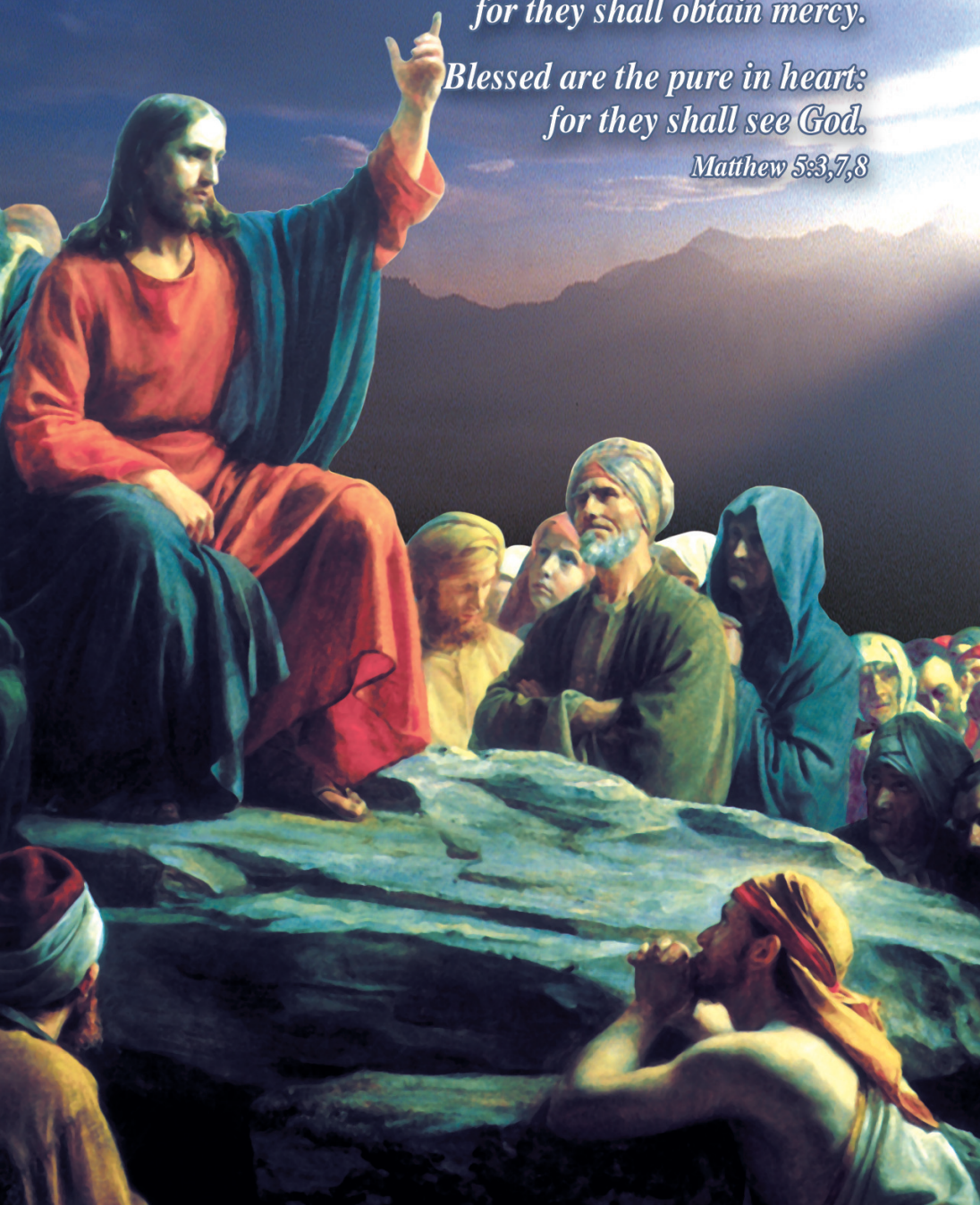


*Blessed are the poor in spirit:  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are the merciful:  
for they shall obtain mercy.*

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for they shall see God.*

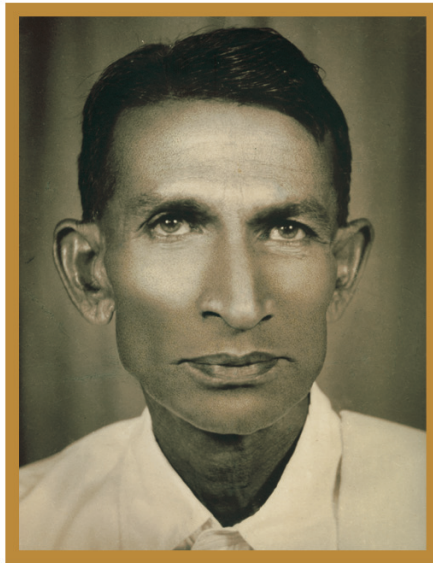
*Matthew 5:3,7,8*



*The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. Psalms 112:6*



## ***Autobiography***



**Sri Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy**  
**(1913-1993)**

*Suplimented by Pastors, Friends & Relatives*





**Sri Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy (Late)**  
**Smt. Rajamma**

*God almighty always able to deliver  
Faith in Him wins in every trying hour  
Foes and fears of sin and sorrow crushed and defeated  
By faith in our Lord Jesus who on the cross already proved*

*Your faith in God shines like Sun  
While passing through clouds of perils  
In love God has paved our ways through His Son  
Have faith in God and prove to be His ambassadors*

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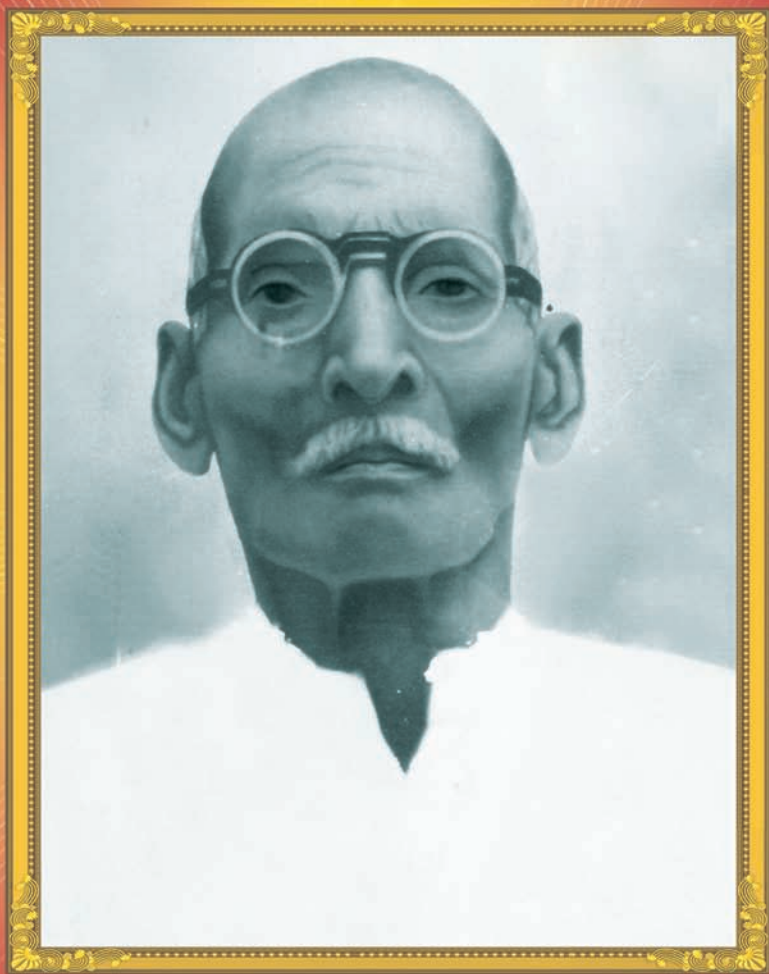
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**... Showing mercy unto thousands of them  
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**Late Sri Y.S. Venkat Reddy**  
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**Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.**

**Rev. 14:13**



**Late Sri Y.S. Raja Reddy**  
**(1925-1998)**



**The memory of the righteous is blessed.**

**Pro.10:7**



**Late Dr.Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy**

**Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh**

**(1949-2009)**

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## FOREWORD

I am happy to write the foreword to the book “Satyasakshi”, which depicts the life and ministry of Mr.Chinna Konda Reddy of Pulivendula. Late Mr.Y.Chinna Konda Reddy was the Son of Mr.Y.S.Venkat Reddy, a first generation Christian in Cuddapah District. The Reddy family has produced distinguished personalities like the late Mr.Y.S.Rajashekar Reddy who was the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh between 2004-2009. The contribution of the Reddy family to the Diocese and to the Christian community in Andhra Pradesh cannot be measured.

This book is a tribute to Mr.Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy, part of which has been written by Mr.Chinna Konda Reddy himself when he was alive. On his passing away other members of the family, church leaders and well wishers have added articles and important incidents in the life of Mr.Chinna Konda Reddy. The book unfolds the life of Mr.Reddy who was a building contractor and who was known for his honesty and integrity. He was a man who went beyond the barriers of caste considerations to embrace all those who accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour and Lord and helped them to worship the Lord as one family. The book enumerates the contribution of Mr.Reddy not only to the Church but also to society as a whole. Mr.Reddy has demonstrated through his life and ministry that those who have accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour are able to live in peace and harmony irrespective of caste, creed and colour. I do hope that this book would encourage many other individuals to devote their time for the enhancement of peace and harmony in the church and society.

+ S. Vasanthakumar  
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**I** am glad to go through this life story of Y.S. CHINNA KONDA REDDY, as its very interesting to me.

Many good Christian life stories of early days are not properly studied but neglected and rolled in past.

Sometimes, understanding Lord's foundations on early and younger movements are not so far deeply understood by us. Church needs to study early scattered and non-structural movements.

Younger movements or starting points are not written with proper analysis, with a prosperous mind to help the present generation church, to develop their evangelical strategy among unreached ruling castes.

**Y.S. (YEDUGURI SANDINTI) families belong to a group of early movements. Witnessed Lord in their families. Y.S. Chinna Konda Reddy's life was filled with bold witness that comes under scattered younger movements of evangelism and kingdom life.** In the early movements here a one family, here there after another family some involved in witnessing Lord and His kingdom.

These families some times do not have direct relationship stories of evangelism or crusading life stories. But they steadily walked with witness.



**Y.S. Chinna Konda Reddy belongs to those life stories. In those days the family of Sri Y.S. Venkata Reddy was the only witness who stood boldly for Christ.**

**Chinna Konda Reddy sincerely followed the then known witnessing models. In many good Christian life stories we see no direct connection with church planting, but later their life style helped in evangelism.**

**The mission heart in the life of Chinna Konda Reddy is very strong, that helped later generation to enter into further level of evangelism and kingdom life.**

**Chinna Konda Reddy made good foundation in his witnessing life for Christ. If we look and analyse into his life with mission mind we will definitely find some systematic lessons to modern missions.**

May God help us to study Y.S. Chinna Konda Reddy's life from other dimension of his **Love, Justice and Mission Mind**. May the Holy Spirit help and guide us in future to find new lessons or exemplary stories from the life of Chinna Konda Reddy.

*God bless you all*

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# MY UNCLE – A DIVINE PERSONALITY



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No one knows how God looks like. We only can read about the characteristics of God from the Bible and other religious books. I don't think man ever can become a God, but when we see some people we develop such devotion, respect, trust and love for them. We can not but whole heartedly adore such personalities. We love to spend our time with them, listen to their valuable words, and cherish their wisdom. Such a rare personality was my uncle Chinna Konda Reddy. I believe that he was loved by every one. Rarely did I have opportunities to spend time with him. With in those few short visits, I felt that I had seen a great person and few minutes that I had spent with him remain indelible in my life.

He was not a very rich man, or a great scholar, or an expert in any art. The greatness of him lies in his bundle of human values that he beloved in and practiced. He became an exceptional personality with unique life values. His words were naïve yet contained jewels of life realities in his conversations. Even though he had troubles like raising tidal waves in his heart, his words were so gentle like a still brook.

He was a businessman. Usually any business men aim to earn more and more money. Such people don't mind saying lies deceiving people and following add means and so on. But Chinna Konda Reddy

never had a malicious mark in his affairs of business. His earnings never were in any wrong ways, but just hard-earned money. We do not know how much he earned but he never been a poor man as well. He was so generous that who ever approached him in any need were being satisfied.

He did not enter into the books of history nor followed by multitudes, but all those values we find in great people of the history, we find in the life of Chinna Konda Reddy. If not in the pages of historical books, he definitely made his presence permanent in all our hearts. He was a great man who loved all people around him. I am very much privileged indeed to get this opportunity to write about him even though there are many people better than me, who lived closely around him for longer times.

Though there are valuable written words in great books like the Bible, unless we follow them in our lives they have no meaning. People like Chinna Konda Reddy lived the meaning of such great words. Their ideals become ultimate goals and directions for our lives too. There may be different controversies about Jesus, whether he was God or Man or God incarnated as man. But for my uncle, Jesus was real and great inspiration. He passed on such blessings of God and virtues of life to the rest of the family.

*C.C.Reddy*





# INTRODUCTION

The Rev. Dr. B.D. Prasada Rao

Pastor,

CSI-JCM Church, Madanapalle



At the outset I thank brother Y.S.Prakash Reddy for giving me this rare opportunity to translate this cherishable publication. Cherishable because I am the best beneficiary of this book through the inspiration I received. The Autobiography of late Sri. Chinna Konda Reddy along with the promising witnesses of his family and friends is indeed a classic story of Christian faith in action. Chinna Konda Reddy proved some thing which we think impossible to live such an honest life in the midst of huge scope for temptations.

I am over whelmed when brother Prakash Reddy asked me to translate this book into English, because my taste of doing similar work on “Turn of the spirit” still remain in mind. How many more jewels are to be unearthed from YS families we need to wait.

The way the material is collected and compiled is a miracle and providential. I am grateful to God for having given this opportunity. God has given me many answers to my spiritual struggles through these stories, which I can never obtain from any theological libraries. **This book is a classic model of bringing out the shared Gospel of Jesus’ Love stories translated into the language of charismatic lives such as Chinna Konda Reddy.**

The book contains two phases namely the Autobiography by Late Sri Chinna Konda Reddy and in the second phase the stories of several near and dear ones who have been influenced by the sparks that glittered from his faith story.

