



UESI



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

Pray for the Universities

The Universities hold immense potential for shaping the minds and hearts of the next generation, the future policy makers, administrators, and leaders. They shape their rationale, relations, passions and values through multifaceted approach that encompasses education, exposure and personal development. The College Students are the greatly influential, enthusiastic and energetic group in the society. They are frequently squeezed by academic expectations, financial stressors, loneliness, ragging, addictions, attractions, and the fear of failure/future. They cry in their hearts to God for the truth, love, peace, hope, meaning and fulfilment in their life. God hears the heart cry of students and is willing to rescue them as He heard the cry of Israelites in Egyptian slavery and rescued them through Moses (Exod. 6:5-8).

When Jesus saw the crowds, His heart was broken and moved with compassion for they were harassed and helpless. Jesus, as the great Chief Priest, has been interceding for His people (Heb. 4:14-16, John 17:9, Rom 8:34). All the followers of Christ are called the Royal priesthood (Exod. 19:6 & I Pet. 2:9), who offer sacrifices and prayers to God on behalf of people. Similarly, every EU and EGF is called to offer prayers for every university/college and student in their area/state and to take action to spread the light of His love within the walls of the University.

Let us challenge our evangelical students and graduates to engage in conversations on these campuses that reflect the teachings of Christ with love, gentleness and respect (1 Pet 3:15). Moreover, our EUs and EGPs can encourage them to consider the possibility of relocating to the strategic universities and 65 focus cities where the light of Christ can shine brightly. Their presence on the



campus can be a beacon of hope for those seeking the truth (Matt 5:14-16). The Spirit of God, the Director of this Student mission, is empowering us to have witnessing groups in every campus of our city, country and globe (Acts 1:8).

Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, seeking wisdom and guidance for the universities and their students as the Spirit of God is interceding for us with groaning (Rom 8:26-27).

As we commit ourselves to pray for the universities in India, let us trust that God's divine plan will unfold, and that His love will shine through each one of us.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!



In His Service,
Vivekananda Sunder Singh Babu,
 CND Staff Secretary

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



**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/-

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DATE	MODULE
09 – 13 OCT	CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP / DISCIPLESHIP
16 – 20 OCT	CHURCH HISTORY / MISSION ANTHROPOLOGY
23 – 27 OCT	WORLD VIEWS ON HINDUISM & ISLAM / CREATIVE EVANGELISM
30 OCT – 03 NOV	THEOLOGY OF MISSION / MISSION FIELD SURVEY

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." Ps.: 95:1

RUBY CELEBRATIONS OF NANDYAL ICEU

Dates: 10th to 12th November 2023

Venue: Good Shepherd English Medium School, Nandyal

**Theme: Come ... Commemorate ... Celebrate ...
Consecrate – Psalm 95:1-3**

The ICEU & EGF of Nandyal is having Ruby Celebrations marking the completion of 40 years of ministry to remember God's greatest faithfulness on this glorious gathering.

A hearty welcome to all the alumni of Nandyal EU & EGF, to join and remember the sweetest memories with one another and have warm fellowship.

Resource Persons:

Keynote Address - Br. P. Vinay Kumar, Hyderabad

Devotions - Br. P. John Paul, Hyderabad

Expositions - Br. P. John Victor, Kurnool

History of Nandyal EU ministry - Br. I. J Daniel Raj, Australia

Contributions: Students – Rs 500/- Graduates – Rs 2000/- Family – Rs 4000/- (Rs 500/- Children above 10 years of age per head)

Enrollment Link: <https://tinyurl.com/Nandyal-ICEU-Ruby2023>

Contact: **Mr. Obulesu** for enrolments and contributions (Mobile: 98660 78071)

Cordially Yours'
Nandyal UESI Ruby Celebrations Committee.

