

# NEWSLETTER

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## VISION

“Presenting the life changing message of Jesus Christ to every young person.”

## MISSION

“To participate in the body of Christ in responsible evangelism of youth presenting them with the person, work and teachings of Christ and discipling them into the Church.”

## QUICK TO LISTEN AND SLOW TO SPEAK

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, TAKE NOTE OF THIS: EVERYONE SHOULD BE QUICK TO LISTEN, SLOW TO SPEAK AND SLOW TO BECOME ANGRY  
**JAMES 1:19 (NIV)**

**Sham Mohan**

National Executive Director (NED), India Youth for Christ (IYFC)



Do you know research proves an average person has only a 17 second ability to listen before he/she interrupts.

We pray to God with an assurance that He listens to us. We feel blessed and comforted with this assurance and hope. In our effort to reflect God in our lives everyday, listening to one another is important. Then as leaders listening to people whom we connect and work with is an essential skills in leadership today.

Listening in this context is not a parent or teacher telling their children or students to comply. Of course in relationship to God; whatever responsibility or role God blessed us with, we are His children and student of His word. But listening here is to care for and understand one another.

Some are gifted with inborn ability to listen to others in conversations and some are not. But in honesty, this is like learning a new language. If we put a little bit of our effort we can improve. Any new language needs time and patience.

There are four levels of listening by Steven Covey, who is the author of “[Seven Habits of Highly Effective People](#)”.

**Pretend, Ignore, Selective and Attentive** listening.

The highest form of listening is emphatic listening, the intention is to understand others not to just reply.

Emphatic listening helps to understand people better and add value to a person by listening as they speak, to their inner cry, pain, disappointment, frustration, and happiness. Listening helps the other ease their chest out. Most of the time we think leaders should always open their mouth and speak to people for direction. I understand we can direct people without opening our mouth and listening emphatically instead.

Listening is the most primary and powerful way to respond to people whom we are engaged with. As we develop this skill, which also develops our emotional strength. An emotional strength which makes relationship stronger by building trust between one another.

I know in counseling the key word & skill always taught is to LISTEN.

Listening only helps people whom we engaged to add their value, also adds their confidence and brings healing, especially when they are discouraged and disappointed.

There are internal and external listening - internal to listen to ourselves and external to listen to the people whom we are engaged with.

How do we go about it? **It is by planning and making time to listen...**time is a precious commodity, our schedule is often titled as busy, or blocked and hence we think we have no time.

When we consider listening to someone as a privilege and an opportunity to bless, we will always make it part of our priority in our daily schedule.

To relate effectively to our family, friends and fellow workers we must learn to listen. I heard that **a good leader is a good learner and good learner is a good listener.**

“I stopped crying for shoes till I saw somebody without feet” Listening brings awareness about others as well as about ourselves. It is difficult to develop this skill but it is not impossible.

Today young people hear us through their eyes, why not we as leaders see others through our ears ?

— HOLD BACK RESPONSE.

— ALLOW PERSON TO FINISH THEIR SENTENCE.

— CLARIFY BY ASKING QUESTIONS.

— THINK DEEPLY BEFORE GIVING YOUR RESPONSE ANSWERS.

— STAY AWAY FROM TEACHER... TEACHING MODE.

# NORTH INDIA

**PRAY FOR** our youth digest and youth touch magazine and subscribe.

## DELHI

Youth Camp - Thrive, held from 3rd to 7th June in Dehradun was very fruitful. We Praise God for the way in which the campers responded. We have witnessed the mighty hand of God during the camp and even after it. Young people made genuine commitments to the Lord in the areas of complacency, accountability and submission. The camp follow-up was held on the 24th of June.



## MUMBAI TAMIL

The Youth gathering at Methodist Tamil Church, Arey Colony. God's word on 'Continue in the grace of God' was shared by Mr. Bagyaraj. We thank Rev. Isaac Paulraj and volunteers for their help in arrangements. Staff and volunteers thanksgiving meet was held at YFC.



# NORTH EAST INDIA

## SHILLONG

### Home club

Every month we are conducting home club and youth movement conference in Shillong. It has been a great blessing and has impacted many young people.



### Evening Praise and Worship



## KOLKATTA

### Bible club

This is the Bible club at Ling Liang high school. They minister to among 300 school children.



# CENTRAL INDIA

## CHANDRAPUR

The ongoing discipleship training for the young people with the partnership of FMPB. This is the first time youth ministry has been introduced to this area as hundreds of young people live here.



# TESTIMONY

## CHANDAN AKA SANJOJ KUMAR PASWAN



He lived a lonely life in spite of living among the crowds of Mumbai city but kept to himself, never trusting anybody because of what he used to see on the streets day after day, night after night.

Like any other homeless in search of work and livelihood, he landed in Hyderabad. YDC staff and their work has made Sanoj open up about his life on the streets with the willingness to trust the staff to help him shape his life to be a righteous, dignified and secured one.

Through the help of YDC he joined a 3 months Motor Bike mechanic course in the month of December, 2016 and has successfully finished it by the end of February, 2017. Today Sanoj is working as a Mechanic in one of the Hero bike showrooms in Hyderabad.

On Sundays he attends a Hindi language church and he is also part of the bible study group for converts.

