

## POEMS OF THE MONTH

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കണ്ണഞ്ചിക്കും സമ്മാനം ഏറെയുണ്ടേ!

### Every Day is a Birthday.

*-Simon Zachariah*

My friend's dog, Sam was very sick  
Sam was very old and very weak.  
My friend thought its days are numbered  
They took him to the vet that day  
To say the "final goodbye" to him

The doctor could 'talk' to Sam  
Or at least he knew what was wrong  
Doctor said with a big smile:  
"It's only a 'vertigo problem'  
He assured "he will be fine"

A smile bloomed on my friend's face  
He said, "Today is Sam's birthday!"  
When you and me look back..  
What do we see,- A second birthday?  
Several birthdays and second chances!

God gives us new chances every day.  
To start all over all again, if you will.  
Just like a new white sheet of paper  
Who knows how many new days we'll get  
"Happy birthday!" my friend!

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### A Newsletter

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### "Beauty in the fallen leaves"

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## NEWS FROM THE CHANNELS



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

The Thanksgiving season is over. What are we thankful for? Channels of Glory is thankful to all who supported this organization with their money and talents. We could continue to be a source of support to many less fortunate people during the past year.

This is the season of Gifts. I was thinking about a definition for the word 'Gift'. Even though we all exchange gifts, much of them go unnoticed or unappreciated. What makes one appreciate a gift? Is it the value of it? We often remove the price from the item anyway. Is it the usefulness of it? Is it the novelty of it? Is it the costliness of it? Is it the sacrifice and effort the giver gave to it? My thoughts went on and on. Then I just thought of the word "Love" hiding behind the word "Gift"! The words gift and love are like two sides of a worn out coin. It is not the money, effort, usefulness, need, or want...but the love

behind the gift that is to be appreciated. Some receive some gifts with gratitude while others without much gratitude. This is because we cannot see the real love behind the gift. So this season when we exchange gifts, when we open the wrappers, let us look for the love wrapped in it. In the same way when we wrap the presents let us ask ourselves: "Do I really love this person? If so, add some words of love to it. Your gifts will be really appreciated. "Love" is like the relationship between dry land and rain. Rain is the giver, dry land is the person who receives the present. Both persons have love. The giver has love to give; the receiver has the love to graciously accept it.

When I volunteered as a treasurer of a World Vision Project, I was able to see number of gifts being exchanged by the sponsors and the children. Children's presents to the sponsors included some crayon drawings with a few words to the sponsors along with, their photos. But the gifts of the sponsors to the children were expensive, useful, and most desirable. In both these gift giving processes, one thing was common: They haven't seen each other. Still, they love and care for each other. So in this coming gift giving season, let us wrap our gifts with love as we give them to our friends and relatives. Perhaps also include someone whom you haven't seen at all. We should all learn to love and give like God. Someone said the other day, "God is not only into addition, but also into multiplication". We can give some special gifts this time of year, such as time, second chances, serving, and compliments. You can add many rare types of gifts to this list. Take time to listen to others. Take time to listen

to the unspoken words. Most of the time people are too embarrassed to talk about certain wants and needs. And don't forget the most important gift, the words of love. "Thank you, sorry, it's ok", are the most soothing words one can give. The love which compels you to receive is childish. The love which compels you to give is divine. So the challenge before us now, is to keep our eyes open, keep our ears open, keep our hands free to work for God, keep our feet ready to walk with God, and above all get ready to talk to God and talk about God. Because He has given countless sacrificial gifts of love to all of us. Let us use every opportunity to give others the same.

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