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From the Desk of the President ...

Greetings to all and I praise God for the work He accomplished in the past year. God has been gracious to all of us as we prayed, planned, and pursued His heart among OFUESI and the fellowship with one another in various prayer teleconferences, special online quarterly webinars, online Annual conference in August, two in-person regional conferences and the annual meeting of the National Council in December. I would like to thank all the office bearers and volunteers who facilitated these opportunities joyfully, with a servant heart.

CALL FOR PRAYER

Please join us for OFUESI monthly prayer meeting on 1st Wednesdays at 9 pm EST.

<https://ofuesi.zoom.us/j/86166516167?pwd=S3ZZZ1pXcS8wMSsxbUVSb0FjZG5PdZ09>

Meeting Id: 861 6651 6167 Passcode: prayer

I would like to thank Bro. Pramod Jangadi for serving as our Prayer Secretary for the past two years. May the Lord reward him richly for his service. Similarly, I want to thank Bro. Veera Gattu, Bro. Ravi Alluri and Bro. Jijo Kurien who served on the NC and completed their terms. Also, I thank Sis. Jyothi (TX) and Bro. Emmanuel (CA) for serving on the NC for two years. I welcome new National Council members Bro. Vijay Antony and Bro. Dheeraj Soupaty and look forward to our interactions. I also appreciate Bro. Kanakaraju for stepping into the role of Prayer Secretary. It was wonderful to recollect God's goodness to OFUESI over the past two decades with various NC and EC members who served in the past joining us and affirming the Lord's work entrusted to us. May we bear fruit where God has placed us. We have recalled the challenges we have both here and in India and discussed on the task of evangelism as many international students arrive at the campuses in the U.S. and Canada.

I wish our families a blessed and fruitful year 2022. Please note that we are planning on meeting with

January- March 2022

UESI members from different countries in March. I would like to sign off with this doxology from Jude 24 which was highlighted in the closing message of Dr. T.V. Thomas at our annual NC gathering.

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sam Kurapaty

OFUESI – President

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From the desk of Treasurer -

Beloved coworkers in the ministry,

Greetings to all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I thank our Lord for His faithfulness to the ministry of UESI through earnest prayers and financial support by our OFUESI family. Please continue to pray that we will be able to provide more support to ministry of UESI in this year and consider contributing generously and consistently. I thank all who sacrificially contribute towards the ministry of UESI in India. Due to your generous contributions, we were able support our brothers and sisters who are toiling to reach the unreached souls in various campuses across India. I request you to continue to pray and to be actively involved in the ministry. Please note that you can give electronically through zelle using ofuesi.treasurer@gmail.com as the id, or at our website www.ofuesiusa.org by selecting eGiving portal. Here are the receipts for October-December 2021 and the Year-To-Date totals.

Please send your tax-deductible contributions to **OFUESI Treasurer, 4741 Fairfax Ave., Palatine, IL 60067**. May God bless you abundantly!

Prince Nadar (ofuesi.treasurer@gmail.com)

Note: All tax-deductible certificate letters for 2021 were mailed by January 31st and if you do not receive by Feb 15th, please do not hesitate to contact me.

OFUESI Mission: *Strengthen the bonds of fellowship among OFUESI, provide prayer and financial support to the UESI work in India, and expand evangelism efforts among Indian students in the US.*

22nd ANNUAL NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING (via ZOOM) DECEMBER 11, 2021

Attendees:

Sam and Mercy Kurapaty, Prince Nadar, Pramod Jangidi, Vijay Antony, Ravi David, Veera Gattu, Prasad Kakarlamudi, Suresh and Mary Konatham, Subha and Hephzibah Kumpaty, Jijo and Sophia Kurien, Chandrasekhar Manne, Thanmi Maram, Paramjyothi and Kanakalatha Marati, Joe Sudhakar and Daisy Pedavada, Philip Pothen, Kanaka Raju, Abhijit Talari, Prem and Amy Saganti, Dheeraj Soupaty, Paul Sudhakar Sunkari, Sushil Yesupriya, T V Thomas, A.S.J. Swamidas, Samuel Jacob, David Mudumala

Invited Guests: JSA Julius, Saji Easo

OFUESI President, Bro. Sam Kurapaty welcomed everyone to the 21st Annual National Council meeting.

