MPCs

### Preparing ourselves for Mentoring Month: November

(To have meticulous planning to implement Mentoring month effectively during September and October months)

#### A. Local EU & EGF Committees to ensure the following:

- \* Have awareness on MPCs – Process and Topics to be covered in MPCs.
- \* Finalize **the Mentor-Mentee list**. Sr. Advisors to take initiative as a bridge between EU & EGF.
- \* Plan a **Day of Celebration of Mentor-Mentee Relationship** to share success stories and experiences through formal/informal get-togethers like potluck dinner, picnic etc.
- \* Program on **Biblical models of Mentor-Mentee** to challenge students, graduates, and staff to be Mentors & Mentees. (Use the E-Packet of Bible studies and Articles sent by NEGF Member Care Cell).
- \* Assign one male/female graduate for Mentoring in every EGF committee.

#### B. State EGF/ State EC need to ...

- \* Ensure to advertise the Mentoring Month Flyer in all the Prayer letters and Newsletters.
- \* Initiate discussion with graduates in your District/Region/State on the Mentoring Month and clarify its guidelines.
- \* Promote all the mentoring initiatives & E-Packet

of Bible studies and Articles sent by NEGF Member Care Cell.

#### C. Stewards at all levels to support the initiative ...

- \* Involve in your MPC (Micro Prayer Cell).
- \* Help all the committees in your area to finalize MPCs in Sept.
- \* Plan for the Mentoring Month (November).
- \* Circulate the Mentoring Month Flyer in Sept and Oct.
- \* Circulate E-Packet of Bible studies and Articles in their zone & Local EGF

*May the Lord make this Mentoring Month: November a blessing to entire UESI constituency!!!*

#### With regards

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**Mr. Ashish Joseph** (for Hindi), 9573185415.

## OBITUARY



**Dr. Mathew Paul**, entered glory on 30-Aug-2023 hails from Mannamaruthy, Ranny. He studied BD in Yavatmal. He then did MTh in Old Testament from UTC. He was engaged in Bible Translation among the Kurumbas based in Kotagiri and also was part of the Brethren Assemblies in the Hills. He has taught at UESI Study Centre. He suffered much from muscular dystrophy.



### Dr. A Samuel Richard Rajkumar (06-Sept-1949 - 30-Aug-2023)

**Dr. A Samuel Richard Rajkumar**, graduate of Chennai, entered God's glory on 30th August. Dr. Richard Samuel served as Professor of English in TN Govt. Colleges and retired in 2007 from Presidency College, Chennai. He was introduced to UESI as a college professor. Prior to his recent illness, he worked on updating the Graduate Handbook: Saved to Serve.

He served as President of UESI Greater Chennai Region of TN and UESI-TN (2003-2007). He coordinated UESI-TN's state mega conferences TRICON '96 and KINOONIA 2008. He served as Chairman of UESI Publication Trust for six years (2012-2018) bringing significant changes in the infrastructure of PT and establishment of IVP India. He was instrumental in bringing many new publications in English and Hindi. His involvement in the renovation of UESI Office's II floor: Enoch Hall and Students' Resource Centre is remarkable. He was a great musician and singer and part of his church choir and the well-known city level music teams. He used his talents in EU/EGF fellowship meetings too.

Dr. Richard Samuel with his family are the pioneers for Chennai EGF. The Richards had an Open Christian Home for many students and young graduates. He was a devotional speaker and Bible Teacher. Dr. Richard is survived by his wife Mrs. Ahalya Richard, a retired bank officer from SBI, their elder daughter Pearly, her husband Amar and two children, and their son Prince and his wife Jerusha.



**Mr. Vinod**, Graduate from Kathua EGF, J&K, entered glory on 11-Aug-23. He was a Govt. employee in Forest Dept. From his office on 10-Aug-23 went for LTC arrangements. After his office work on 10 Aug, he attended to LTC arrangements and was returning home late at night when he suffered serious injuries due to a bike accident.

He did MA Economics. He accepted Christ as personal saviour in 2012. He was introduced to UESI in 2020 through Dhamini, an EU student. He attended EC Nov 2021, DTC in July 2022, and UESI-AGM in 2022. He was an EU president at Kathua ICEU for a year. He became an EGF member and EU Senior Advisor at Kathua ICEU and Secretary for Jammu Regional Team in 2023.

