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Jivan Sandesh Ministries

Newsletter April 2024

"Finally, brothers (sisters), pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you."(2 Thess.3: 2 NIV)

Dear prayer partners,

Loving greetings from Jivan Sandesh in the matchless and sweetest name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are thankful to our gracious God for we have received another year to serve Him through different ministries of Jivan Sandesh. We are always thankful to our C&MA leaders, generous donors, and faithful prayer supporters. We appreciate the love, concern, and encouragement we received throughout 2023.

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ drives away all our Tears and Fears. Christ's resurrection from the dead assures us of what's going to happen to us when we die. Christ's resurrection gives us the ultimate comfort in the face of death. Easter Sunday proves to us that our God has power over death. Jesus was victorious over His death. And if Jesus has power over His death, then He most certainly has power over our death, too. Many of us have stood where Mary stood early on that first Easter Sunday morning. **"Mary stood outside Jesus' tomb, weeping."** Many of us have shed tears over the death of someone close to us, someone whom we love dearly. And some of us have grappled with fears over facing our own time of death.

"The doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews. . . ."

Their leader had just been crucified as a threat to Caesar. Their fear is understandable. And into that fear, Jesus comes. "the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them." The point here is that he came right into the middle of their meeting. He did not come to the edge and call out through the wall and deal with them as a distant deity.

So what did He say? Two times He said, **"Peace be with you"**: Before Jesus says anything He wants to establish peace. We don't initiate peace with Jesus by our actions. He initiates peace with us. The peace that Jesus offered the disciples is peace that He accomplished when He died for us on the cross. And how do we receive this? Everybody doesn't have it. It's a gift of God. We receive it. Or we walk away from it. Or better to say: we receive Him. Or walk away from Him. He is our peace. If you have the risen, living Christ as your Savior, Lord, Treasure, and Friend, you have the peace that He gives — the peace that He is.

And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, **"Receive the Holy Spirit"** Jesus was going to pour out the Holy Spirit when he ascended into

spoken by a Man she had been assuming was a gardener-one word from that Man whose true identity had been hidden from her until He said **"Mary."** And then she knew the truth. This Man was no gardener and Lord Jesus Christ was no longer dead. It was Him. Lord Jesus Christ lives. Christ has risen. And that truth is that we have the Lord Jesus Christ who rose from the dead and who is very much alive today, changes everything for us, too. Our Lord Jesus Christ lives to drive away all of our tears. So instead of Tears, the Risen Lord gave a reason for Pleasure.

read about it in the first chapter of Acts. **"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you"** Acts 1:8. The work of the Holy Spirit that Jesus gives is that He makes us able to do what we are simply not able to do on our own. He gave them power. Here again, instead of Fear, the Risen Lord gave disciples Peace and Power.

Wishing Everyone a **Happy Resurrection Day....**

Robinson Christian
Chairman-Jivan Sandesh Ministries



JIVAN SANDESH APPLICATION

Jivan Sandesh App helps the listener to grow spiritually in the Word of the Lord. Friends, if you begin your day by listening to Jivan Sandesh's Gujarati daily devotion, it will refresh your soul and give peace to the heart. Take time to listen and encourage others to listen.

Thankful to God for 2747 listeners from 27 countries from October 2023 to March 2024. Glory to his Name!

Month	Series	Episodes
November	Daily Devotion	31
	Sermon On the Mount	6
December	Daily Devotion	31
	Christmas-Fulfillment of promise	1
	New Year- New Blessings	1
January	Daily Devotion	31
	Christ Centred Christian Life	9
February	Daily Devotion	29
	Psalms – Ascent Songs	4

Jivan Sandesh's passion is to increase Bible literacy in Gujarat by engaging people in the Bible and connecting them with the Author in order to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We use the right handling of the word of truth by sound preachers and teachers to teach the word of God systematically on YouTube Channel.

Month	Video Series	Episodes
October	Sermon On the Mount	3
	Christ Centred Christian Life	1
November	Christ Centred Christian Life	5
	Christ Centred Christian Life	4
December	The Saviour is born- Christmas - Song	1
	Christmas-Fulfillment of promise	
January	New Year -Song	1
	New Year- New Blessings	1
February	Gujarati Christian Song	1
	Standing Firm in the Storms of Life	1



FOLLOW UP MINISTRY

Grateful to our God for enabling Mr. Renison Christian to encourage friends through correspondence and phone. We thank the Lord for providing wisdom and guidance in the follow-up work. Kindly pray that those who are engaged with the word of God may be strengthened in their faith and are drawn one step closer to him.



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

"Design for Discipleship" Bible study leads us towards becoming mature disciples of the Lord Jesus. It gives us direction as well as guidance. After the birth, nutritious food plays an important role in the growth of the child. In the same manner, the "Design for Discipleship" Bible study provides important spiritual food for the growth of a person who has come into a relationship with the Lord Jesus. This Bible study is result-oriented and leads us towards Christian maturity.

Do you want to study God's word systematically? If you want..... Then 1) Growing Strong in God's Family 2) Deepening Your Roots in God's Family 3) Bearing Fruit in God's Family, are for you. Contact us for systematic Bible study in Gujarati, Hindi and English.



NARI JIVAN SANCHAR SEVA (WOMEN EMPOWERMENT MINISTRY)

The purpose of the women's retreat is to grow spiritually and socially. They may get encouragement and guidance in practical life. So they may live exemplary lives in the church, society, and at workplace.

Considering this purpose, NJS planned a women retreat on 18th February 2024 at Bethel Methodist Church- Ananad. MR. Robin J. Mitra shared from the word of God on Sunday worship service. Mrs. Rita Christian shared from the word of God in the woman retreat. NJS members taught in the small group.



