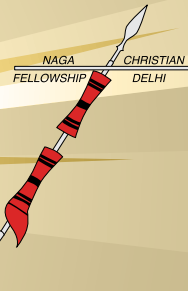


# Spark

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## EDITORIAL

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23*

The journey of this issue of SPARK, we have to admit; has been a bumpy one. The zeal that we started with waned with every setback that we came across. The original layout we imagined and the final outcome hardly resembles one another. But, here's the profound thing; the way that all our contributors did their part and made this issue a story to be told; goes only to remind us of God's mighty will and

wisdom.

This time, SPARK provides an insight into some of the "ordinary" activities of the NCF, Delhi, through which God works miracles in the lives of its members and visitors. A little reflection is all it takes to recognize the way God encourages us through the body of Christ. Think about how we tend to wait for the big and special events of the Church to remember Christ; but living a Christian life can only

be summed up through the "ordinary" every-days.

It is hard to comprehend how God brings together the people that we call family for His purposes; but He does it every single day and this issue of SPARK serve to remind us of our Lord's constant love and patience. We are blessed to introduce this issue as one that highlights the celebration of ordinary days through an extraordinary God.

## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

More than 2000 years ago, an extraordinary man walked this earth. He did not come from the privileged class nor from any political powerhouse. But wherever He went, He became the center of attention. Something about him set him apart from all other men. Those who witnessed his life said there was something about Jesus Christ which was completely different. And within 3 years of public ministry, he had changed the world and its effect has been felt for the next 20 centuries and still counting!

Unlike many famous personalities who have also walked this earth, Jesus' only credentials was himself. He never was a prolific or a popular writer like a Louise L'amour or a Jackie Rowlings; nor was he a great Commander like a General Patton or a Field Marshall Sam Maneckshaw! Never held a political position like an Abraham Lincoln or owned property like a Queen Elizabeth! He did not travel beyond a hundred miles of his village nor was he as educated as a Stephen Hawking!

Yet his greatness was obvious to



all those who saw and heard him. And while most great and famous people eventually fade into history books, Jesus is still the focus of thousands of books and continues to draw unparalleled media attention. Many great and famous moral and religious figures including self-proclaimed God men have come, accomplished great things and then died and still remain in their grave. Jesus alone had declared that even after he dies and is buried, he would bodily rise again on

the third day. And in this season of Lent and particularly Passion Week leading to His crucifixion, the focus of whether or not Jesus rose from the dead is once again brought to the fore.

Josh McDowell, a former Agnostic who later became a leading Christian Apologist declared that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is one of the most wicked, vicious, heartless hoaxes ever foisted upon the minds of men if proven to be false. He therefore took it upon himself to research and write a legal paper that would examine the historical evidence of the Resurrection in order to disprove it. Instead he found overwhelming evidence to prove that it happened! His research paper culminated in his classic book [The new evidence that demands a verdict.](#)

There have been others who have made such attempts to prove the Resurrection never happened or have come up with intriguing conspiracy theories to disprove the Resurrection. The best-selling Novel [The Da Vinci Code](#) by Dan Brown is one such.

So, what are we to conclude regarding the various conspiracy theories about Jesus Christ?

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Among others, Karen King, professor of ecclesiastical history at Harvard, though a strong advocate of Gnostic teaching concluded, “These notions about the conspiracy theory ... are all marginal ideas that have no historical basis.” But in spite of the lack of historical evidence, conspiracy theories continue to thrive and can still arouse great interest and Good writers can still sell millions of books and successful Hollywood movies are produced as proven by Dan Brown.

On the other side of the spectrum there are several notable, historical and secular sources for the authenticity of the Resurrection. For instance, the Roman governor-historian Tacitus made a fascinating reference to Jesus when describing how Nero martyred 1st century Christians (in AD 65) as scapegoats for the burning of Rome. Here is what he said:

*‘Nero... punished with the most exquisite tortures, the persons commonly called Christians, who were hated for their enormities. Christus, the founder of the name, was put to death by Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea in the reign of*

*Tiberius; but the pernicious superstition, repressed for a time broke out again, not only through Judea, where the mischief originated, but through the city of Rome also’ (Annals XV. 44)*

Another historian, Josephus a Jewish military leader wrote and summarizes the history of the Jewish nation from its beginning up to his time.