He was a motivator, Care giver, and role model as financial contributor, student of God's Word and helper in the camps and programs. He was an active member of his Church. He was always prepared to share Christ. He shared the gospel with non-believing students on birthdays and during Christmas programs. He took practical talk at EC Camp in June 2023.

# UESI - IEM Cultural and Linguistic Training 2023 (CLT)

CLT was organized by UESI-NEGF-Tentmakers Cell and IEM at Highfield, Kotagiri from 15<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023. Nine delegates from Meghalaya, Telengana, AP and TN attended this program and learnt many valuable lessons about missions, culture, languages, and the missionary lifestyle. Cultural learning:- Dr. Rev. S.D. Ponraj from Patna taught that the Gospel needs to be preached with the help of the Holy Spirit at the right time, in the languages of the people, with relevance to the culture and without compromising the essentials. Thus, we need to study, love, respect, and adopt the culture and not criticize the customs, food and traditions.



learnt how languages work and their grammar pattern in different languages. Their teachings and life testimonies challenged and encouraged us.

Practical Hindi learning: Our Hindi Language helpers Brother Sudhir and sister Kamta Sudhir from Patna (native Hindi speakers) gave us practical tips and helped us to practice spoken Hindi boldly. They also encouraged us not to worry about making mistakes but to talk without fear to improve ourselves.

**Missional Learning:** Apart from the main sessions we also had Quiet Time, reflection, singing and worship, testimony, book reading, topical studies, video shows and group activities which were focused towards Missions. Overall, we enjoyed the fellowship

and learnt about the missionary lifestyle and the problems and struggles of missionaries. We prayed together for mission work in India and in other parts of the world. We also went on a one day tour to Ooty and enjoyed seeing God's creation. The presence and guidance of staff and Tentmakers inspired us.



We thank UESI and IEM for organizing this very important program which has really prepared us to move to different parts of North India as tentmakers, missionary students, missionary teachers and staff. Pray that God may guide, protect and work through us for the extension of His Kingdom.

*(On behalf of CLT 2023 Trainees by Titus, now a Missionary Student in Jammu)*

## UESI-Goa Retreat 2023

Praise God for the blessed and meaningful retreat that was organised on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023, and attended by around 65 people consisting of students from different colleges of Goa and graduates. The theme of the retreat was, 'Let Freedom Reign'. The retreat commenced with uplifting Praise and Worship led by students, followed by an engaging ice-breaker.



Our resource person, Dr. Pradeep Ninan, delivered the message effectively to the students that because of Christ we have got freedom from the penalty of sin, power of sin and presence of sin. This newfound freedom enables us to call God our Father, come to Him without fear and be part of the New Covenant. The message concluded with a brief discussion followed by a delicious lunch.

Post-lunch, we presented the new year plans, introduced UESI, spent time in discussions, prayed for the nation, state and ministry plans. We dedicated all the new committee members and the new coordinator, Dejal Johnson. The meeting came to an end with Dr. Pradeep Ninan giving a final challenge to the students to be zealous and whole hearted for God in youth, to make Him the priority and to be the town criers.

Overall, it was a blessed time of worship and fellowship. We would specially like to thank God for our Goa Staff, Samson Philip and Mercy Philip, for their dedication towards the ministry and we encourage everyone to uphold them and the entire UESI ministry in your prayers.

**God bless!**

UNION OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS OF INDIA

TRAINING DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES

### Advance Level Seminar on Homiletics

DATES:  
25TH MONDAY 9AM TO  
29TH FRIDAY 5PM SEPT. 2023

#### WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND?:

- Who have already attended basic course on Homiletics
- Who are passionate about becoming proficient in biblical preaching
- Who are also keen on raising Bible preachers.
- Who can attend the whole program actively. [But for those who wish to attend a course on Homiletics, can attend UESI Bible Study Centre at Highfield during the same days]



Venue:  
Highfield,  
Kotagiri, TN

**Resource Person:**  
**Mr. R. Billy,**  
**Salem (TN)**  
**(Former Staff of UESI)**

Program Director  
Mrs. Rama Bharti,  
National staff, HP.