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

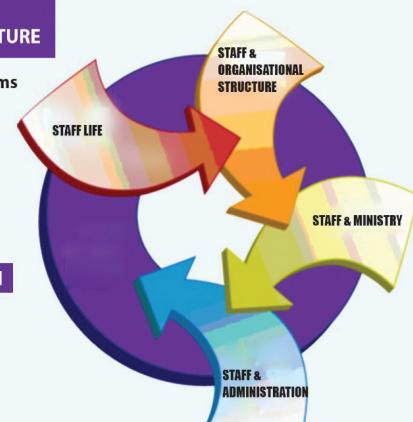
- UESI Vision, Mission & Aims
- Policies and HR terms

STAFF & MINISTRY

- Ministry challenges & development
- Creativity

STAFF & ADMINISTRATION

- Finance Management
- Reporting
- Accountability
- Planning & Execution



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GS SPEAKS - HEART TALK

As we celebrated the UESI Foundation Day on the 18th of September, we have entered the 70th year of our existence. Today UESI is a large movement, but let's not forget our humble beginning. I am sure we all have enough stories to share of how the Lord moved people to initiate the ministry in different places. Some of us from the national leadership had the privilege to be at Kasam, Tamil Nadu (where UESI was formed) along with our students and graduates from Vellore. It was an encouraging time to hear some of the stories which came afresh to all who attended it. Dr. R E Dhanaraj and Dr. Lionel connected the links and reiterated the significance of three virtues UESI is known for: *Simplicity, Sacrifice and Sanctification*.

In addition to this, the evening Legacy Lectures led by Uncle AG Augustine and Uncle JSA Julius was not just a reminder but a clarion call for the members of UESI to be committed to God, His Word and World. In the midst of beauty and fame game Prof. H. Enoch stood for his convictions based on the 66 books of the Bible thus challenging the world order of his time and providing a reasonable alternative to the thinking of his time. Now the baton is with us!

The month of October is full of events, especially significant ones for UESI. The states would be having their annual conferences or similar kind of events. I believe we as EUs & EGFs had a meaningful time on 2nd October, the Day of Prayer, seeking God's forgiveness for our own unfaithfulness and failure as individuals and as a movement and at the same time standing in the gap and interceding for various needs which were circulated to us. I would like to

appreciate the Communication and Networking Department in taking efforts to bring the Prayer Digest to your hands- an effective tool for our prayer together. Please continue to pray for those needs throughout the year. The Bible reminds us that in the midst of a busy schedule of ministry, our Lord Jesus was intentional in withdrawing Himself from the public space to spend time with the Heavenly Father in solitude (Lk 5:16).

20th October is IFES World Student Day. With thankful hearts, let us take part in IFES World Student Day and connect with other students and fellowship groups either in India or IFES world. Please find the link ifesworld.org/en/wsd/ to register and connect to the same. This is going to be a beautiful experience as we join our hearts together to pray and celebrate our students across the globe.

May I also encourage the National & State Students Cells to plan some programs where you can share the **joy of being a student**, record the same and share on UESI official Instagram page and FB. For more details on this please connect with Media cell of CND.

Students are the centre of world attraction as they are the agents of change. Whether the change is for good or bad depends on the influence. Through the generations it is being witnessed how students especially in the post-matric world have influenced and brought change. Needless to say, these changes are based on certain ideologies and philosophies through which young minds are influenced and held captive.

In such a context, the university mission becomes significant as young minds are ignited with godly

wisdom and values which promotes love, care, and harmony to the world that they live in. In addition to this the students become agents of change in the specific areas of their studies/profession thus joining with the Redeemer in redeeming the world from the slavery of death and decay to life everlasting thus engaging the world with the Word of God in the plan of God.

The saying, 'Today's students are tomorrow's leaders' has changed to 'Today's students are the leaders'. Students form a significant part of the world order and this calls for our urgent attention in building them up under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

As we progress in our ministry, let us remind ourselves of our calling not just to be people who conduct programs/events but committed to bringing the Kingdom of God in the universities and colleges of our country and the world at large. Let us be intentional in our approach in engaging with students having conversations over the big and small matters which can bring lasting impact in their own life and others who come in touch with them. Let us consider building witnessing groups in campuses standing tall in their faith, convictions and character thus providing a credible Biblical alternative to various philosophies and ideologies they come across.