*‘At this time there was a wise man... Jesus... good, and... virtuous. And many people from among the Jews and the other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned Him to be crucified and to die. And those who had become his disciples did not abandon his discipleship. They reported that He had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion and that He was alive’... (Antiquities xviii. 33)*

From these glimpses back into the past, it can be seen that the death and Resurrection of Christ was a known and discussed event soon after it had happened. In fact the issue reached a level where the Emperor of Rome felt he had to deal with it. The eyewitnesses to Jesus Christ actually spoke and acted like

they believed he physically rose from the dead after his crucifixion. If they were wrong then Christianity has been founded upon a lie. But if they were right, such a miracle would substantiate all Jesus said about God, himself, and us.

And we can declare and rejoice with Paul when he says:

*“When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.*

*“Where, O death, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting*

*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 (NIV)*

**– Rev. Dr. Noulezhalie Ricky Medom,**  
*Chaplain, Naga Christian Fellowship, Delhi*

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## My Experience

– Jully Shalini



Mrs. Jully Shalini is pictured with her husband Mr. H. Atheli and their son, Aku

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NCF Delhi has been a part of my life ever since the summer of 2005 when I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior. An environment where there is love for the Lord, love for one another and an encouragement for each one's own spiritual discovery tagged along with oodles of fun every step of the way – that to me is what NCF Delhi is and much more.

I was baptized here at NCF Delhi and though my family could not be present for my Baptism, I had a family of believers – Auntie Mene, Naro, Jennifer (these are the few names I could recollect but there were many others – Sorry!) – who made me feel loved and accepted.

One enriching experience in my spiritual journey has been the Bible Study sessions with Auntie Viring. Together, we

went on a journey experiencing God's love through the workbook Experiencing God by Henry Blackaby and Claude King and what a journey it was; and still is!

Pastor Ricky's sermon and sharing is what my husband and I look forward to every Sunday. What gladdens our hearts even more is that our son Khrukreihrü, loves the Sunday school. He eagerly waits for Sunday to come and always keeps his Sunday school bag ready every Saturday evening.

I see NCF Delhi as a place where God's love is celebrated throughout the year. The number of activities we pack into a year is amazing. The mission trip of the Tyrannus boys, Annual Camp, Music and Food Festival, Christmas Celebration, Fête Day, Fresher's Day and many others.

I fondly recall the Visiting Team of the youth from NCF Delhi visiting our home in

October 2015. Getting to know each other more and having Fellowship outside the confines of church; was indeed a time of blessing. I am eagerly waiting for another visit from the team.

Being part of NCF Delhi for the last

10-11 years, has enriched my experience especially in my spiritual life. NCF Delhi as a community of believers sharpens each other's faith and steers one another to exercise that faith in love and good work. All to God's glory it is to be blessed and be a blessing to others.

# Never Let Me Go



– **Shomona Khanna**,  
Advocate, Supreme  
Court of India

*'Yet I am not ashamed,  
because I know whom I have  
believed, and am convinced that  
he is able to guard what I have entrusted  
to him for that day.' 2 Timothy 1: 12*

This opportunity to share a little part of my journey with my family in NCFD is very special, and I hope to make this relevant and meaningful.

Those of you who know me know that my journey as a follower of Christ has been fragmented and bumpy. Born in a Christian family, I grew up inside the comfortable daily resonances of the Lord's prayer, Bible readings, Sunday school and hymns, and paid little heed to it all. When I was eight years old, I remember attending one of those mega-gatherings where there were thousands of people sitting inside a huge *shamiana* and there was an altar call. I think my mother was very startled when I got up and walked towards the enclosure, sat and prayed with an unfamiliar priest and gave my life to Christ.

