

## POEMS OF THE MONTH

എന്തൊരു അശ്വാസം!

-സൈമൺസഖരിയ

സൈമറമ്മായ് ഇരിക്കാൻ ഒരിടം കിട്ടിയപ്പോൾ  
മനസ്സിൽതോന്നി എന്തൊരു അശ്വാസം!

സുഹൃത്തുക്കളുമിചെന്നുപറഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ  
മനസ്സിൽതോന്നി എന്തൊരു അശ്വാസം!

വിശന്നിരിക്കും കുഞ്ഞിനെപോറ്റിയപ്പോൾ  
മനസ്സിൽതോന്നി എന്തൊരു അശ്വാസം!

തളർന്നോരുസാധുവിനഭയം കൊടുത്തപ്പോൾ  
മനസ്സിൽതോന്നി എന്തൊരു അശ്വാസം!

സ്വർഗ്ഗേ എൻ പേരുണ്ടെന്നുകേട്ടപ്പോൾ  
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**"Home"**

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## NEWS FROM THE CHANNELS



### Channels of Glory – Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah

Have you ever imagined yourself as the keeper of the light house? You will never know how many people are benefiting from your far reaching beams. But if you fail to do your duty, the next day you may see or hear about the consequences on the seashore or between the rocks in the ocean. When we look around we will see some people doing some meaningless jobs. It may not make much sense to us, but they know the importance of their job. They will keep on doing their duty regardless of what others may think about them. When we lived in a rural village in Kerala, our street was so dark at night without a street light. So we installed a light near our gate. I never knew how many people enjoyed our light every night. One night we forgot to turn it on. The street was so dark and spooky. When I heard people talking outside my gate, I remembered to turn the light and turned it on. All of a sudden I heard a loud exclamation of joy of those people who were in the dark. Thus one day you and I will know the results of all our actions. When God wants you to do something, do

not try to argue with God. Just obey His calling.

This year we haven't got many donations from our donors. But we hope and pray that more funds are on the way. Jesus will not be late to do his miracles. Last week I was shocked to see the change in the trees. Some of the trees in our neighborhood were nothing but dry branches without any leaves or flowers. Then suddenly they were full of flowers. But after two more days, all I could see on them were tiny bunches of fruits. And now they are full of green leaves. These sudden changes in nature give me sufficient warning about our human lives. The young energetic people, who I met here a while ago, are now looking very old and always talking about aches and pains. In those times the only question echoing in my ears is "Are you ready?" If I wait to get qualifications, or wait for another opportunity, it may not come by at all. I remember an imaginary story about a meeting in hell. The devil was asking his people about who would go down to earth and change people's mind away from God's ways. Although many suggestions came up for their consideration, the idea they all liked was of a small devil who said: "I will go to earth and convince them to postpone the good works for tomorrow. I will tell them that "you are not qualified" "you are not that rich" "you will get more opportunity later" or simply tell them "you can do it tomorrow." So, the more we postpone our good works, then the more and more people will suffer and go without help. Our good works may be in the form of writing an encouraging letter, or saying a word of comfort, or recommending someone to

Channels of Glory for help. Right now, there are many help requests for help lying in front of me. In these letters and photographs, I see the bread winners of the families lying paralyzed; children with sad faces waiting for the check from Channels of Glory to meet their educational expenses. You may be wondering how these people know about Channels of Glory. The people who already received help from Channels of Glory are the ones who pass on our address to other people who are suffering. There are also quite a few cancer patients who tell about us to other poor patients in the Regional Cancer Center, Trivandrum. Those who have already received help in their need do not think of excuses, but are quick to help others in their time of need.

Let us work hard right now and assure ourselves by saying: "If God command thee so, thou shall be able"

### **I never knew!**

***-Simon Zachariah***

Many games I played in the past  
Finally I tried rollerblading and said,  
"I never knew that this was such a fun"  
Unless you try, you'll never know.

I was always scared of needles  
Today I had an injection on my arm  
I never knew that this was so easy  
Unless you try, you'll never know.

I never knew that this was so difficult  
I never knew that this was so painful  
I never knew that this was so close  
I never knew that this was so far away

Unless you try, you'll never know.