In Mark's Gospel, the Lord speaking to his disciples said, "you are the salt and light of the world..." (Mt 5:13-16) Being the enlightened ones let us make every effort not to hide the light within us rather enlighten others through the light ignited in us. Let us impart the vision to our believing students to be a light in the campuses.

OBITUARY



**Mrs. Karuna, UESI-AP Staff
10-Sept-23**

Mrs. Karuna, UESI-AP Staff, entered glory on 10-Sept-2023 at Visakhapatnam, AP. Mrs. Karuna was born on 31-Oct-1985 at Chinaparimi, Guntur, AP, and accepted Christ from another faith. She joined the UESI-AP Staff team on 22nd January 2007 by getting married to Mr. Prem Kumar. Along with her husband, she was based at Rajahmundry, Guntur and Visakhapatnam and served the college students by counselling and teaching God's word.

She was not an orator but fully obedient to the LORD in fulfilling His desire through her brief and truthful life. She was not in the limelight but she reflected His Light throughout her life and ministry. She was a towering personality in terms of living for God. She exemplified adaptability, amicability, amazing love and hospitality for the Almighty's cause.



Mrs. Shirley Scott 19-Sept-23

Mrs. Shirley Scott, former UESI Staff went to be with the Lord on 19-Sept-23. She had been unwell and on life support at home. Shirley married Basil Scott at Mussoorie in 1964. They joined the staff team of UESI in 1965 and moved to Delhi. They laboured in North India as staff. She was part of Nagpur ladies conference. All their four children were born in India: UP, Delhi and Punjab. Rev. Basil was also the Literature Secretary in 70s and brought out challenging books under Jyoti Pocket Books.

As family, they returned to England in 1983 for their further education. After 30 years in Asia, Scotts were not about to turn their back on India. They moved to Leicester, because it had the largest Hindu population of any city in UK with 50,000 Gujarati refugees from East Africa. After retirement, Scotts settled in Cambridge and began research on the New Testament. Let us pray for God's comfort to Rev Basil Scott, their 4 children and family members.



Bro. Jonathan Maraj 22-Sept-23

Bro. Jonathan Maraj, a passionate Bible Expositor, received his heavenly call on 22-Sept-23 in Seattle, USA. Jonathan was born and lived in an island of Trinidad and Tobago, and converted from Hinduism. He graduated from Prairie Bible College and has worked mostly among college students throughout India and other nations in evangelism and discipleship.

Indira was converted through Jonathan's ministry. She worked among poor women and children and was used of the Lord to pioneer the work among drug addicts and alcoholics in Darjeeling, after training in this field. She began the Elder Shelter for older Christians (mostly converts from Hinduism) in Kalimpong, in the Himalayan area of India.

Bro. Jonathan Maraj served as Field partner of UESI. He was known for his Bible Expositions and Devotions. He was a man who was committed to Read, Meditate, Study and Practice God's Word. Uncle P C Varghese and Bro. Jonathan Maraj were co-itinerant ministers. Pray for his wife Indira and daughter Karuna.

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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Themes for Campus Link



Nov - Dec 23
Unity in Diversity

Word limit - Article = 1400 words maximum,
Poem = 16 lines maximum

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

National Dawn Prayer

(1st Saturday of every month from 5am to 6am)

Dear all UESI National Stewards,

Greetings! UESI-CND-Editorial and Prayer Mobilization Cell planned to conduct this National Dawn Prayer on the 1st Saturday of every month, morning 5am to 6am. This shall be primarily for all National stewards - so if you are in any of the National teams as a student, graduate or staff, please feel free to join for this time of prayer along with your spouse.

During each month's prayer meet, we are hoping to cover at least 1 Zone and 1 National team in our prayers - that way in 1 year, we can cover the information given in this UESI Prayer Digest 2023.