It was a child's commitment and I don't recall my understanding becoming any deeper, other than the fact that I prayed often and loved to sing hymns. I was older, perhaps fifteen, at the time of my 'confirmation' ceremony, but then too my commitment remained immature, and I continued in this superficial state for many years.

The sudden death of my father brought the first crisis to my faith, and sadly I crumbled beneath it. For fifteen long years, I turned away from God and from the Church, making only face-saving appearances during Christmas and Easter, and even then refusing to partake in the Holy Communion.

In these fifteen years, I grew into an adult. I found my passion for human rights work, discovered my facility for the law, was pushed by my mentors to advance my knowledge and professional skills, and made many dear friends among the "left". It was during this time that I found what I believed to be "true love", got married and had a child. I moved to a small mountain village where I lived and worked for four years. It was all very cool indeed. From the outside, it looked like a very exciting life and even today there are friends who tell me about how envious they were of my "perfect" world, the adventures, the thrilling risks, and the romance of it all.

Those who knew me better knew there was trouble in paradise. Slowly my spirit was fading inside me and everyday; I struggled to keep up a façade of normality. I remember the terror I felt at times when my life force seeped out of me into the ground, a physical experience of slow and steady depletion. Slowly, I became a shadow of my former self. To protect myself, I surrounded myself with walls, becoming increasingly brittle even as those very walls shut out the people I loved and who loved me back.

A friend drew me back to Christ and to NCF, where I first began to get to know Christ as a grown woman. I remember slipping in and out of worship, silent as a shadow, closed behind my protective masks. It took many years before I opened up to others in NCF and allowed myself to be befriended.

Over the years I have learnt to look back at that woman that I once was with compassion and forgiveness, because 'she' was a very strange woman indeed. Walking inside her own personal cumulus nimbus, she made many, many mistakes. Relationships squandered, promises broken, harsh words spoken, opportunities lost, disobedience upon disobedience, and of course, a broken home.

But the Word of God promises us that God works all things for good of those who love Him, and who are called according to His purpose. A friend paraphrased this for me in words that have echoed inside the darkest places of my soul- out of the broken places, grace shines through.

Today I have so much to be grateful for, and sometimes I even become a little complacent about it all. But there is one thing that never ceases to amaze me. And that is how persistent and relentless and unwavering God's commitment to me has been. We are taught, and we believe, that it is our responsibility to make a commitment to God and to keep that commitment,



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and for a greater part that is correct. But what I have found is that; there are times, indeed there are long stretches of times in our lives, when far from keeping the commitment we actively try to break it. God, being a thorough gentleman, does not force His will upon us at such times- we are free to go and make the mistakes and blunders we so arrogantly think we are entitled to. But even then He does not turn His back upon us.

Indeed, I look back at myriad examples of when I have been in horribly dangerous situations, when the distance between me and the abyss has been a fraction of a millimeter, and for reasons I am unable to explain, I have not plunged into that chasm. Perhaps He was holding me by the edge of my *dupatta* till I scrambled back to safety. These are times when I have neither been prayerful, nor respectful, nor indeed considered myself to be a Christian at all.

Maybe an example would be helpful. When my former husband proposed to me at the height of our courtship, I was so besotted that I would have agreed to anything. At least, that is what I thought. Yet when the discussions commenced regarding the marriage ceremony (he was not a Christian) I vehemently refused to convert in order to have a religious ceremony of his faith. I really don't know where that resolve came from, since I considered myself to be an agnostic at the time. I just remember the First Commandment going around my head, and thinking that I may have walked away from Christ, but I cannot bow down before another god, not even for love. That small refusal to surrender to what soon became a toxic relationship was at that time and place quite inexplicable. I remember being as confused by it as the rest of the family. Today I know it was God's way of holding on to me, of keeping a foothold inside my

## CHILDRENS' PAGE

The Sunday School is a part of the children's ministry of NCFD that creates an atmosphere of great fun and love among the kids. Stories and creative art and craft relating to the Bible keep the children excited and on their toes. Here are a couple of sweet insights on how the kids feel about their time in Sunday School.