The way the book is compiled by Rev. T.S.R.PrasadaReddy is simply meticulous in order, progressive spell of information and in a design of a lovely extended family. The contributors belong to inter generational and multi cultured nature. The witnesses are complementary to the biography. The illustrations fixed in different pages take the readers join the YS families to experience the shared gospel of a faith community.

I also note with respect the foreword written by the Most Rev. S.Vasanthakumar the Moderator of Church of South India, who I am sure would bring out many faith stories such as Sri Chinna Konda Reddy from all corners of the CSI, which would consolidate the strength and guidance not only to the leadership but also to the younger generation.

I am sure that God would bless this book in wide readership.

**The Rev. Dr. B.D. Prasada Rao**

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# WITNESS FOR TRUTH

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**G**od the Creator planned his salvific history through Jesus Christ and is carrying on through different personalities in different places at different times. In the initial stages of the spread of Gospel in Andhra Pradesh, God had called different persons as his agents from different communities. Sri Y.S. Venkata Reddy and his son Sri Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy, were called by God as His prophets of this age. They accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and venture to embrace his church to live a dedicated life according to His teachings.

This books is intended to bring the hidden values and patterns of Christian integrated life styles of Chinna Konda Reddy into the light before they fade away into the foils of passing history and get sunk in the covering sands of modern trends and ultimately go behind the curtains of history. We could compile only few instances and glimpses of information about the life of China Konda Reddy in this book. **In fact this is just a feeble attempt to depict at least a blurred picture of the Life of Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy.**

In our planning of this production we were struck up with the title of this book. **Chinna Konda Reddy had accepted Jesus Christ as true Savior and meditated upon the true message of the Holy Bible, the book of truths, and acculturated such divine truths into his personality. The family recognized him as a living witness of a true God. Therefore the name SATHYA SAKSHI is an appropriate title for this book to depict the true values of a true devotee, Sri Chinna Konda Reddy.**

Indeed it is a blessing to me to work on this book along with an experienced person like Sri Y.S.Prakash Reddy who is like a father to me.

I pray that God would bless this tiny book as a flame of inspiration to all people in India as a torch of truthful life.

*May God bless us!*

# Gratitude

*Our heartfelt thanks is due to Rev.P.Issac Varaprasad and Rev.M.Theophilus who from the beginning encouraged us in our attempt to publish this book by not only sharing their opinions but also collecting information from so many sources.*

*Special Thanks to Sri Prabhakar Rao for preserving the Manuscript which was written by our father.*

*We are indebted to Rev.T.Sivarama Prasad Reddy who volunteered to spend so much of his precious time and energy in compilation and printing of this book.*

*Our sincere thanks urge to the Most Rt.Rev.S.Vasantha Kumar, Moderator of CSI, who graciously welcomed this production and was kind enough to write the foreword for this book.*

*We are grateful to Rev.M.Bhaskara Reddy, Director of Philadelphia Bible Institute, Kavitam for bringing into the light, many facts about our father and encouraged us with apt instructions.*

*Our special thanks to C.C.Reddy Mamagaru who expressed his loving concerns this book.*

*We greatly appreciate the valuable time and efforts put in by the English translators of this book Rev.Dr.B.D.Prasada Rao, Miss.Padma Paul Reddy and Mr.Paul Konda Reddy.*

*And We are utmost grateful from the bottom of our hearts to all God's servants, friends and relatives, and well wishers for their valuable information and expressions depicted in this Book about our father Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy.*

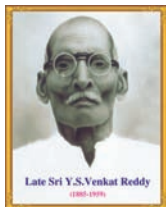
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**Y.S.Families**

# Autobiography

**Y.S.CHINNA KONDA REDDY**

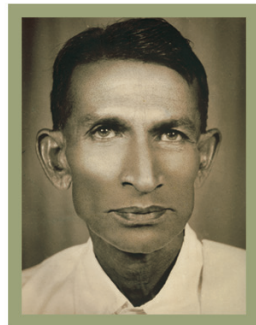
## Family Background

I am Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy, the second son of Sri Y.S. Venkata Reddy. We hail from Balapanuru village in Pulivendla Taluk of Kadapa district. As our ancestors lived in a small lane in our village, the villagers addressed us as Sandinti [family in a small lane] family, thus our families are familiar as [Yeduguru Sandinti] Y.S. families.



My father Sri Y.S.Venkata Reddy was well informed in Indian culture and traditions from his childhood. Every-day, he used to have ceremonial bath and conduct worships. He used to wear Rudraksha Mala [Hindu religious rosary]. My father, from his childhood was well versed in Indian epics and taught its morals to many people. He used to recite Hindu scriptures and participate in theological discourses in several meetings. Having trained by Hindu gurus, he used to train the local people in Bhajans and singing worships.

He was taught Hindu theology by Bhatraju [Hindu folk teachers] and was able to conduct Bhajan groups all by himself. For his peace of mind, he always used to study Puranas and Hindu epics. He used to go on pilgrimage periodically along with religious groups. Having Rudraksha Mala in his neck and sacred lines on his forehead [Vibhudhi], he used to recite “Namassivaya” formula. Having devotion for Thirumala Venkateswara, he named all his five children “Venkata”.





My father Sri Y.S.Venkata Reddy was well trained in agriculture which was our family trait. Balapanuru area was known for its greenery as well as its hot politics. In that village, there were land lords, big farmers as well as poor and ordinary families. My father never hurt or exploited any of the poor community rather helped them in all their needs and difficulties. Thus he was known to be a friend of the poor. He always inclined to be available to all communities so that there would be harmony and peace all over the village.

## **My Childhood**

My father Sri.Y.S.Venkata Reddy married Lakshamma daughter of Sri Sidda Reddy belonging to Bonala village in Pulivendla Taluk. As she did not conceive, my father married another woman Mangamma daughter of Sri Chinna Reddy belonging to Ulavapalle Rajupalem village in Kamalapuram Taluk. Thus he had two wives. When second wife Smt Mangamma became pregnant, the first wife Smt. Lakshamma, who is my mother, also became pregnant. She gave birth to a girl child who unfortunately died in her childhood. Once again, my mother became pregnant and in God's great mercy, I was born on 13th July 1913. My father carefully recorded all our birthdays.

I studied my elementary school up to 5th standard in Balapanur and then in 1924 joined in Farmers' High School in Pulivendula. By 1928, I completed my Fourth Form [9th class] and received my certificates. At home, I used to assist my father in his agriculture activities.

## **Gracious Revelation of Truthful God**

My father was living an exemplary life with his deep rooted faith in traditional Indian Hindu religious practices on one hand and on the other, with sharp social consciousness and service motive.

From the beginning my father did not like Christianity rather developed hatred because of his notion that it was a foreign religion. He used to make a mockery, saying that the Christian religion was confined only to Mala and Madiga castes. For him, Jesus was an alien God.

When I was 12 years old, one Sri Isaiah, a teacher in Balapanur School gave to my father a New Testament containing the life of story of Jesus Christ, saying “Sir, please read this book carefully and if you don’t like please return it to me”. My father opened that book with a motive of finding faults and mistakes. Exactly at the same time, a doctor Sri Nambi Narasaiah of Madur village became a friend to my father and he introduced the gospel of Jesus Christ. During the same period, many dreams of our family for a male child came true with the birth of my brother Y.S.Deva Raja Reddy. Eventually, our faith in Christ was started growing. While my father was reading the Bible, he was very much attracted by the verse in **St.Mathew – 22:39 – "Love your neighbour as yourself "**. He was marveled that in the world history, nobody has propounded the teaching of love in this way. We were privilege to instill our faith in Jesus Christ as our great God. As it is written in **Psalms-144:15- “blessed are those whose God is Yahweh”**.

Having studied the Bible, my father Sri Y.S.Venkata Reddy realized that Lord Jesus Christ was the only saviour of the world and only through His blood the sinners would get salvation and attain heavenly bliss [Moksham]. In this way, each one of us started receiving Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. Along with our father, I also believed in Jesus and received baptism.

In those days, the agriculture laborers were paid the wages in terms of food-grains measured by earthen pot called “Seru Munthalu”. These were the standard measures of those days. But these pots used in our home were smaller by 1/3 of genuine measure. When I found that

those pots were used to pay the daily wages to the labourers in our home, I felt very sad as it was injustice.

Ezekiel -45:10 says – “You shall have just balances, a just ephah and a just bath. The ephah and the bath shall be of the same measure. Thus says the Lord God: you shall have just balances [kara thrasu] a just ephah [kara padi] and a just bath [kara thumu]”. I was convinced to obey the word of God and live a just life. Feeling the guiltiness of it and understanding that it was an injustice I went into my home and replaced the wrong measuring pots with the genuine ones. When my father came to know what I had done, he was simply happy and appreciated me.

Deuteronomy 24:14-15 says, "you shall not suppress a hired servant who is poor and needy whether he is one of your brother or one of the sojourners who are in your land, within your towns, you shall give him his hire on the day he earns it before sun goes down. For his poor, and sets his heart upon it; lest he cry against you to the Lord and it be sin in you". Accordingly my father used to instruct me to pay the daily wages each day to the labourers. I loved my father and worked for him diligently. Ephesians 6:1-2 says, “Honour your father and mother. This is the first commandment with a promise, “that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth”. I have personally experienced and received the blessings by following the above commandment. I have realized with my personal experience that any one who wants to reach the heights of his life must obey his parents, love them and follow their commandments.

My father, Sri Y.S. Venkata Reddy trained us in prayerful life from our childhood. Everyday after supper, we used to have our family

prayer. We were allowed to go to bed only after the prayer. My father used to explain to us many things from the Bible in our family prayers.

## Marriage

The elders of our family decided my marriage with Rajamma, the second daughter of Pedda Subba Reddy belonging to Ulavapalle Rajpalem village in Kamalapuram taluk. It was God's abundant grace that my marriage was held in a garden west to Balapanur village solemnized by God's servant Rev.Y.Satya Joseph on 29th December 1932.

As it was Christian marriage that too the marriage in reputed Y.S. family, many friends, relatives, Co-farmers and many people from neighboring villages attended the marriage out of their curiosity and interest. Sri Velpula Paul Reddy, Sri Sarvayapalle Nagi Reddy who were staunch believers of Jesus Christ already converted and along with the then missionary Rev.Romphas from Kadapa attended the marriage. Though there was no bus-transportation facility in those days, many had attended the marriage. It was 2nd Christian marriage in our family as my elder brother Sri Pedda Konda Reddy's marriage took place in 1929 with Smt Mariamma, daughter of Dr.Marreddy Joji Reddy of Urutur village in Kamalapuram Taluk. Their marriage was solemnized at Roman Catholic Church of Nagarajupalle in Jammalamadugu Taluk.

As it is written in **Proverbs-19:14** “...a prudent wife is from the Lord”, God blessed me with wife of wisdom and values. She proved as an ideal wife by being with me all the time, keeping up the family status. God had blessed us with pretty children. Of course, in the early days of our marriage we had to face a tragedy as eldest one of our three daughters had become blind due to eye-ailment and died at the age of 3years and 3 months. I only believed and accepted it as God's will. After her death, with great sorrow we prayed for His mercies and He blessed us

with next four male children. But among the four, the second son died when he was just 10 months. With His abundant love He responded to our prayers and blessed us with next three more daughters. Thus, since 1934 to 1955 we were blessed with 13 children among whom one daughter and one son slept in Him in their childhood. By the providential grace of God, we brought up 6 male and 5 female children who are healthy and happy until now. Me and my wife always remember in prayers as it is said in **Psalms 85:12** – “...Lord will give you what is good...”

After my marriage, I took much burden and took care of my younger brothers and sisters along with my elder brother's children in their studies as well as maintaining the joint family. For children's education I had to struggle much for about a decade from 1933 to 1944. During those days, I used to travel 40 to 50 miles on cycle to take care of my trade and agricultural activities as well.

**“Few lives live longer not out of Amrutham but by showing Love”**

As I struggled more than my ability, I suffered from Pneumonia in the month of April, 1944 which affected all my routine activities for more than two months. Of course, Almighty God heard our prayers and I recovered fully.

### **Family that prays together stays together**

The basis for all the prosperity of our families is our Family prayer! Nevertheless we had overcome all kinds of struggles in the family and hurdles in the trade through the mighty power of prayer. For all our successes and as well as in loss, we only relied on the power of prayer and Gods answers each time.

I strongly believe that only God has provided His abundant grace in response to my prayers, in all that I had experienced in my life, prosperity in the family and courage in times of trial. After my marriage I continued to live in my father's home for several years and we together

shouldered the responsibility of our families. In 1949, September 30th I separated myself from my father's home. Yet I was assisting my father in all matters, to some extent financially as well until my father's demise.

In God's grace me and my wife with our sons and daughters, nurtured very much in the word of God and prayers. In His providence, my sons and daughters got married in their appropriate ages. From 1952 October till 1975 June, all the marriages of my children have been taken place. I profusely praise God for His grace that all my sons and daughters have been blessed with nice children and every one is fine. Sri C Shubhakar Reddy, the eldest son of my second daughter got married in Balapanuru in 1972 and God has blessed them with a son and a daughter.

In 1977, February 3rd Sri C Shubhakar Reddy while traveling to Bangalore in a jeep met with an accident and injured all over his body affecting paralysis. His father, Sri Subba Reddy spent several lakhs of rupees to recover his son, but in vain. It is only grace of God that he is able to only speak even though he can not attend to all his needs and depends upon others. I continued to pray for him that God would heal him.