**Registration Fee: Rs. 500/-;**

**For Food & Accommodation: Rs. 4,000/-**

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/ADHOM-2023>

**Last date for Registration:**  
**31st August 2023**

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# Prayer Diary

FAST AND PRAY EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT

Last Friday

Tuesday

First Sunday

SEPTEMBER 2023

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Tripura

**Thank God** for State Leaders Meet with FAD & FDD National team on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> August; State Student Leaders meet on 15<sup>th</sup> August; New unit Abhicharan EGF was formed on 23<sup>rd</sup> July; 5 graduates, 4 students and 1 Staff attended National AGM at Guwahati, Assam.

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Rajasthan

**Pray** for God's guidance and help to all committee members to execute all plans; Proper plan for State Annual Conference; Focus cities to be reached – to get graduate and student contacts; Immediate need of two coordinators.

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Goa

**Thank God** for EU, ICEU, and EGF committee formation; Planning meeting on Aug 12<sup>th</sup>; State retreat on Aug.15th - around 65 delegates participated; Participation of SSIC and one student in National AGM. **Pray** for regular and active functioning of all committees; Follow up of the new contacts.

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Mizoram

**Thank God** for Aizawl EGF and all EGF units Bible Studies are going on well; Young EGF Bible Study which started in Hnaththial; Lives of graduates who have been actively supporting the ministry among the students in one way or the other.

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Bihar

**Thank God** for BEGF coordinator Bro. Saimon Soren who has joined national UESI; Evangelistic camps & retreats done successfully in all four regions; EBS started at Naugauchhia & Parsa Bazar; New EGF committee formed at Motihari.

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Uttarakhand

**Pray** for Strengthening of Regional Committees; Pioneering districts of Rudraprayag, Chamoli and Bageshwar; Graduate presence in North Kumaun, North Garhwal, South Kumaun; Team work between all committees; Upcoming DT camps; UKSSC initiative in formation of MPCs; Board orientation for all committees; State Annual conference in October.

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UESI Uttar Pradesh

**Thank God** for provision for July- disbursed staff salary and few statutory payments; Online EC Orientation on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August. **Pray** for all 6 Regional Coordinators Teams, 8 Cells & EC members to be involved at grassroot level ministry and planning and execution of UP Specific- LRP 2030.

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UESI UP: South Central Region

**Thank God** that RCT committee met and fixed date for EV camp from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Oct.; New RCT secretary. **Pray** for EV camp - more student participants, speakers and all arrangements; Ministry all over the region to grow.

UESI INTOUCH

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Haryana

**Pray** for Krishna Nagar EU Evangelistic Camp from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September; Young graduates get-together on 28<sup>th</sup> September; 18<sup>th</sup> September UESI Foundation Day to be observed in different EU and EGF units by gathering together for prayer.

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Chhattisgarh

**Thank God** for fruitful Evangelistic Camps in Rajnandgaon, Ma-hasamund, Bilaspur, Ambikapur; Regular EGF & ICEU Fellowships. **Pray** for Evangelistic Camps in Raipur, Bhilai, and Jagdalpur in September - God's presence, protection, provision, and purpose of the camps to be fulfilled.

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**Pray** for 4 cells to be restarted and one new cell to be started by next month; LTC in Sept- students availability, resource persons, effective sessions, needed finance; CMOP to be conducted effectively for EU and EGF committee members; Need of our own state office cum staff residence.

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UESI Finance and Administration Dept. (FAD)

**Thank God** that staff salary for August was disbursed. **Pray** for accumulated deficit (more than a crore) to be cleared; Regular contribution from states; Monthly gap of 8-10 Lakh to be met; Young graduates, one time and occasional contributors to start contributing regularly.

23

Haryana

**Thank God** for sending believing students to the universities in Haryana. **Pray** for new students moving to Haryana to be prepared, watchful, and prayerful on the campuses; Sonipat, Kurukshetra, Ambala, Hisar, Rohtak to have students and faculties to connect with the existing campus cells.

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UESI Telangana

**Thank God** for the Evangelistic camps and one-day gospel evenings conducted across the state. **Pray** for the upcoming TRI-CON-2023 in October; Marriages of single staff; Problem related to the transformer erection at the Study Centre may be solved.