### What I learnt in Sunday School...

I learn so many things in my Sunday school class so I want to thank God for my Sunday school teachers. I enjoy going to Sunday school so much. Today I want to share with everyone a story I learnt from my Sunday school.

Adam and Eve were best friends with God. God said to them not to eat the fruits from a special tree but Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the fruit so he asked them to go away from Eden garden. Adam and Eve felt sad and sorry for disobeying God.

I learnt from this story that disobedience to God brings sadness in our lives so I have to obey God by being obedient to my teachers, parents and elders.

Submitted by Vesali Dozo

Before, I don't know how to pray and because of that I never pray. After Sunday school only I know how to pray and talk to Him. Now for me something is difficult then I use to pray for that. Sometime my prayers are answered sometime are not. I know that God will answer my pray one day.

I just want to say thanks you to the teachers for teaching us about Him (God) in Sunday school. I hope that in the coming days I will learn more about God. When I am worried about my life that when I grown up what will I be doing. But I think that God has great plans for me when I am life and he always raise us up to what more He we can be.

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heart which would one day become a pathway back into His presence. Of course, I see this only in retrospect.

Apart from keeping me safe from falling into the abyss, even as I chose again and again to go right to the very edge, I look back at a life that has been abundantly blessed and replete with serendipity. The wonderfully eccentric friendships, the journeys far and deep into the high mountains, the teachers who have shared so much of themselves with me, the children I have been blessed to watch growing, the colleagues and the work we have done together, my family in Christ in NCF and outside, the music, the writing, the laughter— there are times I feel like the richest woman in town! But what amazes me is that the seeds of this abundant life were sown during the years of darkness, the fifteen years I spent away from the Church and from Christ. This seems to be a paradox because the received wisdom is that, cutting

oneself off from God also means we cut ourselves off from His blessings. The only way I can explain this is that during those years, while I turned away from Him, He did not turn away from me.

The verse at the beginning of this piece has been a great source of strength and encouragement for me, particularly during the early years when I returned to the church. Those days were marked by rock bottom self-esteem, insecurity and uncertainty. During those years, when we would sing the hymn based upon these verses, I would feel an enfolding sense of calm, of confidence, of certainty that in my walk with God I do not have to rely on my own strength, which is so depleted. Because I know whom I have believed, I know that He holds on to me even when I don't hold on to Him. He indeed never lets me go.

## PHOTO GALLERY

### Food Fest cum Musical Night





# NCF social work



## Valentine's Day Celebration





# The Visiting Team



...with Dr. and Mrs. Aphun's Family



...with Mr. and Mrs. H. Athili's family



...with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Narjinary's family



...with Dr. and Mrs. Thinosekho Chücha's family



...with Mr. and Mrs. John Chawang



...with Dr. and Mrs. Kedikul Temi's family



...with Mr. and Mrs. Metenol Valeo's family



...with Mr. and Mrs. Amit Singh's Family





NCF choir members on Easter Sunday



NCF choir members on Good Friday



The various Bible study groups of NCF outing at Nehru Park



# Praise & Worship team

*The praise and worship team is another blessing to the family of NCF Delhi, a group of passionate worshipers coming together to testify that little is much when God is in it.*

*This group has been studying the book **Worship Matters** by Bob Kauflin. Here are some of their insights about the book and their experiences with the worship team.*

**W**orship matters. This book has been one real eye-opener for me, especially when it comes to the misconceptions we usually have about worship. First of all, it is not the worship team who leads the people into worship but it is Jesus and only He alone can do that. Secondly, Worship is not just about music, it's much more. It is a lifestyle that each one of us should live out. Everything we do can be done as an act of worship.

This book serves like a mirror where I can see my own reflection, my shortcomings, where I go wrong and where I am able to do right by God's grace. It has also encouraged me to strive harder, dig deeper into God's Word and become a better person. I am also blessed during the time of sharing we have every Saturday amongst the P&W team. I am truly encouraged by hearing each person's insight about the chapter they have read. I am very much looking forward to finishing the entire book and learning more truth contained in it.

