

A STRONG NATION FOR LOVE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

LEF ORGANIZATION IS
NOT CULT ORIENTED. IT IS BUILT UPON
GOD'S AGENDA IN JESUS CHRIST.

WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK
TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO
LOVE GOD, TO THOSE WHO ARE CALLED
ACCORDING TO GOD'S PURPOSE. FOR
WHOM HE FOREKNEW, LORD ALSO
PREDESTINED TO BE CONFORMED TO
THE IMAGE OF JESUS, THAT HE MIGHT BE
THE FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY
BRETHREN.

-ROMANS 8:28-29

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- ISAIAH 60:22

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Chapter -1

NOTABLE EVENTS RECORDED DURING BRO. DANIEL (1897 – 1963) LIFE.

Founder of LEF.

JULY 1935

At No:32, Tana Street, Purasaiwakkam, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India

Bro. Daniel would ring the bell and one young man would enter and take his seat.

Bro. Daniel would proceed to teach him the Bible and the things of God. The devil, of course, was quick to influence Bro. Daniel's very insignificance and small situation...

Bro. Daniel took this matter to the Lord, and Almighty replied him with the promise ISAIAH 60:22.

A LITTLE ONE SHALL BECOME A THOUSAND, AND A SMALL ONE A STRONG NATION. I, THE LORD, WILL HASTEN IN ITS TIME.

God said, **"This is the VISION to LEF"**.

And God blessed LEF Home with young people. Bro. Daniel and his wife Sis. Dheevana started serving LEF Home together by Faith.

MAY 1944

First Annual Retreat

God said, **"GATHER MY SAINTS TOGETHER TO ME". -PSALMS 50:5.**

First Retreat held at Kakinada [Canadian Baptist Mission Girls' Boarding School] in 1944.

Bro. Daniel and his team were on knees for souls to gather... Prayers answered! First 2 registrations; both named Isaac who travelled around 280 Kms. Both were very poor agricultural laborer who owned practically nothing but mighty in zeal and faith. Both surrendered their life to God that they would take sacrifice their 10 DAYS of work on every month to preach the gospel to the people in other villages around them.

THE LORD EVEN USED ONE OF THEM TO RAISE A DEAD BOY TO LIFE !!

JULY 1946

LEF Home became empty due to 2nd world war.

Bro. Daniel asked the Lord, whether his work in Madras had come to an end and if he should trace his footsteps back to his secular job at Andhrapradesh, the Lord spoke and told him definitely, **“If you will still abide in Chennai, then will I build you”**.

- Jeremiah 42:10

In order to further emphasize this promise, God said to him, **“I have much people in this city.”**

-Acts 18:10

“ My wife and me lived a life of deep unity in thought and spirit. This ignited revival and we faced many challenges together and gave beautiful birth LEF ”.

- Bro. Daniel

Chapter -2

THE GREATEST LEGACY OF BRO. DANIEL

1. REVIVAL IN TAMILNADU AND ANDHRAPRADESH
2. ANNUAL RETREAT
3. DEEP FOUNDATION TO LEF ORGANIZATION
4. TODAROSE

GOD'S WAYS ARE BEYOND HUMAN COMPREHENSION

Lord: I promise that LEF shall inherit;

TREASURES OF DARKNESS AND HIDDEN RICHES OF SECRET PLACES.

-Isaiah 45:3

Daniel: Lord my God, I am surprised and slightly frightened as well with this Promise...

Lord: This is must to bring our vision -Isaiah 60:22 into reality dear!

Daniel: I will meditate and understand this Lord, but before you entrust me with TODAROSE, I want first, the fullness of the Spirit.

Lord: Fine dear, I give you assurance that;

"I will pour my spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring" -**Isaiah 44:3**

Daniel: I will learn this new perspective of Heavenly operations.

Lord: It is not how you start or exist today but how LEF finish inheriting Strong Nation for Evangelical Society!!

Chapter -3

NOTABLE EVENTS RECORDED DURING BRO. JOSHUA DANIEL (1928 – 2014) LIFE.

JULY 1958

LEF Bible College.

Bro. Joshua Daniel started LEF bible college at St. Thomas Mount road, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India. Bro. (Late) Paulathi was the first student of LEF bible college. He served Lord wholeheartedly until his last breath at LEF, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu, India.

YEAR 1959-60

LEF's International Presence.

Bro. Joshua Daniel took LEF to overseas for the first time...

MAY 1972

May Retreat, George School, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India.

Whole Chennai felt the acute dearth and drought conditions. Hindu temples offered special prayers to their rain God. Moslems organized a special event on the Marina beach.

Christians were on their knees...