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UESI Kerala

**Pray** for urgent need of more staff workers, coordinators, and tent makers for northern Kerala; Revival and active functioning of the Specialized Ministry Committee and for all departments; Present staff team, their families, health, and grace to carry out their responsibilities effectively.

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West Bengal

**Thank God** for students' camp in North Bengal from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August; Young Graduates' Retreat in Kolkata on 27<sup>th</sup> August. **Pray** for upcoming Annual Conference from 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. to 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. - participants, speakers and organising team; Need of more mentors across the state.

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Jharkhand

**Thank God** for Evangelistic Camp at Don Bosco School from 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July 2023; Successful evangelistic camp organized from 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> August in Daltonganj. **Pray** for new students who accepted JESUS as their personal Saviour; Students' Bible study cells; Graduates to be more involved in the ministry.

1

UESI Andhra Pradesh

**Pray** for Northfield property: Needed finance (about 5 Crore), identification and finalization of the property, and functioning of the committees; Salary Revision TG to bring out revision in staff salary; Inner Working Manual (Part 4) Finance and Admin Manual- Task Group to work and complete the work.

2

UESI Assam

**Thank God** for National AGM organized successfully; Mr. Ronjon Timung joined as a coordinator. **Pray** for all the camps to be organized in October; Effective functioning of all the departments & cells; Staff & coordinators - for effective ministry in their respective area of operation.

5

Sikkim

**Thank God** for final year students who completed their studies; Safe return of all students after the exams break; 1 graduate attended preaching workshop at Siliguri. **Pray** for need of a Senior Adviser in two EU units; Evangelistic program in the campuses; State financial needs.

6

UESI Tamil Nadu

**Thank God** for Committees formed in 45 ICEUs with year plan; Advance level Homiletics and Hermeneutics training for 10 staff. **Pray** for 500 EU Students to equip themselves in personal evangelism; 1000 new disciples to be developed who will challenge the campuses for the Lord Jesus Christ.

7

UESI Training Department

**Thank God** for 1<sup>st</sup> Module of Study Center was meaningful with 17 participants; Evangelism cell orientation done meaningfully on 21<sup>st</sup> August. **Pray** for Study center - all the modules, speakers, coordinators and weather; Evangelism cell new committee members - Bobby, Gracy, Erica and Rebecca.

8

UESI Karnataka

**Thank God** that DTC conducted for Mysore and Mandya were attended by 14 students; Pre-evangelistic efforts in Bangalore - 50 students (including FIS) participated, Kolar Evangelistic Retreat; Hubli ICEU celebrated 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Fellowship started in Chitradurga for students and graduates.

10

UESI Uttarakhand

**Thank God** for UKEGF Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> Aug ; 35 regular Bible studies in the state; 2<sup>nd</sup> staff training module; Evangelistic Camps in the month of August and September; growth in initiation by students in the state.

11

UESI Bihar

**Thank God** that Nalanda ICEU got affiliated in National AGM. **Pray** for Planned Evangelistic camp/retreat in all four regions; Prathana Yatra in different regions; Effective functioning of all Regional committees; Regular financial contribution from all EUs & EGFs.

12

UESI Uttar Pradesh

**Thank God** for provision for July- disbursed staff salary and few statutory payments; Online EC Orientation on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August. **Pray** for all 6 Regional Coordinators Teams, 8 Cells & EC members to be involved at grassroot level ministry and planning and execution of UP Specific- LRP 2030.

13

UESI UP: South Central Region

**Thank God** that RCT committee met and fixed date for EV camp from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Oct.; New RCT secretary. **Pray** for EV camp - more student participants, speakers and all arrangements; Ministry all over the region to grow.

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UESI Jharkhand

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UESI Chhattisgarh

**Thank God** for Bible studies started in Raichur and Bidar. **Pray** for all departments to work efficiently; Plan a Teaching program on 'Developing a Mission Lifestyle'; Renovation of the Doddagubbi Students' center; Local and the Regional Committees to work actively.