**I am now 75 years old. By 12th July 1987, I will complete my 75 years and by 29th December 1987 I complete our 55 years of married life. In all these 74 years of my life, I lived under the care of my parents for 19 years. After the marriage we continued to live in our father's home for 17 years until I was 36. Yet, I passed through several financial crises. Many hurdles I had to face during the period from 1949 to 1970, which led me into lots of losses and sold a part of my property in order to clear the debts.**

**Psalms 15:4 – “He always does what He promises, no matter how much loss it may cost....”**



## God's providence in our perils

It so happened in 1953 that I took the contract work of digging the Kurnool Canal, for which I had to take 600 men and women labour from Pulivendla. As there was no cooperation with PWD department in the place of our work, I could not provide job for all the people I took for nearly 3 weeks. Exactly the same time, the cholera epidemic erupted in the neighbouring villages. As the labour had to keep going and coming from these villages, many of the people in the camp were affected with cholera and nearly 35 of them died. Because of this disaster, I had to loose huge money in this work. With deep depression because of these crises, I only could go to the rescue of the God in prayer. I had to struggle a lot to accomplish the task to which I was committed. It became too difficult for me even to move the labour to the work spot. I realized that unless I go to the rescue of God, I can not get over these crises. As it is written in **Psalm 37:5 – “.....commit your ways to the Lord, trust in Him, and He will accomplish...”** I took the promise and knelt before God who is all powerful. God has rescued me in the task which was beyond my ability.

*“Start your day with the Lord – the light of your life.  
Commit each morning all that you have to do to His way.  
Your first step with God and all the steps with Him  
Rivers, hills, valleys, experience your strength from Him.  
Your first encounter with God in prayer  
Flourish your enterprise with all His power  
Praise and grace all to creator not to the creation”.*

I realized the fact that human beings as we are not wholly rely on own strength and wisdom, but should humble ourselves to the feet of the Lord to accomplish any task. From then onwards, I used to go to the feet of the God, meditate and pray every morning before I start my work. All those who did great things to God used to pray in the early morning. Therefore it is indeed good for us to have morning prayers.

It is natural that our lives are filled with ups and downs, joys and sorrows just like in the nature the floods and droughts happen. In such situations, we need to acculturate the divine attitudes of righteousness, justice, truth, love and kindness which we can gain only through struggling in prayer with confidence that the Lord would give us. As far as possible it is nice to be amicable with everybody around us. We can prosper in the Lord only if we have the life of praying all three times a day by inviting God the creator into our daily lives as our partner.

Mortal life is always temporary. We need to get out of our selfishness and in all our enterprises extend a helping hand to the poor, physically handicapped, destitute, orphans, widows, the sick and so on. Only such person can have right relationship with God. Every person should realize and incline to do good as much as he can to all around him. Those who follow these principles can alone live in the fellowship with God, because **John-I: 4-20 says...**” if any one says, “I love God”, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen can not love God, whom he can not see”.

Human being must have concern on the animal and plant kingdom. They also have pain and life. God has given life to them as much as we are given. God has kept this animal, plant into the care of human being according to Genesis 1:28, we also can see in Psalm 8 that ani-

mals, birds, fish and all the living beings are kept under the care of the human beings by God himself. Also **Proverb 12:10** says “**the righteous man will be kind to animals**” and there fore we must be kind towards the animals and all the living.

I strongly believe that only those who show kindness to animal and other living creatures, can be acceptable to God. In order to put all these wonderful truths in our heart, we need to have consciousness, kindness, righteousness, justice and truth. If every person becomes kind like this, it is my strong faith that we flourish in our village, in our district and even in our nation with peace and prosperity. It is very easy to write or to say these kinds of good words but for those who inclined to put them in practice will have to prepare to face all kinds of hurdles, difficulties, insults and so on...

*“No patience even to pray,  
for the body is weak mind is disturbed  
and void of sleep  
Tired and varied, no strength and depressed  
Surely have a sleep in the arms of motherly love  
God knows you are tired, no need to pray in words...  
Show your heart, open your mind  
Submit to Him, you’re whole and rest with Him in peace.*



# A TRIBUTE

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One's spiritual life may be a witness to other and an example to the life of yet another. For many people a witnessing life story will always be a model and source of inspiration. In these lines the autobiography by Sri YS Chinna Konda Reddy is an attempt with the aim of inspiring many faith journeys as a source document. This book, I am sure would be a blessing and a divine inspiration to all the readers.

About 18 years ago, in 1990 – 91 when I was working in Pulivendla division, Sri YS Chinna Konda Reddy in his old age was known to me. I was able to see him personally and cherished his preaching in Pulivendla Church worship. Especially his preaching on Psalm 18 is indelible in my mind.

I have seen his interest in the church and love for all the members. Sri YS Chinna Konda Reddy was a man of simplicity, truthfulness, hard work. He was a cultured man of piousness. A book about him is my humble attempt and a great privilege. I express my gratitude to all those who have supplied information for this book.

## **Childhood and education**

Late Sri Yeduguri Sandinti Chinna Konda Reddy was born to Sri Y S Venkata Reddy and Smt.Lakshamma in Balapanur village of Pulivendla taluk in Kadapa district on 13th July 1913. Since his birth, his parents were in Hindu religion. In 1925, his father Sri Venkata Reddy

received Jesus Christ as his personal saviour and was baptized and lived in Christian faith. Sri Chinna Konda Reddy was 12 years old when he was baptized along with his father. Father's faithful life had a very strong impact on his life and he followed Christian practices of family prayer, church fellowship.

The eldest son, Sri Pedda Konda Reddy was not able to take family responsibilities; therefore Chinna Konda Reddy had to take the responsibilities along with his father in the work of contracts and agriculture. He took care of all his brothers and sisters, their education and marriages. Thus, from his childhood he had been obedient to his father.

### **Marriage and family life**

Sri Chinna Konda Reddy got married to Rajamma daughter of Sri Pedda Subba Reddy in Balapanur, their wedding was conducted by Rev.Rumphus, Rev.Scopes and Rev.Satya Joseph in 1932. The marriage took place in a big garden which was attended by thousands of people. Many people came just to see Sri Konda Reddy's wedding coat. Smt. Rajamma who is the daughter in law of a big joint family was able to go well along with her sisters- in-law, co-sisters and brothers-in-law with love and affection. She was helpful to all of them.

God blessed their married life with 6 sons and 5 daughters. Their children are – 1.Suseela, 2.Vedamani, 3.Ananda Reddy, 4.Prakash Reddy, 5.Prathap Reddy, 6.Suguna, 7.Sulochana, 8.Syamala, 9.Bhaskara Reddy, 10.Manohar Reddy and 11.Joseph Reddy.

In 1948, when Sulochanamma was a kid, they moved from Pulivendla to Balapanur. Though Chinna Konda Reddy's wife Rajamma was illiterate, she was wise enough to take care of her family with patience. As a good wife and loving mother, she brought up all the kids with proficiency and efficiency. Her way of bringing up the children

was a blessed model to all of them. She was firm and steady in all difficult situations facing all challenges boldly because of her prayerful life and belief in God's guidance. She stood for the family in all circumstances.

### **As a contractor**

As his father, Sri Venkata Reddy was a well known contractor, Sri Konda Reddy started working with his father and learned the business well and became an expert. In the beginning, the missionaries built the school building in Gooty while Konda Reddy got a chance to build missionary buildings in Jammalamadugu. He also built 22 curves in the ghat road on the way to Kadiri in 1952. Guntakal Railway Quarters, Ramamadugu Project works at Dichpalle, Nizamabad in 1963, Kotapalle project work near Vikarabad in 1967, Pulivendla Government Hospital building in 1971-73, many PWD and R&B works were the most important ones which he accomplished with quality and efficiency. He was recognized by the government as Class-I contractor, though the officers did not supervise his works, he was always conscious that God would be supervising him. He worked hard with honesty and finished all his contracts with appropriate specifications. He had given more importance to his reputation rather than to money. He played an important role in finishing the CSI church construction in Pulivendla.

The profession which made him famous also gave him lot of difficulties. He had to face huge financial crises with many ups and downs. In 1973, he went for two railway contract tenders. Work agreement was done. But in 1974 financial year, the material cost shown in the agreement was increased drastically. He had to continue the work with increased construction cost which caused him a huge deficit. According to agreement, he took on the challenge to start the second work without any money in his hands.



This financial crisis is the worst thing he ever faced in his life, which overturned his life and disturbed him emotionally. He was afraid that his reputation would be at stake if people comment-“Konda Reddy could not accomplish the task”. Therefore he continued the work. He had to borrow money from others, which resulted in massive financial problems. By God’s grace his sons took these situations as challenge and worked hard and slowly got the family out of the crises.

### **As a Believer**

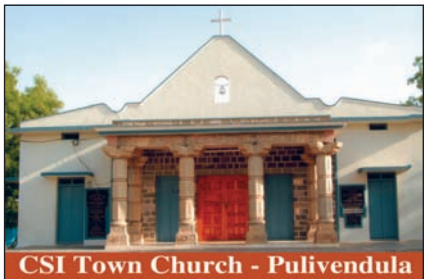
Sri Konda Reddy was born in a Hindu family. He accepted Jesus Christ and had very clear conversion experience. His wife Rajamma, though came from a Hindu family, understood him well and she also believed Jesus Christ. Though he was very tightly engaged in his activities, he never neglected reading the Bible, doing prayers and attending the CSI Church with his family.

### **Construction of the church**

Though the church construction in pulivendula was started in 1937, it was left unfinished due to financial problems. Church pastor at that time, Rev. Yadiki Satya Joseph co-ordinated with London Mission Society for help to finish the construction, and left the responsibility of the construction of the church to Konda Reddy



to finish it within Rs. 2,000 . Sri China konda Reddy took the responsibility happily. He personally went to Balarsha to bring the quality wood, finished the construction and



returned Rs. 500. He proved to be honest good believer, responsible and devoted to the church.

### **Reading the Bible**

He loved reading the Bible. He not only read the Bible but understood it and preached in clear words. He used to give message in the church every Sunday. In his old age, he used to sit in the church along with other dalit members on the floor during worship.

When his sons were grown up to take care of their business, contracts, agriculture, he devoted his time fully to God. He preached the word of God in many villages through his testimony. Every Sunday he used to visit villages and preached the word of God. Like this he used to visit Maduru, Balapanuru, EddulaYeni, Besthavaripalle. He gave his testimony in the centre of pulivendla town, about how God changed his life.

Everyday he does his morning prayers and get ready by 6.30 am for work. Every evening he used to have family prayers. He loved reading Christian magazines.

### **Social life and Political Career**

From the beginning, Y.S. families had a Reddy political impact in pulivendula. Their political experience, social awareness, leadership qualities were so homely that they were able to reach everyone, small or big. They believed “**Service to people is service to God**”. Sri Y.S.C.Konda Reddy was elected unanimously in Panchyat elections. As a panchayat president he accomplished his term efficiently for 1966-1971.

He helped the needy in anyway that was possible without expecting much of publicity. He was a model figure to many people and families. All those who were helped by him, attained high positions and are very thankful to Chinna Konda Reddy.

## Old Age

As he grew older, he handed over everything to his sons. In 1979 he divided the property for all the children. From 1980 he stayed with his last son Y.S.Joseph Reddy as he felt that he would be of some help to him in his farming.

July 13th which was his birthday, he fell sick, was admitted to the hospital, and eventually taken to Hyderabad for treatment. After 23 days he was brought back to pulivendla. On July 30th, he was admitted in his daughter Sugunamma's hospital for the treatment.

In his old age, Sri Konda Reddy worried about his children, stating – “All the parents leave properties as heritage to their children, but I couldn't give anything to my children”. His second son consoled him saying – “you taught us how to work hard, showed us the path, this is the best property that we get from you”.

His health deteriorated slowly. He slept in the Lord on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1993. His disciplined life with great qualities and experiences are models to everyone.

*Praise the Lord*

*He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty;  
and he that ruleth his spirit  
than he that taketh a city.*

*Pro.16:32*



# MY FATHER...

**Mr. Y.S.Prakash Reddy**

*Second son  
Pulivendula*



**I** am Y.S.Prakash Reddy, the sixth one of our family and the fourth survived and second male child. I am told that one brother elder to me died in his childhood. My father had recorded the names – first son: Ananda Reddy; second: Prakash Reddy; third: Joseph Reddy. Second son who died was Prakash Reddy whose name was given to me as I was the next.

Even though I am the second son in the family, I looked after all the family matters as elder brother, Anand Reddy moved to Hyderabad after his marriage. I had to take the responsibilities of the whole family which I only regard as a blessing from my father and grace from God. I used to have access with everyone and everybody used to come to me for their needs. Thus I commanded respect from everyone. In any kind of important situation, we brothers used to get together with one mind. Whenever my brother used to come home, or we go to Hyderabad, brothers used to be friendly and closely knit.

In 1973, October, there was an advertisement for three tenders: Renigunta - Balapalle Railway contracts. My tender was accepted for first and third work. My tenders were named in the name of Y.S.C. Konda Reddy & Company. Second tender went to a contractor from Anantapur by name Hampi Reddy. Unexpectedly in 1974 April, the rates of diesel

and petrol including the spare parts of the trucks had gone up tremendously. Many spares for the trucks were not even available, and also the labour cost gone up which resulted in the downfall of our income. By the end of 1974, though we could complete the first tender, there was no returns of investment on the other hand there was a big loss consequently we were unable to take up the third tender which was about to be suspended. If it would have happened so, we loose only Rs.20,000/- as deposit, if we go for continuation of work, everyday we may loose two to three thousand Rupees in addition to the loss of deposit.

I consulted my father, whether I can give up this contract as I was heading towards a big loss. But he instructed me to put all that we have earned out of contracts and continue the work in order to avoid defame that Konda Reddy had run away from the contract. Therefore, on his encouragement, we continued the work. In those days, my father's younger brother was in dolomite mining work in Kodur. He had extended financial assistance for us which we eventually cleared as our bills were paid.

At the same time, because of bankruptcy the contractor of the second Reach. Mr. Hampi Reddy committed suicide and his work had gone to the Nellore contractors. During 1976, due to floods in Diviseema of Guntur district there was a big loss for us for which my father approached the concerned engineers to reimburse the loss, but in vain. On the other hand they informed, unless we complete the work we would not get the payment even for the work attended. In such crises, we had to sell some of our properties. My father got fed up with the negotiations

that took place with the officers and left home by instructing us – stop the work, pack up everything and come back home. Before leaving, my father said to the officers **“People understood the greatness of Jesus only after His crucifixion”**, you did not understand even the risk we had taken. Then the officers came to me and asked me to continue the work with a promise to make all payments within two months, and they advanced some payment and asked to consult my father. Along with my father, I went to Bangalore and consulted with the chief engineer to continue the work. In 1978, we finished the work, submitted all the bills and came home. We were able to realize Rs.6, 00,000/- from railways on arbitration.