First Session

Bro. Prince Nadar offered the starting prayer and led the session. Bro. Kanakaraju gave the zoom guidelines. Bro. Prem Saganti led us in worship, Blessed Assurance, a Telugu song on the Potter, Come Thou Fount of every blessing (Bro. Komal). Bro. Prince introduced the speaker, Dr. T.V. Thomas who is known to all of us as a speaker at our Eastern regional conferences. Dr. Thomas shared about his upbringing, his dad being a radiant Christian in a high-profile government position in Malaysia. Dr. TV studied in India (Nagpur) and was part of the pioneering work of Nagpur EU (1967). Uncle LT Jeyachandran was employed there and helped. Nagpur was the birthplace of EMFI, Immanuel Hospital Association and was the venue of the first UESI missionary



conference in 1973. God called TV to full time ministry in Nagpur (1971). He married an active Maharashtra EGF member Mary George in 1982. He shared the joy of three young adults who are followers of Jesus and introduced their spouses. Dr. TV's ministry is itinerant and trans-denominational. He said he would share from the Word directly in the evening session, but he would give Perspective Building presentation in this morning session.

Perspective Building – Dr. TV Thomas

South Asian Immigrants are the second largest in North America, after the Mexican immigrants. There are 6.3 million South Asians in the US out of which 5 million are Indian, and in Canada 1.5 million Indians out of 1.9 million South Asians. Indians are sophisticated immigrants, with English proficiency and highest level of education with 79% college degrees; and are highest income earners. Median household income of Indians is \$123,700 (almost double that of White Americans, \$63K). Global remittances show 683 billion dollars go to India, 26 billion go to Pakistan. Second generation South Asians are achieving higher than their contemporaries. Education is supreme and it is an invisible idol in Indian homes (unfortunately in Christian homes too). Educated and affluent. Indians have excelled in academics and reached the pinnacle with several as Presidents. In business world too 30% of the CEOs are Indian, especially of leading major Fortune 500 companies. In judicial system, top positions are occupied by 7 Indians. (US Circuit Court of Appeals). In Hollywood, there are over 150 Indians who have been successful. Bhangra dance has become famous in universities. Indian American candidates are breaking ground in politics (example, Nikki Haley). The prominence and influence of South Asians were achieved in less than two generations. Largely religious- 20% some form of Christianity, 50% Hindus, 5% Sikhs. You can see the influence of Hindus as the words such as meditation, karma, yoga, and reincarnation are freely used in the mainstream. If we observe the South Asian Christians, many worship in churches in their native tongue, and some attend

majority culture churches (Methodist back home attends Methodist here) but with marginal participation (they slip out before the end of the service, not engaged). They are remote consumers rather than active contributors to the life and ministry of church. They are not using spiritual gifts. Secular societies and structures have more readily invited, utilized and appreciated South Asians within their respective fields than the majority culture churches. A significant number of South Asian Christians are drowning in materialism and consumerism and their spiritual vitality is zapped off, and priorities are messed up from the Biblical perspective. Painful consequence: The second generation lose out most; they observe no more modeling of seeking first God's kingdom and righteousness in their families and seeing Christ as No. 1.

South Asian Diaspora churches- many are transplanted congregations from back home. Only a handful are the result of intentional evangelism here. The diaspora churches have also transplanted their cultures and traditions. They exist as ethnic cultural islands, fellowship rich but missionally poor. They are not even reaching their own ethnic non-Christians. So South Asian non-Christians have less of a chance to hear the clear presentation of the gospel than their contemporaries back home because of the lack of missional engagement of South Asian Christians here. If South Asian congregations engage in outreach, they do so with an attraction model (come to events... "our concert, on our turf") than a relational, penetrating model. We have forgotten the Great commission to GO out and reach them where they are. So South Asian non-Christians are receiving a western gospel in a western cup (no difference). Most diaspora congregations are operating in isolation rather than collaboration. They have no bridges with majority culture pastors, nor do they collaborate among other diaspora churches. They also have their own regional or annual conferences etc. They have not addressed current or future needs of the second generation (faith and culture tension). Balancing bicultural tension and establishing true identity in Christ are lacking. The second generation finds the first-generation church irrelevant and not meeting their personal or social need and drift from heritage faith. Pastors don't encourage the second generation to consider full-time ministry, nor their parents want them to do. Some of the second generation have

responded to the call by the encouragement of other ministries- some are working as staff in CRU and some are doing vibrant church plants.