YDC's dream for his life is that after the perfection in his trade and work that he would go back to Mumbai, become a tent making missionary and work among the homeless people there.

WISHING YOU A  
*Merry Christmas*  
AND A PROSPEROUS  
*New Year.*

# LAST CHRISTMAS

## CHANDRAPUR

The youth shared the good news through choreography in the Christmas program.



## DELHI

We had school outreach Programs during the Christmas season. Our chairman, Rev. Samson R. Nath was miraculously healed.



## KARUR

We had a successful family Christmas get together program on 3rd December.



## KODAIKANAL

- We conducted a Christmas program at CSITA.
- We were able to visit 120 houses and share the good news through carol singing.
- We conducted a Christmas program at Oothu and the good news was shared to 30 children.



## BEZALE-EL

We conducted a Christmas Program for the other faith free tuition children and their parents. Children were excited to participate and at the end of the program the good news was shared.



## NAGPUR

The children rejoiced during the Christmas Program.



## ZILPHA

We have a Christmas Program at Zilpha and the Students were encouraged.



# SOUTH INDIA

## ANDAMAN

### Sports camp

We had a successful sports camp at the Andaman Islands from 12th – 16th January with the theme “Get-Set-Go”. About 230 athletes from the islands participated with zeal to choose their carrier in sports. We shared God’s word on how to grow and glow in Him in the days to come.



### Teacher’s retreat

We had a teacher’s retreat for the teachers of St. Xavier School, Manarghat for two days. We taught them on leadership skills, qualities of a teacher, balanced life, goal settings and some exercise on skill development along with a counseling season on ME, STUDENT & SCHOOL.



## YDC HYDERABAD

### Hope Hyderabad 2017 ARK

Meaningful and fruitful Hope Hyderabad 2017 ARK (Act of Random Kindness) Campaign was organised on the 28th of Jan, 2017. 80 youth students and corporate employees participated. They visited five underprivileged groups have interacted with them. There were Trafficked victims, Juvenile observation Centre Teens ,Street kids, Street youth ,Old age people and destitute.



## VELLORE:

We had a wonderful retreat held on August 15th where 40 people attended.



## VIZAG

### Youth Get together

15th April 2017 – (God’s Girl) it was a closed group of 14 girls who spent the whole day sharing their stories, concerns and praying for each other. Mrs. Salomi Wesley shared her story to encourage the girls.



### Seminar

Meaningful seminar ‘Get, Set, Go’ was organised at Batawaram village Methodist Church youth to help students in their academic year planning on 30th July, 2017.

Meaningful and fruitful ‘Get, Set, Go’ seminar organised at Bennur Village Methodist Church youth on the 20th of August, 2017.



# STAFF NEWS

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

### Junior staff training, 2017



The junior staff training which was held from 13th-17th march, 2017 at our Bezale-el Center, Chennai.



**GRATEFUL TO YFCI FOR THE RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**

### Staff Conference May 2017:

The Lord blessed us in this time of fellowship, learning and planning at the Staff Conference. Dr. Ronwell and Garry from USA participated and also Mr. Noel from Daily Bread preaches God's word and taught about relationships in the family. Many of Our Staff were challenged and rededicated their lives to serve the Lord faithfully among the many struggles and discouragements that they face.



### Director's Conference, 2017

The Director's conference which was held from 3rd – 4th September, 2017 at our Bezale-el Center, Chennai.



# PROJECT

## BUILDING RENOVATION WORK AT BEZALE-EL



## 2017 SUMMER MISSION TRAINING SCHOOL

SMTS was held at Zilpa from 24th to 28th April, 2017. 25 people attend the training from Vidarbha and Chattisgarh. It was beneficial for all. Various subjects were taught.

**Resource Persons:** Prof- John (Mission India Theological Seminary, Nagpur)

**O.T and N.T Survey:** Dr. Enoch - BASIC BIBLE Doctrines,  
Miss. Tabitha - BASIC APOLOGETICS,  
Mr. Sunil Devalpalli - HOLISTIC MINISTRY,  
Rev. S.K Paul - BASIC BIBLE INTERPRETATION

## GIVING TO INDIA YFC

### India Youth For Christ [Account details for India](#)

Name of Account : **INDIA YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

Account Number : **0974101020067**

Bank Name : **Canara Bank**

IFSC Code : **CNRB0000974**

Bank Branch : **Plot A12, LI Avenue, Anna Nagar East, Chennai 600102**

### India Youth For Christ [International Account](#)

Account number : **612**

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## FUTURE PROGRAMS

MEDIA TRAINING ON DECEMBER 4-6, 2017 AT CHENNAI HQ.

MDC MEETING ON DECEMBER 7-8, 2017 AT CHENNAI HQ.

IYFC RESOURCE MOBILIZATION WORKSHOP- FUND RAISING CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 30TH- FEBRUARY 1ST, 2018 AT CHENNAI BEZALE-EL.

DIRECTOR'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ON APRIL 2018 2ND WEEK AT MALAYSIA.

TASKS- NATIONAL YLTS 2018 ON MAY 3-6 AT ECC, BANGALORE.

ASPIRE ON MAY 13-17, 2018 AT SRILANKA.

STAFF CONFERENCE ON MAY 18-21, 2018 AT ECC, BANGALORE.

## "GEARED TO THE TIMES... ANCHORED TO THE ROCK"



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