BUT THE SKIES WERE AS BRASS

St. George School told us that we could not rent out their premises this time due to water scarcity. But **LEF never had a break to Annual Retreat since 1944, Started with 120 attendees, which grown to 2,500 in 1972.**

THE REAL CHALLENGE STOOD BEFORE LEF LEADERSHIP TO CONDUCT 10-DAYS OF ANNUAL RETREAT FOR 2,500 ATTENDEES.

By faith captain Bro. Joe said to St. George school that "WE ARE CONDUCTING OUR ANNUAL RETREAT".

The eve of the retreat was almost upon us, and still no solution was in sight. While the planking of the temporary platform was being laid upon the wooden frame, Bro. Joe stood up there and surveyed the scene. Through an opening in the awning behind the platform, he saw a round concrete slab roughly four feet in diameter barely one hundred feet [30 Mtrs] away from him.

Joe asked what the round concrete slab was. The reply came back: "It is an old disused well, which is filled to its brim with rubbish and dirt."

NOW THE LORD SAID TO JOE, "OPEN UP THAT WELL."

When Joe conveyed this to our brothers, instead of laughing at him they took God's instruction seriously.

As they went down, removing the dirt and debris from the disused well, just around 10 to 12 feet deep, water began to pour out of a powerful spring.

GOD GAVE PLENTY OF WATER TO CONDUCT 1972 MAY-RETREAT.

24 MAY 1984

LEF Headquarter

LEF dedicated its current headquarters operating from Nungambakkam, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India on this day. Construction work started for 5,000 seating capacity in January, 1981.

Key people involved:

1. Bro. Joe as Chief of God's house.
2. Brothers Charles Samuel and Aaron as Engineers.
3. Dr. M. D. Paul as diplomat to Govt. of Tamilnadu.
4. And many more brothers...

BIRTH OF OUR LEF HEADQUARTERS

Owner: Displayed a board 'Property for Sale'.

Joe: Can you sell this for God's ministry?

Owner: Sure.

Joe: I don't have money now, but my Jesus will surely provide me. I CAN PAY YOU IN 12 EQUAL MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS.

Owner: Are you kidding me? Nungambakkam is not for this kind of foolish talk...

Joe: [Leaves from that place] Makes this as prayer request to his team.

NEGOTIATION AT GOD'S DESK

(God prepared this Owner's heart...)

Owner: One fine day, this owner called Joe and said, "Dear Joe, I am selling this property ON YOUR TERMS".

JULY 1996

Beula Gardens

Bro. Joe and his team glorified God by registering LEF International Retreat center of 40 Acres land near Red Hills.

**“THERE IS NO SINGLE BREAK TO LEF’S MAY RETREAT IN LAST 78 YEARS!
ALL GLORY TO OUR LORD AND MASTER JESUS CHRIST.”**

LEF RETREAT CENTERS

ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA

(1944-49)

1944-1946: Canadian Baptist Mission Girls Boarding School, Kakinada.

1947-1948: Vizagapatam.

1949: Samalkota.

TAMILNADU, INDIA

(1950-96:, At Chennai, India.)

Places:

1. Gurukul, Purasaiwakkam.
2. YMCA college.
3. No-112, Kodambakkam.
4. MCC, High School.
5. George school.
6. LEF Head Qtrs, Nungambakkam.
7. 1997-Till date: RED HILLS, CHENNAI, TAMILNADU, INDIA.

DECEMBER, 2001

Retreat center, Stuartpuram, Andhrapradesh, India.

Bro. Joe said, “The Lord laid it on my heart to communicate our converted brothers to build a huge steel structure 90F by 180F and put a metal roof on it just before the big meeting, it seemed unrealistic to me. But **our brothers proved that IT IS POSSIBLE IN JESUS CHRIST**”.

QUOTES OFTEN USED BY BRO. JOSHUA DANIEL

"First time as a public speaker when I went to God's presence, I said, "Lord give me message". Lord replied, "You just cleanse yourself and be a holy vessel, I will fill you and use you".

"We cried out as a team to God through our hearts that were truly welded together in love and unity, there came a real transformation [Revival] in LEF".

"Prayer-life was all I knew. My strength was replenished and my spirit renewed by those hours of communion with God. It was only after getting through into a REAL STILLNESS in prayer that I received a word from God. And Harvest of souls, who had never known my dad, began to appear"

"Teachers joined hands with engineers, unemployed worked along with auditors, university students labored side by side with factory workers, to put up our humble prayer shed for revival meetings".