## **Family Division**

Among our brothers, we never had a dispute on properties. However in 1979, we divided our properties, even though I didn't like it. I invited my father to come and live with us. But he decided to be with my younger brother, to assist him in his agriculture works as he was not able to manage alone. In fact, we spared some arrangements for my father's livelihood. But he returned a portion of it saying “as father, I have a responsibility. When you are earning much money I was able to spend freely for my expenses. Now, my sons are in crises, I don't like to keep money in the bank for me”. Tears rolled in my eyes. From that day onwards, I decided to establish my own factory. As children are growing in their education, I was not able to spare my time for the contract works and railway court cases. Somehow, my routine of studying the Bible was disrupted. However, I continued in my habit of singing Christian hymns until I go to bed. My wife never ceased in her daily prayers and continued to be faithful to God.



Some times, I used to share with my close friends about my religious life for which they opened my eyes saying -" because of your wife's prayers your business and all your traveling are safe. Any disaster would happen while you travel in the nights, but nothing has happened to you. Never your car broke down. Don't you think that this is all because of her prayers to God?!"

At the time when I was laying foundation to my factory, my father questioned "you are busy with your work in mines and visiting offices, and children are busy with their college education and who will look after the factory?" I replied, "People usually say that Konda Reddy is always in the mission, I want to hear the same thing again, and therefore I ask you to be in the factory not because you would earn me a big business". My father curbed my audacity – "there is not much benefit from the factory, moreover I have already spent Rs.20, 000/- from the investments." As father, he had to say that to me. I insisted him that he would be in the factory, neither for profits nor big business.

Also in connection with hospital construction work of my brother in law, Sri Gangi Reddy, my father several times came to me for consultation. I think my father had held so much confidence and respect that no father would have done.

## **Family intact**

I think, I had better access with my father than anybody else. In my business affairs he was very much keen in advising me. His concerns were great. We several times argued, agreed to disagree, convince each other and even there were times that we cried together. In some situations,

he used to blame me of my stubbornness. I have no words to express my feelings when he says, “I am at peace only when I am with you”. I think my life received its meaning when my father approved me with such compliments. What more do I need!

Once, we brothers went to my father and spoke to him harshly on some matter and returned home. He was much hurt. Slowly we realized that particular day was 13th July 1993 which was his birthday. We all became very guilty and tendered our apologies to him by telephones, promising him that we all will listen to what he says. We really did not realize how much we hurt him. Next day morning, we all personally went to him to beg his pardon. It was about 10 am when my younger brother, Joseph Reddy called me by phone and said that the medical treatment to father was administered and found that there was blood mixed with puss in his lungs. I could not control my emotions and broke out. Immediately I went to the hospital. By 2 pm I received the medical report which said that my father had cancer.

On the advice of my brother in law, Dr. Gangi Reddy, we took my father to Medwin hospital, Hyderabad to arrange Chemotherapy. After 23 days, we brought him back to Dr.Gangi Reddy’s hospital. I spent the whole day with my father, singing “Nadipinchu naa nava.....” until he went to sleep. Morning when I return to hospital, my father asked me not to leave him alone. I promised him that I would be with him until he discharged. Therefore even if I go on camp, immediately I was returning to the hospital. Because of his blessings only I did not have to go on camp for orders. Instead the orders were coming to me.

It was remarkable that when my father before dying, put his hands on each one of us saying “God bless you”, many people from my Pulivendula town thronged around him for his blessings. During his 3 months time, in my brother-in-law, Dr.Gangi Reddy’s hospital, my maternal uncle Sri Chenna Reddy and his sons Janardhan Reddy, Rajasekhar Reddy served him with much love and care.

My father was always an upright man without letting anybody to blame him. Even if anybody blames him, he would never retaliate but come home and quietly feel sad in himself. In spite of all the difficulties and busy schedules, he was spending time in prayers. While he was in the hospital, he was listening to the gospel. Prayer was his life line. He never gossiped about anybody. During his last days, he was expressing his desire to die on a Sunday. Accordingly on 14th November 1993, at about 5.30 pm he remembered uncle Prabhudas and later on he entered into the eternal rest on a Sunday.

For me, as my father taught, only in the confidence of our Lord Jesus Christ, through prayers, I have been getting good results in anything I do. God has provided me everything in my life. There is nothing that I would want. This is all because of the grace of Lord, blessing of my father and ever prayerful life of my wife, Smt.Padmavathi. Whenever I go to church, and sit beside Uncle Dr.Purushotham Reddy, I feel I am in the presence of my father. I always feel the loss of my father.

## **Spiritual Discipline**

All our brothers and sisters still cherish the spiritual discipline that our father taught us. And hence, we are able to live with all our amenities in the church and in the society. The following words always come to my mind in my spiritual journey –

1. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Ecclesiastes 3:11
2. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil—this is the gift of God. Ecclesiastes 3:13
3. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might. Ecclesiastes 9:10
4. And without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:6
5. The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love. Psalm 147:11
6. The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment. Proverbs 10:21
7. My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Proverbs 6:20
8. Better a little with righteousness than much gain with injustice. Proverbs 16:8
9. Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city. Proverbs 16:32
10. The memory of the righteous will be a blessing. Proverbs 10:7
11. The righteous man is rescued from trouble, and it comes on the wicked instead. Proverbs 11:8
12. Those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. 1 Peter 4:19
13. All these people were still living by faith when they died. Hebrews 11:13
14. In the way of righteousness there is life; along that path is immortality. Proverbs 12:28
15. The spirit returns to God who gave it. Ecclesiastes 12:7
16. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. John 14:1-4

## Mother's love, an embodiment of sacrifice

There is a great significance for women in God's creation. Even though it is written that through man woman was created, in the creation more importance is ascribed to woman. In any family, even though father is the head, mother's sacrifice is more significant in rearing the children and nurturing the family. She sacrifices her life for the family.

Even though the father built the house, mother runs the home. Mother passes through 3 difficult circumstances. First she conceives the children in her womb for 9 months. Second we can not explain her labour pains. Thirdly she rears children giving her own strength through lactation. Though father earns many facilities to the house, it is mother with all her talents and ability uses appropriately all of them and run the home forward. She doesn't care for her health at the cost of the family. That is why it is said that, we should not accuse our mother and father. Among all kinds of sins that a man would commit, the biggest sin is accusing the mother.

In our society, woman in her childhood depends upon her father, after marriage on her husband, in her old age on her children. In all the stages, the role of woman is greatly appreciable.

**We also can see in the third word on the cross, how Jesus Christ at the time of his passion with all his agony, handed over the responsibility of his mother to his disciple John.** We must provide respect and freedom to all women in our family, church and in society. We should not make her feel lonely, and dump all the responsibilities on her making her psychologically oppressed and depriving the opportunity

for female education. Reason for degrading values of women in the society is man not giving equitable opportunities to woman. My mother really corroborated the saying – “behind every successful man, stands a woman”.

My father Sri Y.S. Chinna Konda Reddy was the only son to my grandparents Sri Y.S. Venkata Reddy and his first wife Smt.Lakshamma. Smt.Lakshamma died of sickness and my grandfather married Mangamma who gave birth to Sugunamma, Ratnamma, Prabhudas Reddy, Rajamma, Raja Reddy, Meramma, Purushotham Reddy and Kamalamma. Gradually, Sri Y.S. Venkat Reddy deteriorated in his health and my father, Sri Y.S. Chinna Konda Reddy had to take the family responsibility.

My mother, Smt Rajamma was the daughter of Sri Pedda Subba Reddy, who was a cousin to Smt Mangamma. My mother had moved to Balapanur from her native place Rajupalem in her childhood for the sake of her education, but she could not get a chance to do so. In a family which is known for its education and having the credit of the first graduate of the district coming from this family, can anyone imagine an illiterate in this family? And that was my mother Rajamma. But for her tremendous virtues, she became the second daughter-in-law of Venkata Reddy and a wife to Chinna Konda Reddy, winning the favour of everyone around.

Having given birth to 13 children, she also took care of boys and girls in the in-laws home with selfless love and concern, Smt.Rajamma became an exemplary personality. My father used to be on camp all the time, but we never felt his absence because of my mother. In nurturing

the children, with culture and integrity, though illiterate my mother became unique surpassing the educated persons. She was justified as daughter in law of Sri Y.S.Venkata Reddy because of her fine qualities and pious life.

She was involved in her daily routine – wake up at 4.00 am, doing her morning prayers, milking the animal, cooking food for the entire household, cleaning the house and by evening measuring the wages to the daily labour, having evening prayers and going to bed at 9.30 pm. She was teaching to us values of life such as utilization of time, self-reliance and dignity of work, thus she became the prime teacher to all of us.

### **My mother – an exemplary personality**

*Mother! you have struggled for us indefatigable.*

*Meeting more than all our needs*

*Though illiterate, you have taught to us all quick – parts.*

*Discipline that never missed the mark.*

*Un regrettable results of hard work.*

*Among 13 members of big family, grown up age of 90's  
you have been toiling for us.*

*Example of a mother to mothers, you have opened our eyes.*

*“Love” was her trade mark,*

*Kindness was her right.*

*Anxious to invite everybody as your own – hospitality to all the guests.*

*You have won the favour of everybody,*

*bagged all blessings of God and*

*Made yourself an adorable.*

*Your son – YS Prakash Reddy*

In the midst of her tireless family life, without wanting anything,



my mother always felt that she was an illiterate. She used to struggle to make out a headline in the news paper that I used to read when I was in 8th standard. Having seen her zeal, I bought an illustrated Bible with bold letters from the Bible women of our church. I was bringing that Biblical Books in my cycle' carrier and lost it somewhere. Having known this fact, my mother expressed her grief – “even God doesn’t like me to read .....” This pricked my heart so deeply.

As all the children left outstations for their higher studies, total burden of housekeeping fell on my mother and due to her busy works, she had forgotten the little reading ability she gained. Because of her brought up in a highly Hindu traditional family, my mother lived with my father as a typical Indian house-wife. She proved her faith through the time of our family prayers. For the perfect meaning of the word **“woman”, my mother’s life is a living witness**. She was feeling bad whenever somebody ask her about her faith in Jesus for which she used to feel that she was illiterate nor could read the Bible nor can preach, she was always embarrassed. It is meaningless to think that reading ability and preaching ability are the conditions to have faith in Jesus. My mother was a believer who proved in her life the commandment **“love thy neighbour as thyself”**.

My mother proved to be a complete woman with meaning and respect as a daughter to her parents, wife to her husband, a daughter in law, a mother, a mother in law, and a grand mother winning the hearts of everybody at each stage.

If at all there is a second life, I long to be son of these parents. We are indebted to God and grateful to Him for giving us such wonderful parents. Whenever I read the Bible, and talk about my parents, it stucks to our hearts the words in Proverbs: 31:10-22.

*“A good wife who can find?!*

*She is far more precious than jewel*

*The heart of her husband trust in her*

*And he will have no lack of gain*

*She does him good and not harm*

*All the days of her life.*

*She seeks wool and flacks and works with willing hands*

*She is like the ships of the merchants; she brings her food from afar*

*She rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her households*

*And tasks for her maidens.*

*She considers a field and buys it*

*With the fruit of her hands, she plants a wine yard*

*She girds her lions with strengths and makes her arms strong*

*She perceives that her merchandise is profitable*

*Her lamp does not go out at night*

*She puts her hand to the distaff*

*And her hands hold the spindle*

*She opens her hand to the poor*

*And reaches her hand to the needy*

*She is not afraid of snow for her household*

*For her household are clothed in scarlet*

*She makes herself covering*

*Her clothing is fine linen and purple*

*Her husband is known in the gates”*



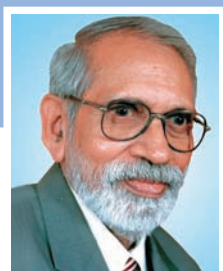
*Smt. Rajamma w/o Late Sri Y.S.Chinna KondaReddy blessing her grandson Late Y.S.Paul JaganMohan Reddy S/o Y.S.Prakash Reddy on his wedding day.*



*Late Sri Y.S.C.Konda Reddy along with Late Dr.Y.S.Rajasekhar Reddy (our former Chief Minister) on the occassion of his grandson's marriage of Late Paul Jagan Mohan Reddy s/o Y.S.Prakash Reddy*

# A WORD

*“Faith comes from hearing the message And the message is heard through the word of Christ”. Romans 10:17*



**Acharya R.R.K. Murthy**

Evangelist, Hyderabad

**I** met Sri Y.S.C. Konda Reddy two or three times. I heard his testimony. Sri Konda Reddy was such a good Christian who not only accepted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour but also lived as a strong witness to Jesus. His character fascinated everybody. The fragrance of his personality spread all over Pulivendula area.

Late Sri Konda Reddy walked upright in Christian faith following the footsteps of our Lord. He loved to hear my radio messages. He used to read my writings so dearly. I remember the days when I was a guest in his house in Pulivendula. I know his attitude of spreading the Gospel to the Hindu high caste communities in a very attractive way. Everybody understood the way God had blessed Konda Reddy and his family as powerful witness is something which no one can deny.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

God’s grace and peace be unto him.



# TRUE CHURCH MAN

*Rt. Rev. Dr. P.J.Lawrence*

**BISHOP**

Diocese of Nandyal.



**Dear Rev. P. Isaac Vara Prasad**

*Greetings to you from the Diocese of Nandyal.*

I am pleased to know that, a publication is planned by you and Rev. Theophilus to honour and perpetuate the memory of Late. Sri. Y.S.C.Konda Reddy of pulivendula. I recall my pleasant memories of meeting this man and exchanging thoughts with him. I know him as a man of integrity, who has conducted his business with honesty and christian values.

It is important that such publications on Christian leaders are made available to the general public which will be an inspiration and guidance for the younger generation.

It is indeed very rare to find such Chirstian Witness from such prominent business men belonging to CSI Church. I commend this Godly work done by both of you and I wish it will have wider reader ship and influence.