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Jivan Sandesh planned a one-day retreat for couples on 5th November 2023 from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm in Alliance Church Sionnagar. 4 couples participated. Mr. Madhu Christian and Mr. Robin Mitra taught the following subjects. Like, Love in Marriage, Time Management, and Forgiveness in Marriage.



Jivan Sandesh planned a Hing Fellowship on 24th October 2023 at Alliance Church Sionngar. The theme verse was "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor.9:7). Methodist D.S. Rev. Smita Rozia encouraged and challenged from the word of God. Mr. Enock Christian presented Jivan Sandesh Ministries' information. We appreciated the volunteers' service in collecting the donation. 350 (+) persons participated in the fellowship. Finally, we had lunch together.



JIVAN SANDESH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

We met as Jivan Sandesh family on January 6th, 2024 to thank the Lord for HIS faithfulness during 2023 and to commit ourselves and the planning for the year 2024. Jivan Sandesh family involves families of Staff, Board and Society members and all the volunteers who are actively helping in the ministry. Total 100 (+) people met

has decided to promote Mr. Enock Christian as the Director to carry the Torch of leadership. To guide and mentor the new leadership and to keep the pace of development of the ministry Jivan Sandesh Board decided to reappoint Mr. David Christian as a Minister at large.

On this occasion, board & society members, supporters, volunteers, and Jivan Sandesh family were present to worship the Lord for HIS faithfulness. Gujarat CNI pastor Rev. & Dr. Hemant Parmar delivered an encouraging message. Rev. & Dr. Hemant Parmar elevated with Rev. Philip Christian, Mr. Madhu Christian, Mr. Robinson Christian, Mr. David Christian, Mr. Suman Christian, and Mr. Robin Mitra. Offered the prayer of dedication for new leader Mr. Enock Christian. JSM Chairman Mr. Robinson Christian explained the transition process of leadership and promised the new leader, full support and cooperation by the JSM Board.

We give all glory to HIM and HIM alone. Continue to pray for the wisdom from above to the new leadership of Jivan Sandesh.



DEDICATION PRAYER FOR MR. ENOCK CHRISTIAN

planning of the ministry for the year 2024. Mr. Arnon C. Christian gave very encouraging and challenging message from Isaiah 41:10. We give all the glory and honour to our living Lord for providing committed and dedicated team of volunteers. They are the "Special People" for the Jivan Sandesh.



FELICITATION AND DEDICATION CEREMONY

Jivan Sandesh Ministries has arranged a FELICITATION AND DEDICATION CEREMONY on 30th March 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Prayer Hall Alliance Church Sionngar. Jivan Sandesh is a registered organization with specific rules and regulations. As per the Jivan Sandesh manual, the retirement age for the staff is sixty-three years. As, Mr. David Christian has completed thirty-three years of faithful service with JSM and retired on 31st March 2024 at the age of sixty.

God used Rev & Mrs. Elmer Entz to plant the seed of Jivan Sandesh Ministries in 1962. It was in 1992 the "Torch" was passed on to Mr. Madhu Christian and in 2014 the "Torch" was passed on to Mr. David Christian to take the responsibilities as a director of the Jivan Sandesh ministry to extend the Kingdom of God. Under the leadership and teamwork of the staff and volunteers, the Jivan Sandesh Ministries has spread its wings at local, state, national, and international levels. God has used them to utilize God-given talents and gifts to develop different ministry departments and take Jivan Sandesh to new heights. We praise God for their commitment and dedication.



PRaise FOR:

1. Jivan Sandesh could upload programmes on Multi-Media.
2. Seekers Seminar at Spiritual Center Bharuch.
3. Women Seminar at Bethel Methodist Church-Aanand.
4. Jivan Sandesh could held Hing Fellowship at Alliance Church Sionngar.
5. Jivan Sandesh could held JSM Family Fellowship at Alliance Church Sionngar.
6. Provided wisdom and guidance to Mr. Renison J. Christian for the Gujarat follow-up work.
7. Provided wisdom and guidance to Mr. Jackson J. Christian for the audio and video work.
8. Provided opportunities to teach in different churches and organizations



PRAY FOR:

1. Every Wednesday Bible study – Design for Discipleship at 9:00 p.m.
 2. Jivan Sandesh Multimedia ministry.
 3. Jivan Sandesh Organization members and board members and their families.
 4. Jivan Sandesh staff 'health and protection.
 5. Jivan Sandesh yearly budget 2750,000/-
 6. Volunteers of Jivan Sandesh who collect donations.
 7. Planning of Women Empowerment
- Bible Quiz on 1 Corinthians on June 2 or 16, 2024.
 - Women's retreat on July 14, 2024 .Theme Verse : Colossians 1:10. Speaker. Mrs. Agnes Amin.
 - 2/7 series seminar on October 11 to 13, 2024.
 - Women's conference for Jivan Sandesh contacts on 14 to 17 November 2024.



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"Praise the lord. I will extol the lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them."

Ps.111:1-2 (NIV)

VISION
REACH THE UNREACHED AND DISCIPLE THE REACHED

MISSION

- TO TEACH THE WORD OF GOD WITH CLARITY, SIMPLICITY AND AUTHORITY TO THOSE WHO ARE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH, IN ORDER TO BRING THEM TO THE ULTIMATE TRUTH JESUS CHRIST.
- TO EQUIP AND EMPOWER THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST TO GROW TOWARD SPIRITUAL MATURITY AND LEADERSHIP.

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