Five urgent needs to be addressed:

Lack of identification with Church in America. Identify and engage in the church in the land of adoption. Are you a Telugu church in America or a part of the church in America that worships in Telugu and with Telugu people? (I am not asking you to disappear; but do you identify with the church in the land?)

Lack of intercultural awareness and competence training: We need to have transcultural leaders. Intentional and effective missional strategies to reach out to Hindus, Sikhs ...

Lack of evangelistic resources- material, social media.

Lack of personnel to reach new immigrants. – 200K international students from India are in the US. (230K in Canada).

Our second-generation South Asians who are grown up here are not able to meaningfully relate to South Asians on campuses. They are ethnically same but culturally different and worldviews apart.

We need to change strategies. We need to recruit from overseas to reach Indian students here. Some first-generation Christians can reach out international students. But we are plain too busy.

If we can provide an oasis of hospitality, more international students will come to the kingdom.

We cannot keep going. We need to invest. We need to be focused. We need to be intentional.

Bring people that can handle challenges and can negotiate and navigate in urban setting.

DESIGN in Michigan.. successful.

How do we bring sophisticated, educated South Asian to Christ? We have a better shot at it than the Whites. We must ask the question. And act.

No flame is being carried. We must take faith step. If Chinese can do it, and Koreans can do it, we should also be able to do it.

OFUESI Vision: *Fostering the UESI vision in the US and strengthening the UESI through OFUESI*

UESI Update: UESI Gen. Secretary Bro. Saji Easo greeted and appreciated OFUESI commitment. He reminded the season of evangelistic meetings and outreach events around Christmas. He asked us to pray for challenges in meeting due to COVID

concerns. Most student groups also could not meet (except via zoom) in the past couple of years. Persecution of churches is on the rise. Work needs laborers. Pray for God to send workers. Pray for more EU/EGF locals to own the ministry and move it forward. FCRA renewal has been applied. Pray for its approval. Bro. JSA Julius was also asked to share a few words. He reminded what he shared with OFUESI when he came as speaker for our regional conferences along the lines of evangelism Dr. TV Thomas emphasized. That OFUESI has concentrated on fellowship and supporting UESI with prayers and finances so far; but it is time to think of second generation – our children to involve in ministry. Over in India, the pandemic effects are severe on students- unable to focus, Bro. Julius said. Anti-conversion bill in many states is another challenge. He reiterated some of the prayer needs shared by Bro. Saji.

Bro. Prem Saganti offered the closing prayer for the first session.

CALL FOR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Dear Sisters, please join the OFUESI Women's Ministry Fellowship meeting on the 3rd Saturday each month at 11 am EST.

<https://ofuesi.zoom.us/j/82721806132?pwd=ZW84cTJ5YXI2YWVhTDRBQzdzclZaZz09>

Meeting Id: 827 2180 6132 Passcode: women

Second Session: Business Meeting (Reports from Executive Committee and various ministry leaders and Selection of new EC and NC members)

OFUESI President Bro. Sam Kurapaty presided the meeting. Vice President Sister Jayanthi and Secretary Bro. Satish had critical familial responsibilities and hence were regretfully unable to join this meeting.

Jijo Kurien led us in praise. He read aloud Psalm 103:1-5. Jijo and Sophia closed with the song, Bless the Lord O my soul. Bro. Sam thanked past OFUESI leaders and asked them to continue to be involved in ministry. He opened the floor for anyone who is available to share a few words. Bro. Paul Sudhakar greeted and affirmed that this ministry is the Lord's and is glad to see the ongoing work. Bro. Sushil reminded the mission field is open and Dr. TV Thomas has brought a challenge before us to strategize and act on. More people who served

over the years were recalled by various members and were appreciated.

Bro. Sam proceeded to 2021 annual reports. 14 Bible studies around the country. Prayer weekly during COVID. March sessions in which we met with various representatives from Cru, Design movement, IVCF and ISI. Meeting with Rahil Patel in June. We had online conference with Dr. C.S. Dutt as speaker. Two conferences (southern and eastern) in person with Dr. Ravi David as the speaker. We publish KIT quarterly. He thanked several that support in dissemination.