With thanks

Dr. G David Sudhakar

Graduate In-Charge for Prayer Mobilization
UESI-CND Editorial & Prayer Mobilization Cell

Schedule for National Dawn Prayer		
Date (5-6am)	Prayer Time: 1 Zone & 1 Dept. (40 min)	Short Exhortation (10 min)
07 th Oct.'23	North Zone & UESI Board	Board President/Member
04 th Nov.'23	Central Zone & Field Development (FDD)	FDD Chair/Member
02 nd Dec.'23	East Zone Training Department (TD)	TD Chair/Member
06 th Jan.'24	West Zone & National Students Cell (NSC)	NSC Chair/Member
03 rd Feb.'24	Northeast Zone National EGF (NEGF)	NEGF Chair/Member
02 nd Mar. '24	South Zone & Staff Development (SDD)	SDD Chair/Member
06 th Apr. '24	North Zone Communications & Networking	CND Chair/Member
04 th May '24	Central Zone & Finance and Administrative	FAD Chair/Member
01 st June'24	East Zone & OPED	OPED Chair/Member
06 th July'24	West Zone & Board Development (BDC)	BDC Chair/Member
03 rd Aug.'24	Northeast & UESI Associates: UESI PT	UESI-PT Chair/Member
07 th Sep.'24	South Zone & EMFI, ENFI, ETF & IFES	CND Networking Chair/Member

UESI TENTMAKERS CONFERENCE – 2023

21(9am) - 23(4pm) October 2023

Caleb Institute, Farrukhnagar, Gurugram, Haryana



Introducing CND-Editorial and Prayer Mobilization Cell Committee

Welcome to the CND-Editorial and Prayer Mobilization Cell Committee members

Mr. James Sebastian, Patna, Cell Chair

Mr. Samarpan Kumar, Anakapalle, Cell Secretary & GIC for UIT

Dr. David Sudhakar, Chirala GIC for Prayer Mobilization

Mrs. Esther Renu Hembrom, Patna, Member (EZ)

Mrs. Mona Mathew, Bangalore, Member (SZ)

Mrs. Urmila Kuldip, Nandpur, Member (EZ)

Mrs. Deborah Joel, Bangalore, Member (SZ)

Mrs. Ruth Collins, (TN), Graduate Member (SZ)

Mrs. Nivedita Gupta, CND Hindi Literature Cell Staff in Charge

Mrs. Jemima Mukesh, Amritsar, CND Staff (Addl. Role)

Mrs. Smitha George, Mangalore, CND Staff (Addl. Role)

Mrs. Lakshmi Sathuluri, CND Staff

Mr. Prince Edwin, Chennai, CND Media Staff (office)

Mrs. Beulah Soruban, Chennai, PT Staff (office)

Mr. Wilson, Chennai, PT Staff (office)

Mr. Sathish, Chennai, Office Staff

Mr. Sunder Singh Babu, CND Staff Secretary

Scan to Register



Last Date to Register: 30 Sept. 2023

Contribution:

Family: Rs. 1000

Single Tentmaker: Rs. 500

Missionary Student: Rs. 250

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Appreciation

CND Committee and CND Cell Committees appreciates the services of Mr. Jacob Varghese, as CND Staff Secretary, and Mrs. Jessy Jacob as CND Staff in Charge for UIT and Campus Link and Mr. Prabhu Vara Kumar, CND Staff in Charge for Networking Cell and Promotions, Mrs. Nitu Masih, CND Addl. Staff for Hindi Literature Cell



Adieu



Bro. Asir Thiyagarajan was an active graduate and joined as Staff of UESI-TN on 1-Jun-2005 and got retired from UESI on 30-Sept-23 as NEGF Staff. His contribution to NEGF Department is significant in reviving Evangelical Graduate, encouraging Tentmakers and revision of Saved to Serve. UESI wishes him all the best.



Prayer Diary

First Sunday

Tuesday

Last Friday

First Saturday (National Dawn Prayer@5 am)

OCTOBER 2023

16 NEGF
Thank God for NDOP to NEGF & SDD on 23 & 24 Sept. **Pray** for TM Biennial conference from 21st–23rd Oct at Gurugram, Five NEGF Cells; Implementation of annual plans; Release of (1) EU-to-EGF transition E-packet, (2) Mentoring Month booklet and (3) Evangelical Graduate Quarterly.

