

Greetings from Tirunelveli and we are happy and delighted to be mission Partners with St Peter in Eastgate.

Yesterday, in the inaugural session of the 4 Days conference for the Pastors in Mission, arranged by the Evangelical Fellowship of India, our Bishop Jeyapaul David announced that our Diocese is steadily moving forward towards achieving the goal of doubling the Christians and churches in Tirunelveli District by 2007 when it celebrates its 250th year.

According to the latest statistics there are 800 villages without Churches. The Diocese has systematically planned to plant Churches in these villages through its Department of Mission and Evangelism.

The western part of Tirunelveli Diocese/district is not much developed and is lagging behind in education, employment opportunities, health and socio-economic condition.

Now with the establishment of the Women's Training Centre at Pottalpatti our Diocese is reaching the unreached.

The CSI Rhenius Community Health and Development Project supported by the congregation in St Peter, Eastgate, the health care is reaching the far off villages.

An energetic young eye specialist Dr, Meshack Peter has joined the Rhenius Eye Hospital at Alangulam and we are doing the latest sutureless (Small Incision) Cataract operation with intra Ocular Implantation.

The new building for the Rhenius Mission Hospital at Melapalayam is nearing completion. Please pray that we complete this construction soon and begin the in-patient facilities soon.

Happy to inform you that Ida has been selected as the new Principal for Sarah Tucker College. It is our Diocesan College for women, offering both UG and PG courses. There are about 2,700 students and Ida will take charge from 1st of June. It is a challenging job and remember Ida in prayers for God to give her wisdom and knowledge and make it a Global model learning centre for women.

Our son and daughter are fine and presently employed in Bangalore.

We will try to send photographs soon

Love and prayers

Premkumar