Bro. Prince shared financial update (\$54K receipts so far, conference expenses \$14K, funds sent to UESI \$35K). He shared the mode of receipts and support trends over the past few years. Regular donors are 34. There was a discussion on wire transfer fee and what if UESI does not get FCRA. Hypothetically if UESI does not get the approval, we won't be able to send. Dr. TV shared the current situation where several are denied FCRA without any rhyme or reason. He also shared the cases of money being withheld for over 15 weeks for Christian organizations that had FCRA. He had to call on VP Harris to intervene to get the money flowing. FIACONA is bringing awareness to the governments here about the issues of concern in India for Christian organizations. There was a lot of discussion on the unfair treatment of Christian work in India.

Women's ministry as shared by Sister Mary Konatham emphasizes fellowship, leadership, partnership, and companionship. They accomplish these through monthly fellowship meetings and prayer calls.

Pramod Jangadi shared on OFUESI Monthly Prayer meetings. Prayer is the power that supports the ministry. He thanked those who faithfully joined. Bro. Joe Sudhakar closed in prayer thanking God for the past year's ministry.

Farewell to the outgoing NC members. Veera, Jijo and Ravi Alluri. Pramod, Emmanuel (CA), Jyothi (TX) served one term and would like to take a break. Bro. Sam thanked all who are continuing as well. Bro. Param prayed for the outgoing members and thanked God for their burden and passion. Bro. Veera proposed Bro. Dheeraj Soupaty to NC and was seconded by Bro. Prince. Dheeraj agreed to

serve on the NC. Bro. Param proposed Bro. Vijay Michael Antony to NC and Bro. Jijo seconded. Vijay also accepted to serve on the NC. Bro. Pramod proposed Bro. Kanakaraju as Prayer Secretary who agreed to step into the role.

Executive Committee 2022 (also NC members):

1. Bro. Sam Kurapaty, Hagerstown, MD – President
2. Sis. Jayanthi Dhanaraj, Denver, CO – Vice President
3. Bro. Satish Madasu, Seattle, WA – Secretary
4. Bro. Prince Nadar, Chicago, IL – Treasurer
5. Bro. Kanaka Raju, Portland, OR– Prayer Secretary

National Council members (new in bold)

- 1) Bro. **Vijay Antony**, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2) Bro. Srinivas Basava- San Jose, CA
- 3) Bro. Prasad Kakarlamudi, San Antonio, TX
- 4) Sis. Mary Konatham, Austin, TX
- 5) Bro. Chandrasekhar Manne, Dallas, TX
- 6) Bro. Israel Nandamudi, Marshall, TX
- 7) Bro. Mohan Pothen, New Jersey, NJ
- 8) Bro. **Dheeraj Soupaty**, Atlanta, GA
- 9) Bro. Venkat Vangalapudi- Seattle, WA
- 10) Bro. Samuel Jacob, OFUESI Canada representative

Bro. Subha closed in prayer for the NC and EC- especially for God's grace to all in their ministry responsibilities.

Bro. Sam shared a few plans for the New Year in strengthening bible studies, evangelism efforts, better communication with students coming to US, and possible meetings with UESI State secretaries, even connecting with like-minded UESI entities in other countries. Bro. Pramod shared needs of a brother (a new international student) in Kansas City.

Dr. TV Thomas offered the closing prayer for the matters discussed in this business session and that God would help us to be missional, and to give ourselves wholly to the work of the Lord.

Evening (Third and Final) Session – The Charge

Thanmi Maram (Sunny) led us with the song, Christ is enough for me. Pramod introduced our speaker Dr. TV Thomas who gave us the charge based on the exposition on Jude.

Great wall of China. 7300 km long when completed over several centuries. Average width of 13-16 ft

(two cars can be placed side by side) and a height of 16-26 ft. Fortified. Enemy could not attack. Only three times when the guards failed. Enemy within is the culprit. Infiltration and apostasy in the church is discussed in the short book of Jude. AD 60-65. James- good works are evidence of saving faith. Jude- evil works are real evidence of apostasy. There are three familiar verses- vs 3. Contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered for all saints (UESI the word evangelical comes from this). Verses 24-25 are often used as benediction. Very carefully crafted letter. Opens with a three-fold blessing (verse 2) and ends with a three-fold heritage (assurances, verses 24-25). Salvation is mentioned in verse 3 and third last verse. Contend for the faith and build yourselves in the holy faith. Church – began in the Acts of the Apostles. Jude can be rightly called the Acts of the Apostate. Only book covering the great apostasy of the church before the Lord returns. Apostasy- falling away, departing from truth. Warnings given. II Tim 3:1-5 men lovers of self, arrogant... evening news summary of most days. I Tim 4:1 some will fall away from faith. We are there today. Some pretend to follow the Bible but deny the divine inspiration of the Word. They pretend to serve God but serve their own interests. A month does not go by where the people we thought are anchored in Biblical Scriptures give up that position. We are in such times described by Paul. Apostates- Character defiled, teachings deceptive, conduct and lifestyle deplorable and devoid of the Spirit. How do we not become a victim of apostasy?