17 UESI Odisha
Pray for effective functioning of MPCs in all regions; Preparations of State Annual Conference scheduled from 21st – 23rd Oct; Availability of a committed Cell Parent to each EU Cell; Every student and graduate to involve in Personal Evangelism.

18 Uttarakhand
Thank God for the three Evangelistic Camps at Uttarkashi, Kumaun, and Dehradun; One day retreat at Srinagar; DTCs conducted at Roorkee and Dehradun; Board Orientation Program at Dehradun and Gospel Evenings organized at various places in the state.

19 Uttarakhand
Pray for State Annual Conference from 21st–23rd Oct; Staff Fellowship on 24th Oct; Effective functioning of UK-EGF, UK-SPEC, UK-SSC, UK-SDC, UK-ECHO, Regional Committees; DTCs at Kumaun, Srinagar and Uttarkashi; Financial need of 2.5L per month; MPC formation in the state.

20 Himachal Pradesh
Thank God for orientation of HP State EGF Committee and Sunder Nagar ICEU. **Pray** for EGF fellowship initiated at Shimla after long gap to be continued; State level DTC to be held from 22nd to 25th October 2023; Right participants from HP to attend NZ Conference.

21 UESI Andhra Pradesh
Thank God for State Level EU & EGF Treasurers' Meet was conducted effectively from 2nd–3rd Sep 2023 at UESI-AP Centre, Nambur; State Level "Abba Father" program that was conducted meaningfully for the couples waiting for children from 16th–18th Sep at UESI-AP Study Centre, Nambur.

22 UESI Andhra Pradesh
Pray for follow up of students who newly accepted Christ; Effective functioning of Micro Prayer Cells, Bible Studies, and fasting prayers; Senior students may continue their contribution in terms of implementing MPCs, reviving BBS & EBS cells; All Discipleship Training Camps in our State.

23 Haryana
Thank God for Tentmaker Someswar - is able to witness at his school and is helpful in local ministry at Kamal. **Pray** for urgent need for 1 regional staff family for Central region; Atleast 1 local coordinator to be raised in every region of (6 regions).

24 Rajasthan
Thank God for reaching Neighbour's Envisioning program on 16th September went well; His guidance in conducting the state Prayer Conference at Ajmer; UESI Formation Day program went well; Daily state prayer meet is going well.

25 Rajasthan
Pray for State Annual Conference; Requirement for more coordinators; Understanding the new district and regional map of Rajasthan; God may grant new openings in our focus cities; Active involvement of all regional committees; Staff Conference.

UESI Finance and Administration Dept. (FAD)
26
Thank God that staff salary for September was disbursed; Staff salary revision policy draft sent to all states for inputs. **Pray** for accumulated deficit (more than a crore) to be cleared; Regular contribution from young graduates, one-time and occasional contributors; Monthly gap of 8-10 Lakh to be met.

UESI Finance and Administration Dept. (FAD)
27
Pray for work and implementation of centralized accounting software; Inner Working Manual (Part 4) Finance and Admin Manual-form Task Group and complete the work; All states to submit the pending audit document as per statutory audit requirements and file IT return.

28 UESI Gujarat
Thank God for State CMTC Module 2 completed successfully with 17 students; Functioning of various Departments and Cells to support the field ministry. **Pray** for State RPDP focusing on IBS in October; State Missions Conference planned in November 2023; Need of more staff and coordinators.

29 UESI UP
Thank God for UESI-UP specific LRP-2030 planning completed; Online State prayer is happening on 15th of every month; His provision for August 2023. **Pray** for State Secretary for UP to be appointed soon; Second line leadership; Orientation of few State cells and regions to be completed.

30/31 UESI UP: East Region
Thank God for new Bible studies started in Azamgarh, Bansdih, Ghosi, Mau, Rasra and Sahbaspur; Graduate contact in Chauri-Chaura and Sidharth Nagar. **Pray** for RCT team to build up regional ministry at East region; Need of a Staff family for this region.