# UESI Telangana President speaks ... Mr. E.J. Moses

## 1. Please give a brief introduction of self (and your family).

I am E.J. Moses, working as a Lecturer in Zoology at Govt. Junior College, Jadcherla, Mahabubnagar district, Telangana. I married Vindya Rani on 10th February 2000. She is a School Assistant (Maths) in a Government School. God blessed us with a daughter Krupa Slessor, an EU Student who is pursuing 3rd year MBBS at Warangal

## 2. How did you come to know the Lord as your personal Saviour?

I was born and brought up in a Christian family but I did not have personal relationship with the Lord. When I was studying BSc. 1st year, a pastor invited me to attend a students' meeting (which was an EBS cell). A staff worker took Bible study from James 1:14-16 which made me realize my situation. I repented and accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1988.

## 3. Since when and in what ways have you been involved with UESI?

Since September 1988, I have been involving in UESI ministry. I was one of the first students in Jadcherla ICEU. As a student, I used to go 3 kilometres by bicycle and invite my friends to attend the EBS Cell. After my graduation, I obeyed God's will to go as a missionary Student to Ujjain (MP) to study M.Sc. Zoology, and witnessed for Christ. During that time, I discharged my role as ICEU President of Ujjain.

After completing post-graduation, I worked as a Lecturer in Zoology in a private Junior College at Jadcherla and involved in the local and district ministry. I was a prayer-in-charge in the district committee and mobilized prayer for Mahabubnagar district. Then I became District Coordinator and focused on establishing new centres. As young couple after marriage, we involved in the lives of students and young graduates by opening our home.

I got opportunities to involve in all the three dimensional aspects of UESI ministry: Local, State and National to mentor students personally, and

shape them to be disciples and disciple-makers. I did different roles: EU Senior Advisor, EGF President, Secretary and Treasurer, District Coordinator, Regional Coordinator, State & National Missions Cell Member, TSEGF Secretary, UESI-TS EC Secretary.

## 4. How has UESI influenced your life, career and family?

UESI played a crucial role in shaping my life for God. I am a living example that God raised UESI to mould students for God's kingdom. The exposition of UESI's fourth aim: Missions influenced me in a great deal to be a passionate mission-minded graduate and church member. One young graduate used to travel around 80 km from Hyderabad to take bible studies for us. I have been strongly influenced by UESI staff and graduate families. UESI shaped me to be a true disciple of Lord Jesus Christ & good steward of time, talents and treasure. UESI Doctrines have deep rooted in my life and transformed my thinking and helped me to live a strong Christian life. I can say in a phrase that UESI has influenced me in all areas of my life.

## 5. With the ever changing student context, what challenges do you face as UESI TS in ministering to the students in Telangana, and how do you plan to overcome them?

At present UESI TS is facing challenges like: shallow spirituality, vision impartation, very less efforts to do personal evangelism, lack of interest in studying of God's Word deeply & relationship issues among students, graduates and staff. At the same time, students on the campuses are becoming self-centred, not interested in spiritual matters, addicted to social media, which is isolating them from the society and ultimately they are affected by loneliness and depression.

Telangana State Executive Committee declared "Christ-like Discipleship & Christ-centred relationships" as the Thrust Areas for 2023-25 to address the above challenges. In addition to that, UESI-TS is focusing on 7 things: 1. To share gospel to all students using conventional methods, especially



Personal Evangelism. 2. To nurture students to be Disciples as Jesus did. 3. To cultivate Christ-centred relationships 4. To equip more students and graduates with Personal Bible Study skills. 5. To step in and claim premier institutions for Christ 6. To encourage and develop second line leadership by giving responsibilities 7. To identify and address the need of strategic pioneering centre in 33 districts.

We evaluate the above once in a month with Regional & District coordinators over zoom. We encourage RCs/DCs to discuss in their committees and modify their strategy according to the feedback.

## 6. What is your vision for the future of UESI TS?

I want to see all students, graduates and Staff of UESI-TS...