THE GREATEST LEGACY OF BRO. JOSHUA DANIEL

1. LEF BIBLE COLLEGE
2. LEF HEADQUARTER
3. DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL RETREAT CENTERS
4. FOUR HUNDRED PLUS WORSHIPPING CENTERS...
 - a. INDIA: 395+ CENTERS: Andhrapradesh -178, Tamilnadu -98, Telungana -35, Maharashtra-10, Karnataka-9, Manipur-8, Uttarpradesh -6, West bengal -6, Gujarat-5, Assam-5, Odisha-5, Arunachal Pradesh-4, Nagaland-3, Punjab-3, Himmachal Pradesh-3, Kerala-3, Mehalaya-2, Haryana-2, Delhi, Goa, Tribura, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu, Kashmir, Jharkand, ...
 - b. OVERSEAS 17 CENTERS: Australia-3, Canada-2, Germany-5
And (Each one center at) Guyana, Ireland, Malaysia, Singapore, UK, USA and France.
5. SIX SCHOOLS
 - a. **Tamilnadu, India:** Mettupalayam, Velliangadu, Gummidipundi, Ponneri and Salem.
 - b. **Uttarpradesh, India:** Bansi.
6. NINE HOSPITALS
 - a. **Tamilnadu, India:** Royapuram, Velliangadu, Gummidipundi, Coonoor, Masinagudi and Ashoknagar.
 - b. **Westbengal, India:** Sundarbans.
 - c. **Kashmir, India:** Anantnag.
 - d. **Nepal, India:** Sonauli.

THE GREAT SERVANTS OF GOD WHO TOOK PART WITH BRO.DANIEL AND BRO.JOSHUA DANIEL IN JESUS CHRIST.

1. **Sis. Dheevana, W/o Bro. Daniel, LEF Founder.** A mother with her 3 children got into the slow passenger train at Samarlakota, Andhra Pradesh and traveled to Chennai. She managed to get into an unreserved third class compartment. The overnight journey passed quickly. Her beloved husband waiting on the platform in Chennai Central Station and took them to home. "THEY HAD NO MONEY FOR FOOD, RENT AND FOR THEIR CHILDREN EDUCATION AS WELL". But they knew the power of this prayer in Jesus Christ, "Father, give us this day our daily bread, protect us and take hold of us for Heavenly Will".
2. **Miss. Jamayamma.** Sainly woman of God who guided Sis. Dheevana [W/o Bro. Daniel, LEF Founder] to experience salvation.
3. **Bro. John.** Gave mighty demonstration of Saviour Jesus Christ's power...
4. **Bro. Norman Duncan.** He did an admirable job in keeping our Evangelists to win souls for God...
5. **Bro. Solomon.** Saint Paul of LEF and a faithful team member...
6. **Bro. Jagapathirao.** A humble and wise man of God who nurtured all his children working for God's Kingdom...
7. **Bro. Jayasingh.** A Selfless surgeon, and many learned Christ through his life...
8. **Bro. Benjamin.** A godly man who delivered many demonic affliction and possession...
9. **Bro. Devasahayam.** LEF always counted on him when there is any stubborn case to deal with...

10. **Bro. Yesudas.** A revivalist. He electrified people with his testimony...
11. **Bro. Pitchai.** A fruitful worker of God's Kingdom...
12. **Bro. Samraj.** Doctor but majored in walking with God...
13. **Bro. Paulathi.** First bible college student of LEF, and blessings to many...

And this list cannot find its end when Godly men like Dr. M.D. Paul, Bro. Winfred, Dr. Rajendran, Rev. Dr. Whitson Paul, Bro. Johnston, Bro. Cornelius, Rev. Spierce, Bro. Job And many more...

THE NEXT PHASE OF LEF

IN THE WALK OF 'SMALL ONE A STRONG NATION'

- Isaiah 60:22

ROADMAP

1. **REBIRTH AND SELF-TRANSFORMATION.** Born again experience which is the very foundation of LEF...
2. **EXPERIENCE FAITH AND WORSHIP GOD**
 - a. As Internet made regular **one year into seven years**, human intelligence has evolved substantially in 21st century! **Hence preachers can try to deliver deep message of God to our upcoming generation in less time, may be 20 to 30 Mnts.**
 - b. We should have **sanctified offering points instead of using bags...** This is to experience our core LEF's building block 'FAITH'.
 - c. Project based offering can be encouraged.
3. **TRANSPARENCY.** Radical transparency to LEF offering and assets.
4. **BIBLE COLLEGE**
 - a. Reviving LEF Bible college is the only hope in the walk of "... Small one a strong Nation".
 - b. We must have **200+ NEW BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS on immediate mode.**
5. **NEIGHBORHOOD.** All open and half-open Worship centers need to be reconstructed in such way that it should not disturb neighborhood.
6. **TALENT ACQUISITION**
 - a. Associate with **entrepreneurial and business talents at LEF children.**
 - b. Provide employment to our believers and children. **THIS IS IMPORTANT IN THE WALK OF SMALL ONE A STRONG NATION until second coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**
7. **LOVE ELDERS AND BURIAL GROUND**
 - a. Old age home to Evangelists.
 - b. Good burial ground to every single LEF Center.