Chhattisgarh
1
Thank God for 5 Evangelistic Camps organized fruitfully, many accepted Christ; 3 places have done follow ups. **Pray** for Bhilai & Jagdalpur Evangelistic Camps; North Central Regional DTC; State EU & EGF Conference to be held Successfully -Expected delegates may participate without fail.

UESI Training Department
2
Thank God for 5 Modules completed effectively in Study Center. **Pray** for project on Motivational Bible Studies to be completed; TD Committee meeting in November 2023; Hindi Training Cell - Arrangements to be done for RPDP on Christmas message, RPDP on Aims and Core Values may go as planned.

UESI Kerala
3
Thank God for the Prayer focus meeting and prayer rallies in the pioneering centers under FMC; The new initiatives to address post-Covid challenges; The ministry is reviving at many places; Newly joined graduate helper; New student center at Trivandrum. **Pray** for financial needs of the state.

UESI Kerala
4
Pray for need of more staff worker; God will meet the urgent need of a family to take care of the UESI Centre near Kozhikkode NIT; Follow-up of students who attended DTCs and for the preparations of the next year CMTC; More cell groups to be started.

Sikkim
5
Thank God for the 3 units that organized Freshers' meet; New believer students in Sikkim University & Sikkim Manipal University. **Pray** for a meaningful visit to West and South Sikkim; Evangelistic programs preparation in November; Graduates lives and involvement; State financial needs.

Bihar
6
Thank God for new EBS started at Magadha University; North East Region conducted Student's retreat at Araria; New student contacts at IIIT Bhagalpur & Polytechnic college, Katihar; Evangelistic camp conducted at Duncan Nursing college; Evangelistic retreat conducted at Madhubani.

Bihar
7
Pray for Regional DTC and Conference in all 4 regions; Whole night prayer planned by Gaya EGF; Evangelistic retreat at Bhabua; South West Region and Patna Region combined Regional conference planned from 18th–20th Nov; Regular EGF at Sonali & Madhepura; Suitable place to buy for Bihar EGF office.

Goa
8
Thank God for the LTC conducted and all those who participated; All the new committee members and CMOP conducted at state level for the members; Planning of the year done at the state level and by the ICEUs; EGF fellowship planned to be restarted; Contacts of the freshers.

Goa
9
Pray for MPCs to resume soon; Meet freshers personally and mentor them; Effective functioning of all committee members; Restart four cells and start two new groups; Effective and regular involvement of all our graduates; Programs planned for this year to be conducted well.

Punjab
10
Thank God for Amritsar ICEU reshuffling and orientation on 2nd Sep; New BBS started in Thapar University, Patiala; Bro. Ved Parkash (local coordinator) has joined as a national staff trainee; Bro. Prabhuvara Kumar's visit to different centers was an encouragement to students, graduates and staff.

Punjab
11
Pray for effective Bible studies with students and graduates across the state; Local graduates to understand the ministry well and own it; Student Initiative to develop in all four regions; Monthly financial need of 90k; Effective functioning of ICEUs, regional committees and State EC

UESI Karnataka
12
Thank God for the DTC conducted by North Region where 20 students attended; North-East Region Committee formed and CMOP was conducted; One-day retreat in Chitradurga where 25 new students and graduates were blessed; Ministry in Chikkaballapura started; 10 EBS and 15 BBS happening in Bangalore city.

UESI Karnataka
13
Pray for 2 GDLCs (Graduates Deeper Life Convention) in North and South of the State in November; West Regional Conference planned in the month of November; Planning for the Women's Camp in the month of January; Writers' Workshop to be conducted in different regions.

IFES Denmark: KFS
14
Pray that Jesus would reveal himself to the non-Christian students attending the Uncover Bible study groups that launched after the mission week; Faithfulness and endurance for the Christian students who have started new Bible study groups or had friends come to one of the events.

IFES Denmark: KFS
15
Pray that the Christian Union in Aarhus will seize moments of openness among students to share Jesus with their friends; The recent mission week had fewer talks because of fewer members in the Christian Union - Lord will provide more Christian students to help at next year's mission.