A special thanks goes to our Bro. Ruprūmo who, even in his absence, is still concerned about the P&W team and suggested us to read this book.

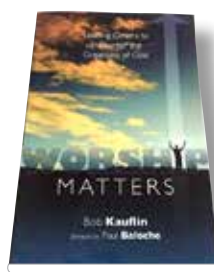
May God bless him more.

– **Evali Swu**, a music teacher, Fr. Agnel School

**T**he book is such an inspiration. We're half way through it, but it has taught the members so much about how worship ought to be done in a way that is pleasing to God. It helped us divulge upon many issues within ourselves and how we can overcome them by giving many illustrative and contemporary examples. I love that the author does not deviate from bringing out the main essence of the book - Jesus, our chief cornerstone. True worship with music or no music, He accepts. I pray that the book would contribute to lead a paradigm shift in the lives of whoever wants to worship God. All glory to God.

– **Toshimenla Pongener**, a student of Philosophy, Indraprastha College

**I** am always blessed and renewed to have fellowship with the worship team every weekend. One of the many reasons I am grateful for is the discussions we have on the book **Worship Matters** by Bob Kauflin. It talks about "leading others



to encounter the greatness of God" and I believe that this book will benefit all the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ as it has insights about why He is worthy of worship and how we can worship Him the right way.

The first few chapters, namely, "My heart- What do I love?", "My mind- What do I believe?", "My hands- What do I practice?" and "My life - What do I model?" motivate us and serve as a guidance for our daily walk with God. I believe that these four questions will add meaning to our life.

Looking forward to the new, exciting and practical lessons as we go further into the book.

– **Kekhrieneizo Tetso**, Freelance Architect

**J**oining the Worship Team has been one of the best encounters in my life. On the second floor of a building, one small room, musical instruments and members of all different personalities and capabilities. That was enough to slowly mould my heart into worshipping God further. I love my team members. From talks about the Sunday worship theme to sharing of opinions, from hysterical laughter; to short sincere prayers for one another, I've always felt Jesus' love and I'm grateful for that. Praying we will all have a Heart of Worship! Blessings!

– **Ache Khalo**, a student of B.A. Programme, Zakir Husain College

**B**eing in the Worship Team made me feel safer. Not a safety to be doing the wrong things, but a safety that kept reminding me of what I should feel or do. Through His love I felt more confident to be up there on stage and this to me is what it means to be safe. The worship team is a reminder that I need to guard myself and I am glad I keep experiencing God's blessings in many ways.

– **Keviser Liegise**, Law student, Amity University

**M**y experience with the team has made me realize the importance of setting my heart right to lead His people into worship. It has also been a time for me to experience His love and faithfulness through the friendship I share with the other members of the worship team.

– **Keneile-ü Kiso**, a student of Political Science, Daulat Ram college



# Something About Bible Study

– *Thejalenuo Jane Solo,*  
*a student of L.L.M., University of Delhi*



For almost two years now I have been attending the ladies Bible study with Aunty Viring and it has been such a great learning experience and a blessing in so many ways.

I was born and raised in a Catholic family but not until I came up to Delhi for my studies did I really give much thought to what it meant to be a Catholic, let alone a Christian. I realized that I was a Christian only by name and to be honest, I prayed to God only when I needed Him. From time to time, people asked questions about my denomination and the various rites and rituals connected to Catholicism to which I had absolutely no idea of answering. Eventually, this became a big issue in my life and I started doubting my own faith. I became very skeptical about religion and it

really bothered me that I didn't have a solid foundation for my faith. As time passed, I wanted to know the answers to all my doubts, or at least to make an attempt at finding some answers. So, with some encouragement from friends who already had experience with Bible study, I decided to join the group.

We started the Bible study with the book Experiencing God by Henry T. Blackaby and Claude V. King as an additional guide. It was in this book that I first came across the words "personal relationship with God". I had never thought of God wanting a personal relationship with each one of us. This was something new and exciting for me and it made me realize that I had never really made God my priority nor had I placed Him in the centre of my life. But at the

same time, I also realized that it wasn't too late to start doing that. Over the Bible study sessions, it dawned on me that God had always been so faithful and patient with me throughout my life, and that I should show my own faithfulness towards Him by making efforts to know Him and submitting myself further by placing Him as my first priority.