- a. To be equipped to do personal evangelism and to take EBS/ BBS cells
- b. To read, study, obey, teach God's Word and submit to its' authority.
- c. To provide biblical view and solution on all the contemporary issues
- d. To be equipped to make every student a disciple-maker: at least two students as disciple-makers and second-line leaders, missionary students, tent makers or full-timers
- e. Thoughtful focus on Transition from Student to Graduate and membership to leadership
- f. To become PBS/GBS Trainers, Master Trainers on mentoring and disciple-making.
- g. Every Graduate family to open their home like the home of Aquila and Priscilla

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## Consumerism – The “Consume Me” Age

We are living in a “Consume Me” age. Wherever we turn, we are not free from the influence of advertisements. Ads come our way through T.V, YouTube, radio, billboards, and newspapers etc. Even in our casual conversation in our workplace, we discuss about property prices, latest restaurants etc. The impact of these ads and conversations has made us entitled to be consumers of those things which we do not require at all. To consume means to use up or spend time, money etc. wastefully. It can also be interpreted as to destroy or expend by use.

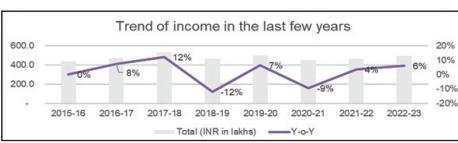
We all agree that we need money to pay for the necessities of life. Apart from this, we too can occasionally treat ourselves (including our families, friends etc.) with some good gifts/food etc. But consumerism comes into picture when some of our spending reaches beyond these reasons. It's when we spend excessively. It's when our intent for spending is driven by our ego, extravaganza etc. And many a times these go beyond Godly living. We come into a vicious circle of consuming unwanted items.

### Let's examine ourselves!

- Do I have a craze for going for those sale happening in my town/city every weekend or every month?
- Do I have a desire to go on buying new clothes even when my wardrobe is having clothes which you haven't worn yet?
- Do I change my mobile, smart watches, air pods every now and then?
- Do I have a craze to go to every restaurant in the town / city weekly?

The best antidote for consumerism is to give freely. And the best area to give, is to give for the Lord's work. When you get involved in the ministry and see that your contribution is being used for the right cause (or for what you believe is Godly), the joy which you receive is tremendous.

Let's relate this to our situation. The overall accumulated need for UESI national is revolving around 1 crore (or more) for the last two months. There is an urgent need to close our half yearly financial requirement deficit free. As discussed in the AGM, there are enough cost control measures in place. And the only way to bring the accumulated need down is by increasing our monthly contributions. With the boost in Indian economy, the salary levels of graduates (in India) have risen multi-folds. However, the contribution towards the ministry is still looming at the same range over the last many years. Below is a trend of the UESI National contribution over the last 7 years.



You might have observed (from the above chart) that the contributions are swinging up and down year after year. Why is it so?

- Wasn't there no increase in the number of graduates since 2017?
- Haven't the graduates' income not increased since 2017?
- Is our commitment towards UESI dwindled?
- Are we getting interlocked into the clutches of consumerism? Remember...*the borrower is a servant to the lender (Prov: 22:7)*

King Solomon says, *whoever disregards discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honoured (Prov: 13: 18)*. Let's apply this to our financial discipline as well. God bless!



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April - August 2023 (in Lakhs)		
Avg. Month Income	27.73	
Staff Salary	28.41	69%
Pension	0.58	1%
Staff Future Benefit (EPF, NPS, MUT)	3.36	8%
Reimbursement	0.40	1%
Admin Expenses	0.89	2%
Shifting	0.46	1%
Northfield (Allot)	1.60	5%
Dept. Expenses	0.99	2%
Highfield Support	0.38	1%
Children Education	1.04	3%
AGM Expenses	2.26	5%
Mediclaim	0.73	2%
<b>Avg. Month Expenses</b>	<b>41.10</b>	
<b>Avg. Month Deficit</b>	<b>13.37</b>	
<b>Total Accum. Deficit</b>	<b>66.86</b>	

Projected Expenses for September 2023 (in Lakhs)	
<b>September 2023 Salary</b>	28.50
Pension	0.58
Reimbursement	3.00
Admin.	1.50
Staff Future Benefit (EPF, NPS & MUT)	3.50
Department (Staff Travel, Study Center)	3.00
Northfield	2.00
Highfield Support	0.35
<b>Total Projected Expenses September 2023</b>	<b>42.43</b>
<b>Deficit upto August 2023</b>	<b>-66.86</b>
<b>Total funds Required in September 2023</b>	<b>109.29</b>

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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