

Evangelical Teachers' Fellowship

Silver Jubilee Conference

2–5 October 2003, Hyderabad, India

The Silver Jubilee Conference of the Evangelical Teachers' Fellowship (ETF) in India was held at Saint Pious Junior College, Hyderabad from 2–5 October 2003. This was the culmination of a journey from 1977 to 2002 in witnessing and serving the Lord through the teaching profession on the sub-continent.

Mr Mathew Varghese, General Secretary of the Union of Evangelical Students of India (UESI), gave the keynote address in which he reminded ETF members that they are a professional movement which meets the need of the hour.

The main guest speakers, Mr LT Jeyachandran and Mr Satkeerti Rao, gave inspiring and challenging messages on the theme Teacher's Thankfulness Towards God's Faithfulness. They reminded the delegates that, as Christian teachers, we know that we are called by God. They also encouraged those present to acknowledge God's faithfulness with a thankful heart. It was certainly a refreshing experience to listen to them.

More information

Eappen John
General Secretary ETF
Flat #9
Sterling Apartments
Snehpuri Colony
Nacharam P.O.
Hyderabad – 500 076
A.P.
India

Dr P Manasseh, Dr Subhankar Ghosh, Ms Joy, Ms Jeanie and Mr Eappen John led the professional sessions, seminars and workshops on various themes. There was freshness of vision and gathering of new strength as the Holy Spirit worked among us.

About 110 participants from ten states attended the conference. They came from diverse educational backgrounds and brought with them different skills and experiences of learning and teaching. This provided an excellent opportunity for participants to find fellowship and encouragement and share their educational concerns.

In remembrance of God's faithfulness towards ETF over the past quarter of a century a memento was given to each delegate as a reminder that they should continue to pray for and actively support ETF in the years ahead. A souvenir magazine was also published. In addition, the second edition of the Bible study resource book entitled *The Making of a Christian Teacher* in English, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu, as well as the Tamil translation of the booklet *Faith in the Classroom*, (each published by the ETF Publication Trust) were also launched during the conference.

The delegates' children (aged 3 to 14) enjoyed a special programme which ran parallel to the main conference and was organised by Mr Prem and Mrs Sudha. A brief outing to Golconda Fort at Hyderabad was arranged for the adult delegates.

The National General Council of ETF met on 3 October 2003 and new office holders were commissioned. Please remember them and the ongoing ministry of ETF in your prayers.

■ Eappen John