May God bless his family members. I wish all the success for this publication.

With kind regards,

*Yours Sincerely*

***Rt. Rev. Dr. P.J.Lawrence***

**BISHOP**

Diocese of Nandyal.

## COMMITTED CHRISTIAN

**Rt. Rev.Dr. C.B.M. Frederick**

Bishop in Rayalaseema (Retd),

Church of South India,

Gooty - 515401



**I** am happy to say a few words about late Y.S.C.Konda Reddy Garu. I am happy the locals at Pulivendula are writing a brief biography of him which shall be a great witness to our Lord. Before I became the Bishop of the Diocese I was in-charge of Pulivendula Division for about 11 Months. During that period I used to meet him quite often at the worship services and at his home. My late father Sri. Ch. Jacob used to tell about Y.S. families specially about late Y.S.Venkata Reddy and his sons late Y.S.C. Konda Reddy and Y.S. Raja Reddy. They were responsible for constructing our mission. High School buildings at Gooty as contractors. After I became Bishop I was in touch with many Y.S. families. They had been very good to me.

With my limited contacts and association I say the following words about late Y.S.C.Konda Reddy.

He was a committed Christian. He belonged to Ex.L.M.S.Church background. He had highest respect for the congregational church traditions, theology and value. In his opinion the laity in the Church has equal responsibilities in the mission of the Church along with the clergy. He believed that all who trust in the Lord Jesus are equal irrespective of caste, creed, race or nationality. He never aspired for positions in the

Diocese. He was a strong supporter of the Diocese silently. There was a terrible crisis in nineties in the Diocese. He had concern for the Diocese and used to advise and guide the diocese without the least fear of church authorities.

He led a very simple but very appealing life. He had vast Biblical knowledge. He was not only a philosopher but lived his Christian philosophy.

**The Y.S. families are the first converted Christians from Reddy Community in Kadapa District. Late Y.S.C. Konda Reddy was a remarkable Christian in that families and lived an exemplary life. We praise God for his values and life.**

The impact of the faith of late Konda Reddy can be in his family members specially with Mr. Y.S.Prakash Reddy. When I see him immediately his late father Konda Reddy comes to my mind.

*God bless all Y.S. Families, may His soul rest in peace.*

*Rt. Rev. Dr. C.B.M. Frederick*  
**Bishop (Retd).**

*Better is little with the fear of the LORD  
than great treasure and trouble therewith.  
Pro.15:16*



# FEW WORDS

Rev.M.Theophilus

Pulivendula



*“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. – Exodus 20:12*

*Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways. Psalms 128:1*

*Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table. Psalms 128:3*

*Children’s children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children. Proverbs 17:6*

## **My acquaintance**

I came to Pulivendula as Divisional Chairman in 1977. Until 1978 I had acquaintance with Chinna Konda Reddy because of which I am able to write this.

We traveled together to Bangalore three times, went for evangelism several times to Balapanur, Madur, Besthavaripalle and so on. I visit him in his house every month and ultimately I also participated in his funeral worship. My acquaintance with him helped me a lot in my ministry. Konda Reddygaru lived almost a complete life of 80 years. His father YS.Venkatareddy became a Christian in 1925 , baptized and lived a meaningful spiritual life. His eldest son Pedda konda Reddy went to Mysore state on contract works in his young age. So Chinnakonda Reddy stayed at home assisting his father in his agriculture and contract works. From the childhood itself Konda Reddy could emulate a disciplined life of his father. He learned from his fathers’ experiences the efficiency of work. He won the favour of State and Central Government officers because



of his work' mindedness and selfless dedication. He stood firm like mount Zion Ps.125:1 even at the time of great loss in his contract works. **He relied on God and went ahead in his progress.**

His marriage took place in a mango garden in Balapanur attended by the Missionaries of those days Rev.Wilfred Scopes, Rev. Rumpus and so on. It was a vegetarian dinner for the wedding but on the desire of the missionaries a big non-vegetarian dinner was arranged on the next day. Those missionaries loved him very much because of his pure Christian life.

Konda Reddy used to exclaim that God had given him a big family like a grove- “my children are my property. Though I have not given much to my children, God has showered blessings upon them that each one of my children became efficient and successful in their life”.

As far as the family of those days was concerned, eldest son Pedda Konda Reddy died in 1948; younger brother Prabhudas Reddy accepted Jesus Christ and became an evangelist right in his young age; younger brother late Raja Reddygaru returned from 2nd world war, married Jayamma, took up contract works, acquired mines and grew as a business magnet, yet became a great blessing to people through his educational, medical and social services; and the burden of Prurshotham Reddy's education devolved on Chinna Konda Reddy. When Purushotham Reddy became a doctor, Chinna Konda Reddy was over whelmed and he was happy with the positions of all their children.

Chinna konda Reddy was a God fearing man. He had great respect for his parents. Having seen his children and grand children he lived a full life and slept in the Lord.

Konda Reddy belongs to CSI Church in Pulivendula. He had great respect for the church, church members and pastors. He never missed the church worship. Coming to the church with family was his habit. When my father was a Pastor he came twice to Allagadda church and surprised us by sitting on the floor along with other ordinary people. It was his discipline to read the Bible, meditate the word of God and prayer

everyday. He had respect for others and he regarded women much. He talks less and he is a replica of high code of spiritual culture.

He was elected to the Rayalaseema Diocesan Council twice from Pulivendula division. During the time when Rev.J.G.Marsden was the convener for Property board, Konda Reddy was chosen as the building consultant of the diocese. All the missionaries regarded Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy so much because of his truthfulness and sincerity.

In Pulivendula there was a mission bungalow called ladies bungalow which was encroached by somebody else. The diocese was not able to get the bungalow back and Konda Reddy interfered and restored the bungalow back to the diocese. Added to this, he asked the diocese to start a school for the blind or get help from the German scholarships on the promise that he would build 4 class rooms. When I took this request and promise to the then Bishop L.V.Azariah he said “if Konda Reddy gives a word, he would surely fulfill it.” Konda Reddy felt very sad when all the efforts of the diocese went futile.

Konda Reddy is a special personality among Y.S.Families because of his meticulous way of doing things for the family with principles and values. He became a model to all the families. We can not see such a contractor with efficiency and principles.

Chinna Pulla Reddy in Hyderabad before his death, when I met him, said that “I cannot forget Chinna konda Reddy, for he was the one who sent me to Nellore and encouragghed and helped me in my education and now what I am is only because of him. I see him in my dream even now.”

I believe that God would preserve a palacious space in heaven for Chinna Konda Reddy and grant unto him everlasting light and eternal peace. I praise God for the life of Chinna Konda Reddy and wish that his dear wife, sons and daughters and their children would be blessed by God and grant unto them all prosperity in this world.



# THE UNFORGETTABLE

Rev.B.Prabhakar Reddy

Rayalaseema Gospel Ministries Trust

Anantapur



**I** thank brother Prakash Reddy for giving me an opportunity to express my opinions about Sri.Chinna Konda Reddy who was so fatherly to me whom I respect the most.

Having taken birth in traditional Hindu family, received Jesus Christ as personal saviour in youth, I have submitted myself to the ministry by the Divine call. About 25 years ago when I started God's ministry, it was Sri.Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy who encouraged me most and loved me very much. I can not forget the way he supported me spiritually as well as financially like a father he guided me when I was dispelled by my relatives and friends, because of my Christian allegiance.

During 1986 to '89 I used to join with Chinna Konda Reddy to go on evangelism to the villages around Pulivendula once in a week. Mostly we used to visit Balapanur, Besthavari palle and its surround

ings. Chinna Konda reddy and Dr.Purushotham Reddy several times invited me to conduct evangelistic meetings in Pulivendula those days.

Every time I go to Pulivendula I visit Konda Reddy in his



*Late Sri Y.S.C.Konda Reddy attended as Chief Guest on the occasion of establishing R.G.M. Trust.*

house. He himself used to serve me the food. When he served food for me so humbly, I felt as if Lord Jesus was serving me. He understood the vision of the Rayalaseema Gospel Ministries in spreading the gospel to all the districts of Rayalaseema, he encouraged me so much. He had come as a guest for the first anniversary of Rayalaseema Gospel Ministries and released the cassette of Andhra Christian spiritual songs. I can not explain in words nor can write with pen the affection that we had with him and the spiritual blessings that we shared with him. I whole heartedly advocate that he is a great devotee who followed fully the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.



*Late Sri Y.S.Chinna KondaReddy releasing  
Songs Cassettee of "Kristhu Geethavali" Prepared by  
Rev.B.Prabhakar Reddy,  
Director, Rayalaseema Full Gospel Ministries on 10-4-1987.*



# CHRIST LIKENESS

Mr. Y.Paul Reddy

Pulivendla



**T**his is my brief testimony about my spiritual father Sri Y.S.C.Konda Reddy, whom I greatly respect in Christ. There is no comparison between us in any way as if between an ant and an elephant. It was surprisingly a joy for me when Y.S.Prakash Reddy and Rev.Theophilus asked me to write this narration.

I cannot forget my spiritual relationship and affinity with father Konda Reddy from 1980 onwards until his death. The spiritual relationship between us started like a mustard seed and gradually grew and strengthened so much that we both felt satisfied. In spite of our age difference, class difference, Sri.YS.Konda Reddy garu was so objective and generous to appreciate the spiritual growth in me. He is a pious man born with qualities of Jesus Christ such as love, kindness, sympathy, compassion, humility, affection and so on.

Sri Konda Reddy is a great man who humbly followed the word of God in his life with all his sincerity and commitment. He was a man of efficiency in work, clean ways of earning, indefatigable hard work, friend of the poor, satisfying the needy and helping the distressed even until his old age. He was a foreseer who took good and bad, gain or loss and joy and sorrow with equal integrity. He was a man of principles without insidious plans or strategies. He always depended upon the truth and reality. Indeed a rich man he was!

Chinna Konda Reddy was really young in spirit. Whenever children came to him he loved them so much as if he has entered into the kingdom of heaven believing Jesus' words **"unless you change like one of these children you cannot enter into the kingdom of God."** Konda Reddy was a tall man with all his spiritual values, human traits, ideals and piousness in which he grew almost to the heights of heaven. Chinna Konda Reddy grew higher and higher that no one can reach. The white dress always he wore denoted his purity and piousness. He eats less and serves much to others. He was satisfied when people around him were satisfied. Late Sri Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy is a man of high integrity who respected the people and their values and grew to the heights of humanity.

His piousness and faith patterns were simply practical and exemplary. Without looking for applauds of people, without craving for worldly wisdom he obtained the spiritual power and reached the boundaries of heaven. He was such a gentleman who lived a simple life without being crazy for luxuries. He was such a spiritual man who with pure heart and clean consciousness shared his love to all around him gaining the love and good will of everybody at home and outside. He deserves all our appreciations.

**Work is worship; worship is work were the principles which he followed.** He became an example by attending the church regularly. He was such an optimist who received poverty and riches, difficulties and comforts, problems and crisis and so on with balanced mind. He respected labour and loved the labourers. He used to count every bit of their labour when he pays the wages. Konda Reddy was abundantly blessed by God with a big family. His beloved children filled with love and compassion are a clear proof of the family bliss.

I cannot explain here and express all life experiences that I had with him. Without any reservation we also used to discuss our personal matters as well. He was a prayer warrior, struggled for the spiritual lives of all his family members. He not only struggled all through his life for his family but also he was mindful of his responsibility for the Lord. Humanity is service to God was the principle on which he went far ahead to meet the needs of the poor and inclined to give the best to the needy – what a blessed life he led !

He was a fervent evangelist who for the sake of kingdom values went out to reach the un reached in nooks and corners sparing his own physical strength accompanied by his friends in his own car only in order to fulfill the commandment of our Lord Jesus. He offered first fruits for the cause of spreading the gospel with enormous generosity. He was disappointed for not being able to influence many expected people to join him to serve the orphans and make a bright life for them. So many times he encouraged me to consider this aspect of service but I could not prepare myself to take up the task. No doubt his inspiration is the source of strength for us that we are able to run an Old Age Home now.

He introduced me to his family as family member even though I was not able to explain how I was related to them. That was his greatness, his piousness, spiritual maturity and above all his Christ likeness which is ever a model for anyone.

*He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good;  
and what doth the LORD require of thee,  
but to do justly, and to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with thy God?*

*Micah 6:8*



# SOME REMINISCENCES

*The late Mr. Y.S. Chinna Konda Reddy*

- Mr. Vasanth D. Joseph

Hyderabad

My remembrances of the late Mr. Chinna Konda Reddy go back to his Balapanur days, and my Pulivendla days. He and his parents were staunch friends of my parents, the late Rev. Y.Satya Joseph of Pulivendla more than anything else, that TCC period (1911-1946) has rightly been termed the golden age of Missionary Endeavour. This was the age in which men and women had dedication, which had no place for greed.

One of the fundametal features of the Christian faith is trust, for that is the basis of love and not faith or hope. What Saint Paul is bidding us to do, in I Cor Chapter 13, is to ignore what happens between us, and to trust Jesus Christ our Lord in all matters. This is exactly what Mr. Chinna Konda Reddy had the courage to do.

While I know that most of us do not have the habit of writing letters, the late Mr. Y. S. Chinna Konda Reddy did write regularly to my father, who, along with my mother were sent out to Papua New Guinea as on S.I.U.C., missionaries and later as C.S.I., missionaries. In this regard, it can be seen I think that the late Mr. Chinna Konda Reddy could have had a vision of Christ, somewhat similar to Mark 12:29-31, and learnt to try and walk in His footsteps.

Mr. Sandinti Venkat Reddy, himself had no problems with his son Mr. Chinna Konda Reddy, what was common to father and the second of his five sons and five daughters Venkat Reddy family's interest is



to improve themselves in living a Christian life. The late Y. S. Chinna Konda Reddy was a bright star in this firmament, teaching others the elements of salvation.

In the matter of a roof for the Pulivendula Church building programme of the late Rev.Y.Satya Joseph, excellent tough and solid wood had to be found in 1946. Mr. Y.S. Chinna Konda Reddy, being a contractor by profession, suggested that the best wood was "innumaddi" from the forsets of Ballarsha in Maharashtra. Not only that, he took an advance of Rs. 2000/- and returned Rs. 500/- of it to Mr. Y.S. Satya Joseph, soon after the deal was completed. There, Rs.