Jude 17. Remember the NT. You beloved, (loved by God and have tasted the love of God when receiving Christ into heart, tasted wonderful and pure love of the Father). Love and care are the best remedies of hope when someone is fearful.

Remember the words of apostles. Perhaps Jude was referring to: Acts 20. Paul speaking to Ephesus elders- savage wolves coming... II Tim 4:3-4 teachers tuning to what they want to hear, not sound doctrine. II Peter 3:3-4 mockers following after their own lusts... questioning His coming.

Jude sets forth the offensive. Verses 20-23. Offense in two parts: 1) Operation Preservation and 2) Operation Rescue.

Operation Preservation:

Responsibilities of believers in Operation Preservation: 1) Building up in your most holy faith (vs 3 and 20 complement)- truths of God He

revealed through Scripture. Objective revelation of God, the Bible. Genesis to Revelation- God seeking to redeem His creation. Our faith has an anchor in the person of God. Rom 10:17. Importance of God's Word in faith. We need our thoughts replaced by God's thoughts. I Peter 2:5 living stones built up... I Cor 3:9 Christian unity. Keep building. Lifelong assignment. Keep deepening. The faithful build up and promote unity. The apostates demolish, tear up.

2) Praying in the Holy Spirit (Prayer in the power of H.S.). It is a prayer that originates and flows from a heart which is indwelt, illuminated and controlled by the Holy Spirit. Eph 6:18. Prayer for all saints. To receive the graces we need. Rom 8:26-27. Spirit helps in our weaknesses... intercedes. He sorts out the prayers. He filters and energizes holy prayers to the throne room of God.

3) Keep yourselves in the love of God. Vs 2- Kept by the Lord (God's side). We must also keep ourselves in the conscious enjoyment of the love of God. The prodigal son did not keep himself in the Father's love. He removed himself from the boundaries of the Father's love. We must be surrendered to, soaking in, and saturated in the love of God. John 15:9-10 Jesus said: Abide in My love. Just as He did in abiding in the Father's love, obeying His commandments. Remain where God can bless you- usually where we obey God. Our obedience does not earn God's love, but it is the evidence of our keeping in God's love.

Operation Rescue:

Verses 22-23. Responsibilities. Last message of Jude before the benediction. Focus is outreach, evangelism. Don't give up reaching them. Christ died for them. None should be ignored.

3 kinds of people

1) The Doubting. Heard the gospel but wavering. Unconvinced. Not antigod. Not Atheists. Not understood full rationale of the gospel. They have questions they are unable to ask. Need compassionate tenderness. Need unpacking the gospel. The doubting are winnable if we are intentional and we are willing to engage in a patient journey with them. They need another set of eyes. REACH OUT TO THE DOUBTING WITH LOVING PATIENCE. We just want to get done with one presentation. In the US, it needs 7-10 presentations in the time of post-truth, secular world for this category to understand the gospel.

2) SAVE others snatching out of fire (unquenchable lake of fire, Mt 3:10-12) – these are dangerously

close to the consuming fire. They heard the gospel but denounced it. They embraced the apostate teaching. You have to warn them. It takes aggressive, risky action. Snatching Lot and family is the imagery. Intercession of Abraham. Reaching out with a bold sense of urgency.

3) The dangerous. Twisted and polluted. Entrenched in the evil system and propagating. Be careful; you can get contaminated yourself. We have to be careful even to the inner garment. Lev 13:47-49 Priest examining the inner garment of a leper to detect infection. The garment had to be burnt if infected. Have mercy with fear (vs. 22). Not fear with mercy. Ebola 2018. Deep compassion without being contaminated. Reach out to the dangerous with extreme caution. One fresh ministry graduate was planning to reach Sikhs and was warned that she should not go alone and must be a part of an intercessory team to do such outreach. 17 months later, she became a follower of Sikh religion. Don't be drowned by or destroyed by them. Have mercy with fear. Don't be so fearful that you don't go. Approach the dangerous very carefully.