UESI Uttar Pradesh President speaks ...

Please tell me briefly about yourself and your family.

My name is N. T. Murthy. I married Nancy Beulah on 30-May-1998, and God blessed us with two sons and a daughter. Our Eldest son, Abel Hermon completed his B. Tech. and was an EU student of Allahabad, our second son Ebenezer Horeb is presently doing MBA and actively involving in G. Noida ICEU, and our daughter Lystra Hadassah, is doing her B. Sc. in Gaziabad and attending EU. We are in North India for the last 33 years.

How did you come to know Christ?

One of the senior students motivated me to attend a camp and this camp brought a great turning point in my life. I accepted the Lord Jesus as my Saviour on 11-Aug-1990 in Northern Circars Regional Truth Camp (evangelistic) at Niddavole, A.P. I experienced an inexpressible joy and peace. I am so grateful to God and to the senior student.

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

I have been engaged with UESI since 1990 as an EU student at Bhimavaram ICEU. Bhimavaram ICEU Committee and Senior Advisors guided me to find God's will and to take up the role of the President of ICEU for 1991-92. During that time, God used our committee to reach out to many students and fulfil EU aims with the support of senior advisors: Mrs. Nirmala and Mrs. Padmasree. That same year Mr. Surendra Parmar, then UESI General Secretary, visited and mentioned in his newsletter that Bhimavaram EU is the Best EU in the country as per his observation. The same year Nirgaman Team of Students, Graduates and Staff from North India, under the leadership of Bro. Emmanuel Benjamin, visited our EU to learn the effective functioning of EUs in South India. UESI-AP emphasized Student initiative Policy.

I committed myself in EU Missions retreat in 1992 to go as a missionary student to North India and God opened the doors to do my masters in Vikram University, Ujjain, MP, where God enabled me to witness to the students from other faiths and to start Bible studies. It was a time of great spiritual revival in MPEGF and few locals came to the Lord, became EGF members and fulltime pastors and now are giving leadership in UESI.

After my studies at Ujjain, I continued in North India as a graduate at Ratlam, Rajahmundry, Nellore, Rajnandgaon, Kanpur, Lucknow, and took different roles. I worked with WVI for 28 years in MP, AP, CG, and UP. For more than a decade, we as family stayed in UP and opened our home to students

and graduates and mentored students and young graduates. Since 2021, I have been discharging the role as President of UESI-UP though I was totally reluctant to take up this role due to fear and unworthiness. After spending time in fasting and prayer for 3 days, God gave promise from Isa 41:10 that God will be with me to strengthen and uphold with His hand.

I am also a member in the National Staff Development Department (NSDD), and SDD Pastoral Care Cell Chair. Through these roles, God shaped me to be more humble and responsible. Since July 2023, I have been a full-time Evangelist and consultant to Mission organizations.

What role has UESI played in influencing your life and faith?

The daily quiet time, inductive Bible Study, in-depth and Bible teaching in UESI helped me to be strong in my faith. The love, concern and personal care of graduates and their open homes including sharing over their dinner tables and the sacrificial and simple life style of graduates, senior students and leaders at all levels influenced me to continue with UESI and it became my first priority and motivated me to initiate Bible studies for students and EGFs for graduates.

How has the ministry progressed in UP since its decentralization?

I served as UPEGF Treasurer before the UP was decentralised. During the process of decentralization, we made meticulous plans so that all our graduates and staff may not lose focus on the grass root ministry. Since Decentralisation in 2018, we could see the progress by the hand of the Lord (Acts 11:21).

- Initially, our Affiliated ICEUs were completely dependent on UESI Staff based in their cities. Now Graduates have taken ownership to have well developed Senior Advisors. Our regional staff are supporting by periodic visit, and are able to focus on new strategic bases. So we have few more functional centres and many more contact centres now in UP.
- We have developed good systems and procedures to enable our routine state level operations. This helped us to be more disciplined (struggling though) to focus more on field and develop second line of leadership.
- We have trained and developed our staff to focus on field and sharpen their



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administrative skills. We are progressing in the Staff-Graduate Joint ownership in the ministry. We are trying to make use of God-given special spiritual gifts to each individual.