Rev.Satya Joseph (Late)

500/- was a very big sum in 1946 and **Mr..Chinna Konda Reddy deserves full credit for finishing the Pulivendula Church building**, after the Josephs left for Pupua New Guinea in November, 1946.

For Christians, letters are important. After the Gospels, the importance of the epistles in the New Testament need not be stressed, but studied. **The later Mr. Chinna Konda Reddy whole heartedly studied The New Testament from cover to cover and may God bless his soul.**

The late Y.S. Chinna Konda Reddy appears to be a person of St.Peter's caliber, who slipped and fell, but never failed to get up until he reached his Master.

His message, to us of today, is undoubtedly. **"Be alert, standfirm in the faith. Be brave be strong" (I Corinthians 16:13).**

*Mr. Vasanth D. Joseph*



# PRAYERFUL BROTHER

Mr. Y.S.PrabhuDas

Nandyala R.S.



**M**y brother Sri Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy accepted the Lord at his young age and helped my father in all the family responsibilities. When he was in his daughter's house for treatment in his old age, I always prayed for him. He always loved reading from the Psalms. He had the burden in his heart to serve the Lord and he bought a van for the evangelistic work in Pulivendla. He was really a kind person.

Many of his children accepted Jesus Christ and are growing in the Lord as witnesses. His son Y.S. Prakash Reddy accepted God along with his family and became a model to the family. Some of his brothers and sisters also followed him. Since my brother Chinna Konda Reddy reached the Eternity, my sister-in-law Srimathi Rajamma in her old age is now living in Pulivendala with her youngest son, Joseph Reddy. She is an exemplary mother to a big family.

I am really glad that most of my family is living closer to God with a mind to help the poor.

*Cast thy burden upon the LORD,  
and he shall sustain thee;  
he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.  
Psalms 55:22*



# HONEST SON / BROTHER



Mrs. M. Rajamma David, *B.Sc., Ng*

*Pulivendula*

**I**t is my privilege today to say a few words about my brother late Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy who was promoted to glory on 14-11-1993. **As a joint family we all lived together and his wife as daughter-in-law of a big family tookcare of us when we were childern and she worked very hard to build the family.**

Late Y.S.C.Konda Reddy Garu was my step brother. As a small child I knew him only as my brother and not step brother. His mother died when he was still an infant and my mother nursed him and took care of him. We all grew in one house as one family. My mother and my two sister-in-law were giving birth to children. My father Y.S. Venkat Reddy had two wives. He did not have children with his first wife so he married my mother and they both lived with him. His second wife conceived a boy baby (Pedda Konda Reddy) Later the first wife gave bitrth to boy baby and named him Chinna Konda Reddy. All these happened before my birth. Till I grew up I did not know that they are of different mothers.

My first brother Pedda Konda Reddy married and left Balapanur village (native village) for business in Mysore State. Therefore **Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy Anna was considered to be the eldest in the family by my father. He stayed at home and looked after the fields and other responsibilities of the family by my father. Every**

**child (Venkata Reddy's) respected him as the eldest brother in the family and obeyed him. He helped my father in all his responsibilities and my father also had a great respect for him. He was considered to be the eldest son (as the eldest son left the house) in the family and all the responsibilities were put on him.** My father lived mostly in Mysore State for his contract works. My brother Chinna Konda Reddy took care of all the finances of the family and kept accounts. He studied only upto 10<sup>th</sup> Class and stopped his education for family business.

**My brother Chinna Konda Reddy was considered to be an honest contractor and therefore he never worked for money but worked hard for the name of the family. He had 11 children. He visited villages for gospel work and helped poor christians financially.** He visited all the families when he was healthy he attended all the functions. He prepared his sons to follow his foot steps. He died on 14-11-1993 at Pulivendula and I had the privilege of preparing his body for funeral along with his daughter Dr. Suguna. He was ill for sometime before his death and we visited him often and prayed with him. He could remember the names of all (near and far) the relatives and prayed for them.

We wish that all his children may accept the Lord Jesus as their personal saviour and have the privilege of their souls going to heaven.

*Mrs. M. Rajamma David*



# RESPONSIBLE BROTHER

Dr. S.Purushotham Reddy

Pulivendula



**I**ndeed it is a great blessing for me to remember a great person such as my brother, Sri.Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy.

My father, is Y.S.Venkata Reddy hailed from Balapanuru village of Pulivendla mandal in Kadapa district. My father's first wife Srimathi Lakshumma didn't have children, so my father married Mangamma from U.Rajupalem. She had a child and named him Y.S. Pedda Konda Reddy. Meanwhile his first wife Srimathi Lakshumma also had a son and she named him Y.S. Chinna Konda Reddy. After the demise of, Srimathi Lakshumma my mother Srimathi Mangamma brought him up as her own son. My father constructed a house in Pulivendla for the family so that the children would go for higher studies and he worked hard for them. After, my mother had three sons and five daughters we all lived as a joint family. Agriculture was our main occupation.

Contract work for roads and buildings was my father's another profession. My elder brother after his high school studies went to Mysore with my father for contract work and settled down over there. He was not able to help the family much. While working hard in his contracts my father was affected with asthma. After finishing his works in Mysore he came back to take up contracts in Kadapa and Anantapur districts. He used to visit us every week in Balapanuru and took care of the family and agriculture.

My third brother Sri Y.S. Prabhudas Reddy devoted himself to God's ministry settled in his mission in Ananthapur, Bellari and Nandyal areas. My mother was busy with family and agriculture in Balapanuru. My brother, Y.S. Chinna Konda Reddy got married to Srimathi Rajamma, my mother's relative. They had six sons and five daughters. We moved to Pulivendula in 1948 to stay there permanently.

Property was divided in 1950. My brother Chinna Konda Reddy took the burden of my studies for which I am ever grateful to him. He was a prayerful person and made all the family members dedicated to God. He encouraged preachers and God's servants in many ways. He used to visit and supervise the church services in Balapanru and helped its development even though he was living in Pulivendula,. He helped many church constructions in this area. He constructed the C.S.I church in Pulivendula, which was started by Rev. Satya Joseph. He helped the Bethel Church to buy a van for Gospel preaching

He suffered stomach ache sometimes due to old age, medicines could not help him and ultimately he was diagnosed of cancer. He accepted God's call and took eternal rest in the Lord on 14th November 1993. He was great believer. His life is a model to everyone.

*The memory of the righteous will always be a blessing.*

*The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich.*

*Pro.10:22*



# REMEMBER THE RIGHTEOUS

Mrs. S.Kamalamma

Fifth Sister

Pulivendula



**I** thank God for the privilege given to me to recollect and write few words about my younger brother YS Chinna Konda Reddy, who corroborates the Bible verse “blessed are those who slept in the Lord”.

We are five sisters and five brothers to our parents. I am the last one of the family. Thus I have five brothers and four sisters elder to me. Eldest brother Pedda Konda Reddy was always away from us on his contract works and on other responsibilities. Therefore Chinna Konda Reddy my younger brother used to look after all domestic affairs of the family. Even though we used to call him as Chinnanna (second brother), he was the one who took care of all family responsibilities like an elder brother.

By the time I was born in our family, there were already three children to my elder brother Pedda Konda Reddy and his wife Mariamma, and two children to my second brother Chinna Konda Reddy and his wife Rajamma. Ours was a big joint family. All of us as children used to enjoy the food as my mother used to feed to us from one plate by her hand marcells. This reminds me the biblical verse “your children will be like olive plants around your table” Psalm 128:3.

All children of my brothers and sisters were highly hesitant to approaching my brother Chinna Konda Reddy when ever he comes back home after tedious works. But I used to reach him without any fear. My belief is that as long as we have not done anything wrong, we need not afraid of any one. When ever my father decides to buy cloths for all of

us, he used to entrust the job to my brother Chinna Konda Reddy. He was a great help to my father in all matters. As ours was a joint family with many children, we used to buy clothes in same price in only one variety but in roles of huge quantity. Then tailor comes home and stitches to all of us according to our own measurements. My brother manages all such things without any discrimination. He struggles to show his concerns to all our families alike.

All our families were divided into separate homes when I was just 10 years old. By that time my younger brother Purushotham Reddy, sister Rajamma, sister Meramma and myself were yet to be married. Brother China Konda Reddy has successfully taken the responsibility of my younger brother Purushotham Reddy's education, and marriage. Our parents took care of the nurture, education, and marriages of all female children. Brother China Konda Reddy was satisfying all our needs when ever we approach him. He loved all younger sisters on per with his own children.

Ever since I was married my brother showed great regard to my husband (late Mr.Devadanam). He loved him very much. When ever he visited us he was bringing fruits to my children and used to satisfy them by giving new currency notes of one rupee each. Thus he was showing his love and affection.

I was crying when my mother died. My brother came and consoled me saying "when God has taken your mother into his presence, we can not question Him" He consoled me saying "I can understand your grief because more than any one of us you are missing her". He also consoled me in the same way so much even when my husband died.

### **He gave importance to prayer**

He used to come to the church before time for Sunday worships. He gave more importance to prayer than any thing else. He used to visit each and every house of our relatives and friends on every festival day



specially Christmas and New Year and Easter and greet and pray for each one of us. He used to give more importance to family prayer according to the words of Joshua in 24:15 “**as for me and my house hold we worship the Yahweh**”. My brother inherited from my father this kind of staunch faith in God.

## **Last days of my brother**

When my brother was on his bed, I went to see him along with Saraswathamm and Jayamma, wife of brother Raja Reddy. My brother gave me a magazine and asked me to read and pray. I was really surprised. He visited my native place Balapanuru and its surroundings several times on evangelistic tour and tried his level best to bring as many people as possible to the Lord before he died. A day before his death, he put hand on each one of our family members and blessed us saying “God bless you” . He witnessed to others that Jesus is the Lord and God. I still remember how he blessed each one of us like Jacob who blessed his sons before his death. King David in his old age gave his last instructions to his son Solomon in 1 Kings 2:1-5 –“**my time to die has come. Be confident and determined, and do what the Lord your God orders you to do. Obey all his laws and commandments, as written in the law of Moses, so that where ever you go you may prosper in everything you do...**”. In the same way my brother blessed and encouraged us in faith and took his last breath on 14-11-1993.

*“How valuable it is to the lord  
when one of his people dies” Psalms 116:15*

*Glory be to the name of our Lord*



# MY LIFE ALONG WITH CHINNANA

Mr. Y.S. Prakash Reddy

S/o Y.S. Pedda Konda Reddy



**I** thank Y.S.Prakash Reddy for having invited me to give my opinion about his father late Chinna Konda Reddy and also he is my uncle (My Father's Brother). Late Y.S. Venkat Reddy had five sons and five daughters Chinna Konda Reddy was the second son to him.

I convey my Practical & Historically experienced events with Late Chinna Konda Reddy. Till 1946 Y.S. Joint Family was at Balapanur Village. At that time I was aged 1 to 5 years. We the children of Y.S. Pedda Konda Reddy (1<sup>st</sup> son of Venkat Reddy) were far away for the father's affection and love as my father died when I was 4 years boy. From that time onwards Chinna Konda Reddy was so much sympathetic and affectionate towards us. Several times when ever he comes to Balapanur he used call us to Share Dinner in his plate only. I can say he treated us as his own children with immeasurable affection. then Y.S. Joint family had shifted to Pulivendula TQ and all brothers were seperated in 1947 - 48. Later on though sisters also separated and setteled. **Right from 1944 to 1975 Chinna Konda Reddy was a corner pillar bearing entire load of Y.S. family structure as satated below.**

- a) He was a spiritual leader and adviser cautioning and keeping the entire family members in God's faith and good character.
- b) He was financial adviser to all the Y.S.Family members from time to time and helped those who were in financial crisis.
- c) He was holding and carrying on his shoulders the whole responsibility of Y.S. Joint Family affairs from 1940 to 1970. With regards to all important events such as any settlements, advises, fixations, etc, etc.

- d) Further in my opinion he was also God Father not only to Y.S. Family members but also to the people of both Pulivendula TQ and surrounding villages till his death.

To show him as gratuity and affection, I was willing to do some services to him when he was admitted in Camp Bell Hospital Jammalamadugu now and then. On telephone call by his son Prakash Reddy we reached Shri E.C.Gangi Reddy Hospital to see my uncle and just two hours before his last breath he was in full senses and blessed me and my wife by laying his hand on our heads in the name of Jesus. In view of the above all attachments with him even now he comes in my dreams now and then and also other departed family members who died. One believe it or not it is a fact. Hence I felt it is my duty to pray for them and in Holy masses are offered every month from the past 4 to 5 Years for all the departed Y.S.Family members. At Present Holy Masses are offered at St. Alphosns Church banjara Hills, Hyderabad.

**I hope and believe that he is with Jesus Christ in heaven now for all the services he has done and lived very simple life and holy life,** Though he was not much educated but he used to speak good English. He was a good farmer cultivating both at Pulivendula TQ and Balapanur Village. Every Thursday being bazar day of Pulivendula brings variety of fruits and sugar cane for the children by cycling all the way 8 km and stays 4 to 5 days at Balapanur village and then later on he became an efficient civil contractor having good technical knowledge in minor irrigation project, buldings especially roads and highway works.

May his soul rest in peace with Jesus and with all saints in heaven.

*Y.S. Prakash Reddy*

S/o Y.S. Pedda Konda Reddy

Consultant Engineer & Contractor for building,

Earth Works & Cd works

Hyderabad



# TRUE CHRISTIAN

**Mr. F.C.S. PETER**

(R&B, Retd Chief Engineer)

Nephew of Y.S.C. Konda Reddy



1) **J**ust as Israelites had patirarchs like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sri Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy is one of the patriarchs of all our families.

Though he is second son born to our main patriarch (late) Sri Y.S. Venkata Reddy, he was the elderly man in his *eva* from our childhood, he was our mentar, guide and his life was an inspiration to all of us.