Jude ends with a prayer of benediction. Praise to God as we fulfill Operation Preservation and engage in Operation Rescue. Transition to the power and strength of God who makes all resources available to the One who keeps us from stumbling.

Bro. Ravi David led us in closing prayer.

OFUESI Bible Studies

Austin, TX

Monthly Gathering -Bible Study, Prayer, Fellowship
Contact: Suresh and Mary Konatham
Call / text: 512-483-1132; skonatham@gmail.com

Cypress, TX - Greater HOUSTON Area

Quarterly Gathering and Sharing
Contact: Prem and Amy Saganti
Call / text: 281-639-0928; saganti@att.net

Dallas, TX

Monthly Bible Study Contact: Chandrashekar Manne
Call/text: 310-347-6864

St. Louis, MO

Weekly LBBC Students & Singles Bible Study
We host this under our Church's Pastoral Authority.
Contact: Abhijit Talari
Call/Text: 248-470-1500; umslgathering@gmail.com

Ashburn, VA - DC Metro Area

OFUESI: Keep InTouch (KIT)

Monthly Bible Study
Contact: Ravi Saladi Call / text: 571-599-6769

New Jersey, NJ

Monthly Bible Study
Contact: Pramod Jangidi Call/text: 347-331-6587

Philadelphia, PA

Monthly Bible Study Contact: Sekhar Vizzeswarapu
Call/text 484-478-1391

Cleveland, OH

Weekly Bible Study Contact: Joe Sudhakar Pedavada
Call/text: 440-876-7215

Chicago, IL

Contact: Paramjyothi Marati
Call/text: 708-951-1000

Detroit, MI

Weekly at Wayne State and Monthly Bible Study
Contact: Wilson Jacob Call/text: 313-244-6008

California

Monthly Zoom Meeting
Contact: Srinivas Basava
Call/text: 408-718-7934

Seattle, WA

Pacific North West Region
Mmonthly conference call
Contact: Satish Madasu Call/text: 425-753-5092

Overseas Friends of UESI EC and NC Roles and Responsibilities

“But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant” Matthew 23:11”

Guidelines for NC and EGF Coordinators

Personal and Family Testimony

- Be Faithful to the Lord God Almighty. (1 Corinthians 4:2)
- Have a desire to Serve the Lord. (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)
- Be a Prayer Warrior. (Matt. 14:23, Mk. 11:24, 1Thess 5:17, James 5:16)
- Be of good Reputation. (1 Tim 3:1-10)
- Be Humble. (II Chron. 34:27, Isa 57:15, Matt. 23:12)

List of Responsibilities

- Encourage and organize locally to pray for UESI and OFUESI needs.
- Serve as an open home for the glory of our Lord and the furtherance of the ministry.

- Organize and conduct Bible studies and Fellowship gatherings regularly.
- Update EC/NC regularly about the needs, challenges, and activities in the region.
- Encourage members to be involved in personal evangelism efforts.
- Make regular follow-up calls for encouragement (NC to local leaders and vice versa).
- Encourage members to financially support UESI ministry.
- Help in the organization and hosting annual regional conference.
- Follow up on all the new contacts forwarded by OFUESI in that region.
- Provide spiritual guidance in conforming with the UESI doctrines and Christian life.
- Identify potential members for future EC/NC and mentor them.
- Make consistent effort to be involved with students or student ministries on university campuses

Note: The above are not absolute guidelines. Please inquire on the Lord for leading.

Blessed New Year 2022 to OFUESI Family!
Praying for God's abundant grace and guidance in your outreach- KIT

Only One Life

*Only one life, the still small voice,
Gently pleads for a better choice
Bidding me selfish aims to leave,
And to God's holy will to cleave;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.*

Only one life, a few brief years,
Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
Each with its clays I must fulfill,
living for self or in His will;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things:
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
To serve the King of Kings.

Like C.T. Studd and many others, we can abandon lesser things and give our best to God.