The Bible study experience has made me learn and also unlearn so many things. It taught me the importance of spending some time alone with God every day, to read and memorize Bible verses, to be prayerful in every circumstance and to submit every aspect of my life to His will.

I'm extremely grateful to Aunty Viring for not only being so patient but also for being such a good listener and making me realize that no matter what denomination I'm from, whatever ambitions I may have or whatever problems I'm facing, my personal relationship with God will always be what matters the most. This is only the beginning and I still have a lot to learn, but I can confidently say that attending Bible study has added a lot more meaning and joy into my life.



## Food Fest cum Musical Night – A Report

– *Joylene Medom,*  
*a teacher at the Japanese Embassy School, New Delhi*

As a performer, the Annual Music Concert cum Food Festival is usually a blur of nerves, adrenaline and relief. I'm sure all the participants identify with the exhilarating feeling of

sharing with the audience a piece of your heart through music. Nothing quite beats the intimacy of lyrics and melody filling a room of people joining in on the experience. Knowing that the focus of the

night is celebrating the why of Christmas simply adds to the magic of it.

The fact that the musical evening is sandwiched between pre and post-concert food feasting is, literally, the delicious icing on the cake. Laughter, lively conversations and countless visual captures of new friends and old makes the memory bank of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 a precious one.

We may not have had all seasoned performers on stage nor professional chefs preparing the food – but we had heart and nothing can ever beat the honest joy of that.



# So What I think is...

## How would you like to spend Passion Week?

Passion week is the time for special remembrance of Jesus Christ. I would like to have more compassion and sympathy for all my fellow human beings like our Saviour Christ Jesus has in my little ways. I want to strengthen my spiritual life into a living fellowship by glorifying, praising and rejoicing in His name for He has delivered us from death to live a righteous life today. I also want to express my faith in Christ Jesus through prayers and music; as a personal way to engross my heart with my Lord. Being the blessed children of God for



whom He had suffered on the cross, I want the crucifixion of Jesus Christ to be the doomsday of my sins and as He rose up, I firmly believe to be risen up myself, and towards that goal I want to live a God-centred life with salvation through the Holy Spirit.

– **Tina Vaiphei**, (A student of Political Science, Indraprastha College)

## Why do you believe what you believe?

The more I think of my faith in Christ, the clearer it becomes to me it is a mystery. It is not perfect, but I cannot walk out of it either. I agree fully with the 18th century English poet, William Cowper: "God moves in mysterious ways/ His wonders to perform."

– **Shelmi Sankhil**, (An Asst. Professor of Comparative Literature and Translation Studies, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University)



## What does Valentine's Day mean to you?

The first thing that comes to my mind when someone mentions "Valentine's Day" is the blurred image of the card twelve years old me decided to give to a guy.

(Read diary entry 'Guy with purple strummer' from my 2005 journal :D).

I always took Valentine's Day to be a day just for the people 'in love'. A day of love and a day for the lovers to be together and celebrate the love they have for each other.



But two years ago I was invited to celebrate Valentine's Day with NCF Delhi which changed my entire perspective. Attending the event was one of the best decisions I made because I learned something amazing that night.

I learned that Valentine's Day could be celebrated in different ways. It is not just a day for a guy and girl in love. It's a day of celebrating love which can be between the ladies (Galentine's day), between the gentlemen, between friends and of

## How is the joy of giving understood by you?

I remember what my grandmother told me when I first left for Delhi. She said that nobody loses anything in extending a helping hand to the people in need. Humans tend to help people they only know, be it friends, family members, relatives, acquaintances, etc. The helping hand can be of any kind but seldom we forget or rather are less concerned to help the strangers or the poor and the needy. I believe helping brings forth blessings and blessings, success. This blessing for me is primarily the success at my workplace. I understand my own economical status but nevertheless I learned what the joy of giving was. Mark 9:41 was clearly read to me by my grandmother when I set out to earn a living. It reads "I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward."

