

## POEMS OF THE MONTH

**യൈര്യമുണ്ടോ?**

*Dr. Simon Zachariah*

സത്യമേറെ അറിഞ്ഞേക്കാം. യൈര്യമുണ്ടോ  
പുറത്തോതാൻ?  
പണമേറെ കയ്യിലുണ്ടാം. യൈര്യമുണ്ടോ  
പങ്കുവയ്ക്കാൻ?  
നീതിയേറെ അറിഞ്ഞേക്കാം. യൈര്യമുണ്ടോ  
വിളിച്ചോതാൻ?  
ഒഴികഴിവേറെയുണ്ടാം. ആർക്കുമിന്നതു  
കേൾക്കേണ്ട.  
ധീരമായ് പോരാടുക, തലമുറകൾ  
പുറകെയുണ്ടേടോ!

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### **A Newsletter**

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**“Short lived- yet pretty all its life!”**  
By: Anumol T.S.

“The fragrance always remains on the hand  
that gives the rose.” *-Mahatma Gandhi.*



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

For this December Newsletter, I want to write about people who want to hide themselves. They want to stay anonymous whether they are doing good or bad things. When people go hunting, they stay in a hiding place. In the same way there are people who want to hide themselves even when they are doing good deeds. Those people may have their own reasons to do so. 'FEAR' is the basic reason in many cases. They have many reasons of which to be afraid. Most people do not want to admit that they are afraid. So they come up with excuses such as, "I do not want any publicity or honor." Everyone, especially the future generation, is looking for role models. If they see one person doing good things, they will get motivated too. When I used to work among teen volunteers in India, I found that if I go to the front with some

ideas, there will be many youth to follow. They do a good job of serving the public and they get satisfaction too. But I used to challenge them saying: "You should have felt the need for service and started the work by yourself." When others see or hear of your work, they also will get motivated. Be not ashamed to obey the Holy Spirit which is in you. I have a friend who never used to delay any good work. Once when I asked, he explained: "I do not care what others think of my actions. When I see someone in need I think of myself in that position and spring into action" People may see our actions and pass their judgments; but we should do all the good things we can whenever we can. Some of them may get motivated and come and join you or later continue what you have started. When we look at history, the people who achieved things during their lifetime are those who had the courage to uphold their convictions.

How do we get courage to do good things in public? As I mentioned about my friend, his motivation comes when he sees himself in that position. For others it may be their loved ones who are in trouble or need. For some people it may be God's love. When we consider the love and grace we are enjoying from God, we will be compelled to do good things for His name's sake. There should be some compelling force to overcome the fear of doing good things. There may be several factors to pull us back from doing God's will. It is very easy to help when we have nothing to lose. But if we have a large amount of money or a child or a loved one with us, we will be more worried about the safety of those and

shrink away from the action. I know some people who help others in need regardless of their reputation, or fear of losing fame, or money or loved ones. This reminds me of a prayer we used to sing in school. It says: "Give us the courage to say good words, and do good things." Let every one see your good works and give glory to God. Let others get motivated by your good works. When Jesus healed many people, He told them not to tell anyone. But the more He told them not to tell, the more they gave publicity to Jesus. Do you know why it happened? Good works are like bright light, or fragrant perfume; it is very difficult to hide from others. The world will know it very soon. I am not telling others in India to find more deserving people to help, but now I know that there are people who keep the "Channels of Glory" address and give to others who are in need. When I send them financial help I ask them to help others who are in need. They may not be in a position to help others financially, but surely they can help others by offering comforting words, teaching kids, or even by providing physical help. I am very happy when I hear some of them do so in great courage.

Someone told me they are teaching elementary school kids to understand the difference between 'wants' and 'needs.' In this holiday season it is the most difficult question even for adults. I know few who are paralyzed from the neck down. One wife wrote to me that her husband's water bed is leaking. When I shared this to someone he said "It is not a need." May God give everyone the courage to obey His whispering to each soul.