- There are more graduates (young, middle aged and seniors) involved in regional and state level now as compared to the times of non-decentralization.

What are the challenges faced in the UESI UP ministry and what strategies are adopted to overcome them?

- Due to current state government policies on false forced conversions, Christians in UP and some graduates have faced legal action and suffering. We are learning to cope, to be careful and continue our work on campuses and through open homes.
- During the pandemic our field ministry was almost wiped out, but, National monthly prayer times encouraged us and inspired us to start the State Prayer Day on 15th of each month, and we are continuing it faithfully. Ultimately, our field work is being revived slowly.
- Due to the pandemic and FCRA impact, many Christian organizations are suffering. Many of our graduates lost jobs and few left UP. It impacted our ministry in some cities and hugely our finances.
- We are continuing our efforts for EU to EGF transitions and developing 2nd line leadership in all levels.

*"The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save
He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." Zeph 3:17*

The Lord is mighty and He is in the midst of UP in spite of persecutions we are facing, He will do mighty things as He did in the early church.

Consumerism is "Investment Negated"

Last month, we discussed on the tendency of excessive spending and its consequences. We also saw a stagnant approach to the UESI income trend over the past many years. Let's continue this point.

What benefit is all this wasteful spending to us? Some may argue that excessive spending is good for the economy. But we miss the fact that excessive demand, shoots the price of goods northwards. Moreover, excessive spending will leave a great dent on our financial stability. We spend, we use, and our money is gone. Instead, let's start thinking about how we can boost our stability and thereby, build the kingdom of God through generous giving.

Our approach shouldn't be like the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32). Here we see some similarity between people living today and people living during Bible times. The younger son wants to have a grab on his share even before his father has made up his mind to divide the assets among his two sons. There was nothing wrong about the request of the younger son towards his father. The issue over here is the timing. The request of the younger son was premature. It wasn't because of the younger son's need, but his inability to wait for the right time; his extreme desire to get hold of his father's share.

We are also in a similar situation these days. We tend to go for things which we don't need. Just because of peer pressure or just to maintain our status in the society, we tend to have or buy things. This is where patience and discernment are required. Let's earnestly pray for God's wisdom in executing our purchasing power.

Now let's connect it with the UESI situation. Below is a table of the contribution which came to the national from various contributor types.

Contributors	Contributors (2022-23)	Compared to 2021-22
EGF	96	2.5%
EU	61	16.8%
Individuals	594	20.8%
State UESI	17	-0.3%
Grand Total	768	7.7%



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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.

Please note the bank account details to send your contributions through online transfer / NEFT / EFT or write your cheques in favour of UESI and deposit locally. We request you to send your details such as name, place, date of remittance, purpose, amount (and address if contributing for the first time) through an e-mail to **contributions@uesi.in** or SMS details to 0944 5431478.

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April - September 2023 (in Lakhs)		
Avg. Month Income	28.28	
Staff Salary	28.56	69%
Pension	0.58	1%
Staff Future Benefit (EPF, NPS, MUT)	3.39	8%
Reimbursement	0.66	2%
Admin Expenses	1.35	3%
Shifting	0.39	1%
Northfield (Allot)	1.67	4%
Dept. Expenses	0.97	2%
Highfield Support	0.38	1%
Children Education	0.93	2%
AGM Expenses	1.94	5%
Mediclaim	0.65	2%
Avg. Month Expenses	41.47	
Avg. Month Deficit	13.19	
Total Accum. Deficit	79.14	

Projected Expenses for October 2023 (in Lakhs)	
October 2023 Salary	29.95
Pension	0.58
Reimbursement	1.00
Admin.	1.50
Staff Future Benefit (EPF, NPS & MUT)	3.50
Department (Staff Travel, Study Center)	2.00
Northfield	2.00
Highfield Support	0.35
Total Projected Expenses October 2023	40.88
Deficit upto September 2023	-79.14
Total funds Required in October 2023	120.02

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