– **Imlongchaba Chang**, (An Assistant Supervisor in Technical, BPO Pvt. Ltd.)



course the love God has for you and I.

Media has perfected in defining Valentine's Day in so many ways, but I no longer feel sorry for myself. I am grateful that I got people, not just one but a whole lot to celebrate it with.

Because love is just too amazing and powerful to be shared with just one person.

– **Kilang Jamir**, (A student of Botany, Hindu College)

## Do you think fellowship with fellow believers is important? Why?

Yes, I do believe that as followers of Christ it is very vital to be in the fellowship of believers, to grow and be rooted in His teachings, and gain wide perspective of and to it. It is also equally crucial to be amongst the fellowship of non-believers so as to test if we can stand true to this learning and trust in God to help us stand up and be firm in times of trials and temptations. For what is word without action, but mere hypocrisy. James 2:26 "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deed is dead."

– **Palvit Kaur Saini**, (Studying conflict analysis and peace building, Jamia Millia Islamia)





# Growing Together

## Information

- For birthdays, thanksgiving, special songs & occasions, contributions for refreshments & floral offerings.
- To avail our library facility membership and other information, kindly contact **Mrs. Viring Medom +91 9818849539**

## MINISTRY Opportunities & Activities

|                                            |         |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|
| Sunday Bible Study                         | 10:00AM |
| Saturday Men's Bible Study                 | 11:00AM |
| Friday Bible Study                         | 5:30 AM |
| First Saturday Executives Meeting          | 5:00PM  |
| Ladies Bible Study (Thurs - Fri - Sat)     | 4:00PM  |
| First Saturday of the month, Lord's Supper |         |

## Congratulations

**Miss Kilang Jamir** on getting accepted into Union Biblical Seminary, Pune.

**Vimelino and Sabou** for their marriage on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**Miss Viyazonuo Terhüja** on getting accepted into IIT Guwahati.

**Mr. Tumben, Mr. Seketounyü and Mr. Ruokuo** on clearing the NPSC exam.

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## Prayer Focus

1. Pray for wisdom, strength and encouragement for all who minister God's Word. May they teach, preach with personal convictions and in the power of the Holy Spirit that touch and change lives (1 Thes. 1:5).
2. NCF Delhi Church members to be prayerful, diligent in their Bible reading, and obedient to Christ's teachings (Eph.6:18).
3. Praise & Worship team, choir members & participating musicians for their availability, commitment, friendships and their Christian character growth for His glory.
4. Ask for working people to put their whole heart into their work, for God's favor upon them to be able to reach out through their lips and lifestyle.
5. Pray for deepening commitment and communication of husband-wife to each other and wisdom to raise God-fearing children.
6. Sunday school children for their protection from harmful influences, growth in wisdom, stature and favour with God and man (Luke 2:52)
7. Executive members-godly wisdom (James 3:17); physical, emotional and spiritual strength in seeking God's direction for the ministry (Isaiah 40:29-31).
8. Students/UPSC aspirants – Discipline, concentration and good health as they prepare for exams.
9. DTH boys, bible study group members – for biblical principles to sink in and be applied to everyday life (Col. 2:6,7).
10. Ebenezer Community School – to empower our teachers with skills in teaching/leading/ building Kingdom values in their pupils.
11. Thank God for all NCF units and Tyrannus Halls scattered all over India. May our God and Saviour Jesus Christ reveal Himself, His purposes, and ways to leaders and members.

## Happy to hear from you

Awesome job, SPARK Editorial team and all the seniors. Thank you for the newsletter. Thoroughly 'enjoying' (yep, it's still in 'ing' form) reading it and reliving the warmth of 'being' in NCFD. Carry the candle; let's continue to hold one another through prayers.  
-Longyang Chang.

A very meaningful newsletter! I felt that each article had an essence of it's own, captivating the readers. Every detail was beautifully put and couldn't have been better.  
- Pemtha Longvah.

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