**2) It was his father (late) Sri S. Venkata Reddy, whom God choose before the foundations of earth and who embraced christ. The faith on christ which first dwelled in him had passed on to his son Sri Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy.** along with faith in Christ, the grate love of Christ was shed in his heart. It was with charity and Love that he did all things. The motive force behind all he did was love. It made him to fulfil the law of Christ of bearing burdens of other.

As a family and as an individual we experienced his love in many occasions. When my father died, it was he, who willingly came forward to pay our college fees and hostel charges. When my father was in financial problems and about to sell his property, it was he, who came to the rescue of my father.

**He was a real and true Christian, having walked in the foot steps of his saviour Lord Jesus Christ.** In the Christendom there are many, who proclaim themselves as Christians. They say that they are Christians and say that they have fellowship with God. But in practice, they walk in darkness. But Sri Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy is a true son of God, being upright both in his heart and in his walk. He had no guile, no hypocrisy, no fraud in his business activity. **Having worked as a senior Civil Engineer in Government, I knew the high quality that went into the works executed by him. The works executed by him many decades ago, still stand as monuments.** He was faithful to God in all his activities. He was faithful to God, faithful to his family and faithful to relations and faithful in his work. In Nehemia 7:2., Bible testifies about a man called Hanani - **“He was a faithful man and feared God above many”**. This applies to Sri Y.S.Chinna. Konda Reddy also. God would have definitely invited him with stretched out hands when he entered heaven and said **“Well don faithful and good servant. You have been faithful in all things I entrusted you and I will make the rules in many things”**.

***F.C.S. PETER***

***(R&B, Retd Chief Engineer)***

**Nephew of Y.S.C. Konda Reddy**

**Hyderabad**



# PATTERNS OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mr. Bala Joji Reddy

Eldest Son-in-law



**T**he speciality of my father-in-law was that he was blessed by God with special characters like sincerity, uprightness, truthfulness, love, submission, kindness and selflessness. He spread the love of God to many people. He humbled himself in front of others as a mark of God's love. All through his life, he witnessed God as Rescuer and Savior. Until his last days he was preaching about the salvation, death and resurrection and everlasting life in Jesus Christ.

When he was on his death bed while prayers and singing were going on one side everybody went to him for his blessings. When my mother-in-law Srimathi Rajamma went for his blessings he said his last word to her to be brave and slept in the Lord. At the time of burial his grand daughter Veena at the age of six expressed her belief “my grandpa will rise again.” The pastor assured her saying that he will surely rise again with our Lord Jesus. And the burial worship was closed.



# FRIEND OF GOD AND MAN OF PEOPLE

Mrs. C. Vedamani  
Second daughter



**M**y brother Prakash Reddy wanted me to write something about my father to add in this book of my father's autobiography. I am so overwhelmed that I didn't know where to start.

My father was a disciplinarian. He used to get up early and be ready by 6:00 a.m. everyday. He spent most of his time in prayer. Every year during the festivals especially Christmas and New Year's Eve, he used to visit everyone's house and pray for them. He used to share the difficulties of everyone in the family. On every Sunday he attended the church. He encouraged us also to go to church every Sunday.

My mother-in-law was in bed for four months before her death. Everyday my father used to come to enquire about her health and pray for her. My elder son was in bed for 20 years, as his spinal cord was broken in an accident. He was only able to talk and listen. My father visited him everyday and prayed for him. Even after the death of my son my father continued to visit our home and encouraged us with the words of Jesus. With that experience only we came closer to Jesus Christ. I can not forget the way my father used to read from the Bible beginning from Genesis for my son every day.



# AN IDEAL COUPLE

Mrs. Suseela Anand Reddy



**I** can say that my father-in-law is a great person. He was a disciplinarian and encouraged his children also to live in the same way. Though he had money, he lived a simple life. Once for Christmas festival he was buying clothes to everyone, I was attracted to a costly saree worth Rs.4000. He denied to buy it and said that I could buy clothes for many people with that money.

In our in-laws house we were 11 members living. To meet the needs of everybody it was difficult. But Konda Reddy mama garu was concerned about all the children of his brothers and sisters as much as his own children. He was always generous and used to help everyone.

When Vimalamma's husband died, my father-in-law cried dolorously. His brother Y.S. Raja Reddy comforted him. He was worried about her, thinking how she is going to lead the rest of her life without her husband. My father-in-law is a hard worker and he made all his children follow him. He was a prayerful man and whenever he stayed at Hyderabad used to go to the church in Vijaya Nagar colony. He extended financial help to that church also.

Once an engineer who was working with my father-in-law came to our house and told me that we won't get good profits, if my father-in-



law stays at work because he never allowed them to use less cement than the required measurement. I spoke with my father-in-law about it. He said that we should work honestly and leave the rest to God. He was simply satisfied with his honest earnings.

My in-laws are made for each other. My mother-in-law is a hard worker. She always helped the poor people that come to her specially the sick. She is now 94 years old and can't work much but keeps thinking about mamagaru.

I would like to keep my father-in-law's statue in Prakash Reddy's Mine. Workers will get motivated and disciplined by looking at him. He is known for his honesty, trust and discipline. He had family prayers everyday at his house. One day I told him, because of his prayers he got good son-in-laws, but he said not only good sons-in-law, but also daughters-in-law. Let his soul rest in peace.

*O fear the LORD, ye his saints:  
for there is no want to them that fear him.  
Psalms 34:9*



# FAMILY MESSAGE

Mr. Y.S.Pratap Reddy

*Third Son, Puliendula*



All that I learned from my childhood from my parents are piouness, dedication, honesty, trust in God. It is indelible memory for me how my father honestly completed the Railway contract works near Koduru –Balapalle even though it was running in great loss and lead us to sell our property and so on. I am really proud to say that because of my father’s goodness we brothers and sisters are safe and blessed now with all our families. All that we have and all that we are now is only the blessing of my father and my prayerful mother.

*“Oh Lord , who shall sojourn in thy tent?  
Who shall dwell on thy holy hill?  
He who walks blamelessly and does what is right,  
And speaks truth from his heart;  
Who does not slander with his tongue,  
and does no evil to his friend,  
nor takes a reproach against his neighbour;  
in whose eyes a reprobate is despised,  
but who honours those who fear the Lord  
who swears in his heart and does not change...”Psalm 15:1-4*



# A COMPLETE PERSONALITY

Dr. E.C.Gangi Reddy

Third Son in Law



**S**ri Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy is a perfect gentleman. He had an unshakable faith in God.

Whether it was good or bad, he received it with strong belief that it was God's will. He was a great humanist. He always had love, respect, and affection for others. He believed in hard work, and worked hard to earn for the family. He is a real model to others. Professionally he was just trustworthy in all matters and to every one.

I have been in close relationship with Sri Y.S.C.Konda Reddy since I got married to his third daughter Sugunamma in 1972. Personally he was very dear to me. From the time I got married I received his passionate love. I am practicing in Pulivendla from 1977 after finishing my medicine. He was very encouraging to us in opening our hospital, "Dinesh Nursing Home" He used to help me a lot in my practice. We believe that the good nurture of our children Bharathi and Dinesh was only due to his loving care and concern.

*We remain ever grateful to him and he lives in us for ever.*



# CHERISHABLE MEMORIES WITH MY FATHER

Dr. Sugunamma

*Third daughter*



**I** thank God for this gracious opportunity given to me to share some of my cherishable experiences and close contacts with my father. Ours is a big family with 11 members, six boys and 5 girls. I am the 6th one in the family.

Only after reading the Bible and saying his prayers in the morning he would start his work and other activities of the day. Family prayer was a must everyday. Because of our respect for our father none of us could say 'no' to my father.

My father was sick often and my mother used to take good care of him and used to attend all his needs. She was an illiterate. Yet she used to give lot of importance to our family prayer. She finishes all her domestic works and prepares all of us on time for our prayer. Even though she gets tired of the domestic works she never demanded us.

By God's grace I got seat in medicine for reduced donation. In spite of family difficulties all members encouraged me to do my studies. Though there were difficulties for my father in his contract works he used to shed all his problems at the Lord's feet and was able to be happy. My father was very punctual to the church. Soon after the message he used to read from the book of Psalms to the congregation. He encouraged everyone to read the Bible regularly.

My father and his brother uncle Raja Reddy and C.V.Subbareddy mama garu together were doing the contract works. After sometime they became independent contractors. My father got into a big loss when he was working on a Railway contract. He had to sell a portion of our property in order to fulfill our commitment to finish the work. He had to sell the factory also. As David said in Psalms 37:25, "**I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread**". We never needed to rely on anyone, except on God. God fulfilled his promise in my father's life, as the Psalmist says in Psalm 34:19 "**A righteous man may have many troubles, but the lord delivers him from them all**" Then for some years my father had to go to Maharashtra to take up contract works.

It is a regular feature in our families that on the 30th and 31st, of December every year my father used to visit each and every family, to pray and thank God for his blessings and kindness for the past year. Though my mother is an illiterate, she had been a prayer support to my father all through his life. I am so proud to say that my mother is so forbearing with all of us that she never forced us for anything.

My father prayed three times a day until his last day. After my marriage, when my husband went for M.D. training, I stayed with my parents for four years. My father encouraged me to read the Bible and pray everyday.

Especially in my case, we didn't have any money when we were about to start our own hospital and moreover we were in debts of Rs. 24,000. We took an old building for rent and started the practice. In that desperate situation, my father-in-law helped us financially. My father worked hard to build the rooms for the hospital and all my family members supported us in that crisis. I can say that it is my fathers brought up of the

family that made all the family members to be cooperative and single minded in all situations. After my brothers and sisters got married, they had set up their own families and are living on their own. My parents stayed with my younger brother Joseph Reddy.

Though he was hospitalized because of his illness my father came to our house on his 81st birthday. He was very weak. My husband treated him until he was well and was able to return home. The next day in the morning he came around 7 a.m. As he had difficulty in breathing, my husband conducted some tests and it was diagnosed as cancer. The same night we took him to Hyderabad and admitted him in Medwin Hospital. He was in the hospital for three weeks. When he was in the hospital, many God's servants, relatives and friends visited him and prayed for his recovery. And after his treatment he came to Pulivendala and stayed with us in our home.

His three months stay with us is a memorable experience in my life. His prayers and meditations of the Bible were a great solace for us and we never realized that how 3 months have passed so quickly. At the time of his admission into the hospital, he didn't have any debts. But he sold his site and with the money he got out of it, he kept 10% for himself and the remaining 90% he had spent for God's service by donating it to Brother Paul Reddy to buy a van for preaching the Gospel and spreading the word of God. He was an exemplary giver for God's work.

On Friday the 12th November 1993, my father woke up at midnight and sang the song "Annikalambula nunna yehova"

I think he realized that he was about to go to God. That night he called everyone and put his hand on each and everyone's head and said that "God Bless You" until 10'o clock. On Sunday he went into coma. At

that time most of my relatives wanted to keep him out of our house or take him to his own house, as his death shouldn't happen in daughter's house. I discussed this with my father-in-law. My father-in-law has a great admiration for my father. My father-in-law said "Sri Konda Reddy is like a Godfather to all of us. He will stay in our house till his last breath." and he encouraged me to have my father with me. At 9:30 p.m., my father slept in the Lord.

I am very grateful to my father and family members who helped me and supported me in my studies and medical practice. I always pray God to help me follow my father's footsteps. I whole heartedly thank my brother Sri Prakash Reddy for giving me this opportunity of sharing my memorable experiences of my father.

*Hearken unto thy father that begot thee,  
and despise not thy mother when she is old.  
The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice:  
and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.  
Thy father and thy mother shall be glad,  
and she that bare thee shall rejoice.*

*Pro.23:22,24,25*



# MAN OF SIMPLICITY

**Mrs. Sulochana Venkat Reddy**

*Fourth daughter*



**I** am 7<sup>th</sup> born child in the family and fourth daughter of Sri Chinna Konnda Reddy.

I am glad to have this opportunity given by my brother to recollect my loving reminiscences of my dear and kind hearted father. My father was a very simple man and “ajathashathruvu” (man having no foes). He was never angry with us. I don’t remember my father scolding nor punishing us with beating. We held lot of respect and regard for him. He was a devoted person in his work. He was kind and generous to the poor and needy. We have seen in him the virtues of patience love kindness, discipline and orderliness which we have inherited from him. In our daily family prayers he taught us several religious values.

He was very intelligent and kept himself well informed about the current affairs. Even when he was sick and deteriorating in health he always was anxious to update his knowledge of current affairs through reading the news papers.

My father’s ambition was to see the whole world in peace and harmony.





# NAANNA

**Mrs. Shyamala Veera Reddy**

Fifth daughter

*W/o Veera Reddy, Rtd General Manager,*



**W**hen my brother Y.S.Prakash Reddy asked me to write few words about my father, immediately I went back into the web of my past experiences and childhood life with my father. All the love that we experienced came alive to my memory. My father taught us very orderly life. He was correcting us with the words of delicacy and love.

Before my marriage, he was always reminding me how to live responsibly as a woman, citing examples from my mother's life. He taught us how to lead a content life with what we have. Such teachings of my



*Distribution of cloths of Asbestors Mines on the occasion of yearly anniversary day by late Sri Y.S.C.KondaReddy and Smt.Rajamma and Shyamala Veera Reddy and Padmavathi w/o Prakash Reddy Garu*

father are guidelines for us in coping with up with any situation now. In the same way the virtues that we learn from my mother such as forbearance, patience, calmness, peace etc have become great human resources to our life after marriage.

We clearly remember the wonderful prayers offered by my father during different occasions such as our house warming, wedding function of my eldest daughter, when my son was going to America for further studies and so on. I feel very much proud when my husband often comments that my father outfits his father in virtues. Whenever we receive letters from my father we used to read them several times as they would be very informative and pregnant. In this way we always cherish our memories of my father. He was our spiritual guide and family philosopher until he took eternal rest in God. My memories will never fade away. I am grateful to my brother for triggering me to go back to my childhood recollecting all those wonderful experiences with my father.



# POWER OF PRAYER

Mr. Y.S.Bhaskar Reddy

*Fourth Son*



**I** am glad that I am given an opportunity to say few words about my father. As a son I should not praise my father so much because he was known to every body so well. However, I would like to narrate one aspect which explains my father as a man of prayer. Naanna garu liked to spend most of his time in prayer. He also taught us how to receive God's grace through prayer.