When the bright world would tempt me sore,

OFUESI: Keep InTouch (KIT)

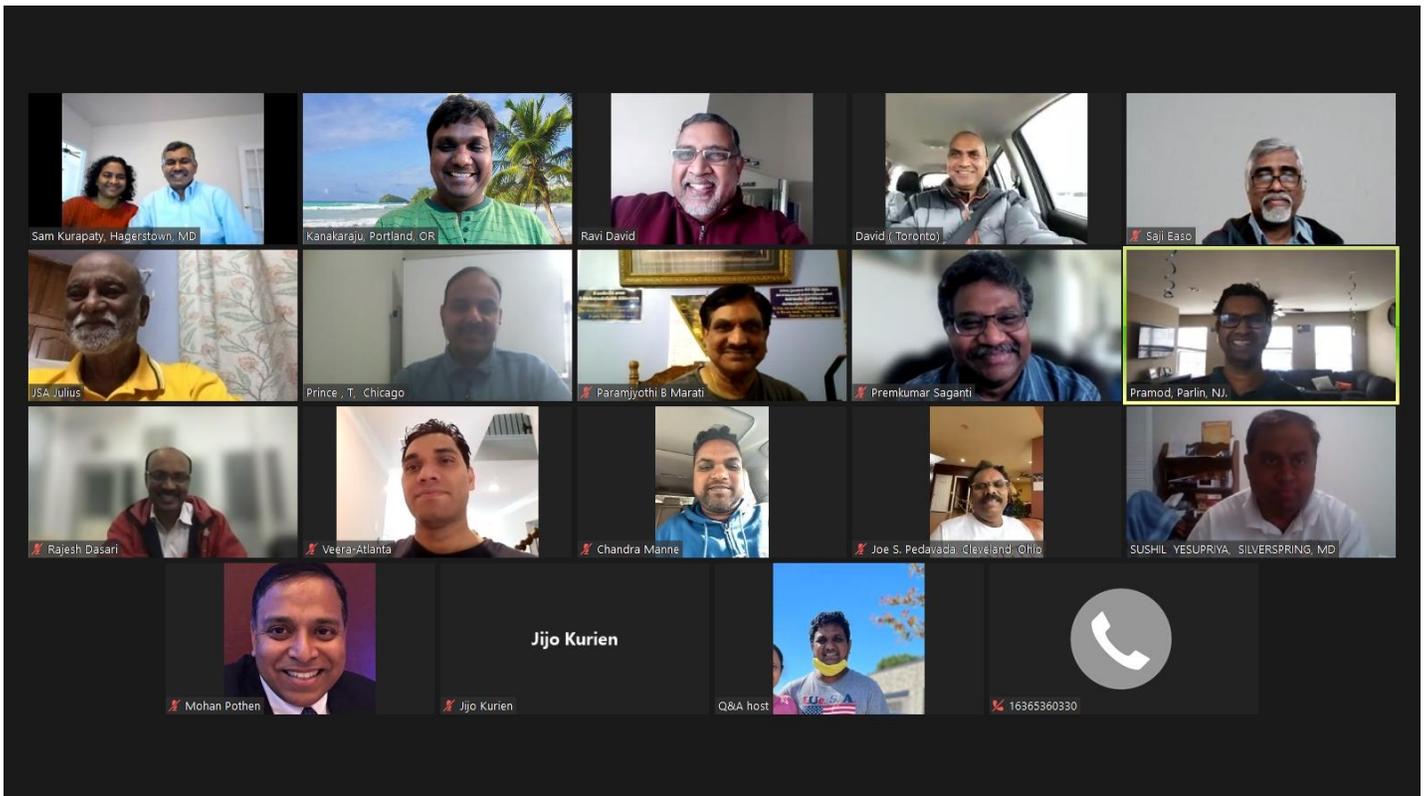
When Satan would a victory score;
When self would seek to have its way,
Then help me Lord with joy to say;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Give me Father, a purpose deep,
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,

Only what's done for Christ will last.

Oh let my love with fervor burn,
And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone,
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

- ***Cricketer turned Missionary, C.T. Studd***



OFUESI National Council Annual Meeting, 12/11/2021 (pictured at a time of partial gathering)

KIT Feedback: KIT is the official newsletter of OFUESI. The current editorial board consists of Prem Saganti, Subha Kumpaty, Abhijit Talari, Sam Kurapaty and Jayanthi Jacob Dhanaraj. Please send your feedback on KIT and local area news items for publication through jayanthijacob@hotmail.com.