Once, when we were children, my brothers me and my father were traveling by car from Hyderabad to Pulivendula expecting to reach by lunch time. But our car stuck up in the mud of rainy season and we could only reach Jammalamadugu by late night at 11:00pm. My father always stops on the way at Dr.Ratnamma's house in Jammalamadugu whenever he passes through that town. But that day, we did not want to disturb my menaththa, and decided to go straight to Pulivendula.

The Causeway on the Penna River near Jammalamadugu was overflowing with rain water so much that we were afraid to pass through. The driver Prakash said, "sir, water is flowing with tremendous speed and it is really not safe to get into this currents" My father said, "I know how much water is flowing and what would be the speed of the currents, because I am the one who built this causeway". So, on his persistence we drove the car into the currents and water entered into the silencer and the

engine stopped when we were in the middle of the currents. My father asked me to sit in driver's seat and he with the driver got down and started pushing it ashore. They did it for a little while but could not do it any longer. My father got into the car and started praying. As it is written in Psalm 41:1 *"the Lord delivers him in the day of trouble"*, my father prayed and started the engine, God made a miracle and the Car, started. We could reach the other shore safely. Usually once water enters into petrol engine and stops, it is impossible to start it again. It was indeed a miracle and we praised God profusely seeing this happening so personally. We remembered Isaiah 43:2 *"When you pass through waters I will be with you; and the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you, when you walk through fire you shall not be burnt."*

This is just one instance. There are plenty of such experiences in my father's life, how his prayer made miracles.

I conclude saying that my father brought us up in such a good discipline that even though he did not leave great riches behind him for us but his goodness made us enjoy the goodwill and respect of all people in Pulivendula taluk. Because of my grand father all our family and children are nurtured in discipline. If at all there is yet another life, I long to take birth in the same family.

*For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed;  
but my kindness shall not depart from thee,  
neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed,  
saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.*

*Isaiah 54:10*



# A CHRISTIAN WITH DISCIPLINE

**Mrs. Y.S. Lakshmi**

*Fourth Daughter-in-Law*



**M**y name is Lakshmi, 4th Daughter-in-law of Sri Y.S.C.Konda Reddy. I am thankful to God for this opportunity to express my joyful experiences with him.

My father-in-law was a true Christian with qualities of discipline. He starts each day with prayer at 5:00am and ends the day with the family prayer after supper. Everyday morning in the prayer he reads the Bible, and sings a song and asks each one of us to read the Bible and finally he prays.

My father-in-law was in bed from 14th July until 14th Nov in 1993. Even on July 13th, the day before he got sick, he worked in the fields. He was 80 at that time. He was taken to the hospital. Also my father was sick and was admitted in the same hospital. All the visitors to the hospital used to pray for him. I used to go to the hospital to visit both of them. Whenever I visited them, my father-in-law made me sing a song, read the Bible and pray for him.

I sang “Sthothram Chellinthumu” (Praise the lord) of Andhra Christhava Keerthanalu from my memory and he loved it. When Kamala aunty and Jaya aunty went to see him, he asked them to sing the same song. My spirituality was enriched because of the influence of my father-in-law.

These are the songs he liked the most from Andhra Christhava Keerthanalu.

1. Yesu Nannu Preminchinaavu- Papinaina Nannu premnchinaavu
2. Ghanamaina Christhu krupa kanugontinapudu
3. Seonu patalu paduchu Seonu velludhamu
4. Karuna Peetamu Cherare

# NAANNA MERU - PARVATHAMU, AMMA DHEERA VANITHA

Mr. Y.S.Manohar Reddy

5<sup>th</sup> Son, Pulivendula



**M**eru parvatham stands for courage, stability, grandeur and firmness. Dheera vanitha means courageous lady.

Before I share my memories of my father, I must say few words about my mother who shared with us her life of love, affection and friendship. We always feel happy about our mother who has toiled so much in building up our future. Her role as mother is matchless in our ideal family. Especially she poured out her love on me in several ways which I cannot forget. She is a gracious and great lady. She diligently argued against untouchability even in those traditional days.

My father was a man of great personality who stood firm in all kinds of difficulties and hurdles. He was a courageous man who lived his life for the sake of principles and faith he stood for. Spotlessness, self confidence, quality, reliability and so on are embedded in his mind. We are indeed blessed for having a father like him.

I cannot express my joy when my brother Sri.YS.Prakash Reddy asked me to share my experiences with my father to be incorporated in this book. I appreciated his idea and thank him for this opportunity.

My father's ambition was to make me study well and become a doctor. My brother Y.S.Prakash Reddy also tried very much to send me

for medicine. But the financial situation of our family in those days was just enough for our education and marriages. I could not fulfill the desire of my father. My ambition was to fulfill father's desire somehow to make at least one of our family members to do medicine and my last son YS.Arun Kumar Reddy could fulfill it.

In my childhood I often used to go along with my father to the farm works where I used to see his piousness and hard work. Once he decides anything he never took it back. During 1976-'77 he got a contract in Renigunta – Balapalle railway section. Having known that he was heading towards a big loss because of the rise in the prices, double the cost of diesel and so on he never took back from that contract but completed the work even at the cost of selling our property. During that contract work, one day, I had slight fever and I came to my room after fixing up the labour on work, in order to have my breakfast. Just at the same time my father entered into the room and severely scolded me for showing no interest in the work and having not made arrangements for the next day's work. In fact, because of my fever I ignored to arrange sand and gravel for the next day.

Next day my father personally took me to the work place and explained to me the procedures of all that I was supposed to do and I was simply happy for the gentle way my father taught me.

I erected a workshop in Pulivendla in April 1979. Even though my father did not approve it in the beginning, later on he and my uncle C.V.Subbareddy encouraged me very much. Having a desire to see me as a doctor my father did not like the idea of workshop. When he had observed the way the workshop was running, He really appreciated me.

Having seen so many people getting jobs my father expressed his desire that I should start ITI School and give free education to the poor students. But I had to refuse to my father's advice because of our limited financial situation.

However as days passed by the words of my father were lingering in my ears and I took it as my responsibility to help educating the poor children.

My father, not only cared for his family, but he also cared for others in their difficulties. I was traveling to Dharmavaram once in the car through Kadiri Ghat. We saw a big stone at the third corner on the road. At that time it was very hard for trucks to climb the Ghat, so they used big stones for support. My father stopped the car and asked me to remove the stone. He made me remove all the stones in the corners of the ghat road. He didn't like others to face the difficulty with the stones even though the stones were not a problem for our car at that time. I felt very happy for doing so.

In 1993 July my father deteriorated in his health suddenly. He was brought to Hyderabad Medwin hospital. I was there with him. I could not bear the sight of my father suffering especially when they were extracting fluid from the spine of my father. Even now I remember that and feel sad. I always question why such suffering for my father who believe so strongly in Jesus Christ and proclaim his Gospel so much. He came back to Pulivendula and received treatment from my sister Sugunakka and Gangireddy bava. After few months on 14th Nov 1993 which was a Sunday he departed into heavenly bliss. I was really privileged to have a chance to serve my father at least for that short period.



I did not have the privilege of serving my parents much. They always stayed with my younger brother. Once they visited our home and said that they would stay with us only. I felt so happy that at least now I got the chance of serving them. But they left on the very next day to my brother's house again. I felt very sad but compromised that their happiness is more important for me. I can say that my brother took very good care of my parents and I often felt that I may not take that much care. After my father's demise even now my mother is staying with my brother Joseph Reddy. She is happy and comfortable there.

I learnt from my father to love everyone, help the poor and destitute, rescue those who depend upon us, life of hard work, reading the Bible regularly and praying. The best tribute that we can give to my father is to continue to live in the religious life of faith which he taught to us.

*Let not mercy and truth forsake thee:  
bind them about thy neck;  
write them upon the table of thine heart:  
So shalt thou find favour and good understanding  
in the sight of God and man.  
Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;  
and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

*Pro.3:3-5*



# PRAYER WARRIOR

**Mr. Y.S. Joseph Reddy**

*6<sup>th</sup> and last Son- Pulivendula*



**I** am Y.S. Joseph Reddy the 6th and last one of the family. As soon as I finished my education, according to the parent's decision I married my eldest sister's daughter. We have two daughters Meena and Veena. My elder daughter got married and is living in America. The younger daughter is studying in Hyderabad. Soon after my marriage, we brothers got separated into our own families. My parents loved to come and stay with us as I am the youngest. Right from my birth I had the privilege of living with my parents. They loved me so much that they even listen to my advise sometimes.

My father always lived a prayerful life. Seeing him passing through difficult situations I sometimes questioned him "why difficulties for a prayerful man!" My father responded confidently "All times are not our times. In God's creation there are joys and sorrows together. For some people more problems and for some less. Can we question God?"

For the past 17 years since my father passed away, my mother is living with us. Therefore we always have a feeling that my father also is with us. My father had clear principles such as respect for everyone, finish every day's job punctually, keep up the promise given to others, regularly attend the church, have daily evening family prayers, and listen to the gospel message of Rev.RRK.Murthy on radio and so on.

*Indeed my father was an ardent prayer warrior.*

# SOURCE OF OUR FAITH

**Mrs. Y.S. Bharathi**

*W/o Y.S.Jagan Mohan Reddy (M.P.)*

*Pulivendula*



**M**y name was given to me by my grand father, Konda Reddy. I remember my childhood days that when I was joining every one along with my grandfather for family prayers every night. He was starting the family prayer by reading the Bible. He also asked us to read from Psalms and Proverbs.

When I was in hostel, I used to receive letters from my grandfather. He used to write about God. I also was sending some booklets to him which I think he was gladly receiving. He wanted very much that all the children and grandchildren to live closer to God. As long as he lived we used to go to the church in his car. It was he who took me and my brother to Bangalore to write our entrance test in order to join in the hostel. He bought several books for us.

My grand father was very punctual in all matters. He had the habit of doing everything so punctually that we can even set our time by seeing his schedule. Even when food was tasty he doesn't eat much. In everything he was moderate. He used to talk just to the point and lived a balanced life. His attitude was the same towards the elders, younger and also to his equals. He spared lot of time for God, listening to radio for Gospel, studying the Bible on early mornings, saying his prayers and so on which he never miss a day.

**He loved simplicity.** Once he said that wearing cotton dresses were more comfortable than going for costly dress. He always said,” you don’t have to do great tasks but do work that is useful for others”. He advised me to become a teacher after my 10th class exams, so that I could lead children in right way. Until he became sick with cancer he involved in all activities such as contract works agriculture, construction works and so on. He was nether workaholic or lazy.

*My father-in-law Dr. Sri Y.S. Raja Sekhar Reddy couple of times told us that at the time of his first elections when he went to thathagaru, he instilled confidence in him by reading from the Bible the 1st chapter of Joshua and prayed for him.*

As a grandchild, I only wish that I should acquire at least some of the wonderful qualities from my grandfather who was a man with bundle of virtues.

*Dreams and desires and ambitions be happy when they vanish  
Axe in the hand of God and the task is His  
Flourish and be fruitful little by little and enter into abundance.*

*Oh how great is thy goodness,  
which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee;*

*Psalms 31:19*



# MY GRAND FATHER



**Dr. E.C.Dinesh Reddy**

*Pulivendula*

**T**he first thing I remember about my grand father was when I was probably 2 years old. It was raining pretty hard and I was standing outside the house in the verandah when a loud thunder got me screaming. Tata who was inside the house along with some other people was the first to rush out and hold me up.

He was the one who took bujji and myself to Bangalore to write the entrance and was there to see us on quite a few times when we were in the hostel. There are many such further instances I can remember when he was there with us.

He was there when the hospital old building was being renovated and the new building was being built. We had a great number of occasions to meet and get to know him well.

He as a man of integrity, character and credibility. He was a man of God. Always exhorting us to get to know God better. How God had been there through every step in life. It has made a difference in my life. Getting to know God right from my young age has been because of my grandfather.

There are many things I could learn from him and I hope I do.

***Dr. E.C.Dinesh Reddy***



# THE PERFECT YOGI (STHITAPRAGNUDU)

**Mrs. Madhavi Paul Reddy**

Youngest daughter-in-law of  
YS.Prakash Reddy, Atlanta, USA



**I** think no one is perfect. Only few people like Sri Konda Reddy thatha, who in the grace of God strived for perfection. Me being in this modern age, I did not give much value to tenacious spirituality, punctuality and discipline that Thatha was holding so fast. I used to give a smile at it. Only when I had a chance to spend two hours in discussion about a problem with thatha, I realized what he was. I just saw in him a perfect yogi. I have no words to explain my admiration to him and I feel too small myself and only say that thatha was great.

Having no expressions I should only say the fact that I named my son after Konda Reddy Thatha which corroborates my simple admiration for him.

*They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion,  
which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.  
As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,  
so the LORD is round about his people  
from henceforth even for ever.*

*Psalms 125:1,2*



# MY GURU

**Mrs. Manjula Sarvotham**

*Daughter of YS.Prakash Reddy, Bangalore*



**M**e having brought up by my grand father, I learned from his life many valuable lessons. After finishing my B.Sc, I wanted to go for M.Sc. My Grand father advised me to become a teacher and help many people to come out of their ignorance and illiteracy. It was not a good idea for me at that time and though what a teacher's job worth for.



*Distribution of cloths of Asbestors Mines on the occasion of yearly anniversary day by late Sri Y.S.C.KondaReddy & Smt.Rajamma, Shyamala Veera Reddy, Y.S.Prakash Reddy & Smt. Padmavathi and their son's Y.S.Madan Mohan Reddy and Late Y.S.Paul Jagan Mohan Reddy and their daughter Manjula Sarvothamma Reddy*

And later I went for my M.Sc, and finished my B.Ed also. I established a school that could educate hundreds of students. This is how I think I could satisfy my grandfather's desire. My grandfather might have noticed my abilities and suggested to me in that way. That is why it has become a saying that "the words of elders always mean a bag of wealth".

My Grandfather taught many life principles from the Bible to all of us and remained as a great model figure to all of us. "Work is Worship", "Time and tide waits for none", "Simple living and high thinking" "Cleanliness is Godliness" are some of the proverbs that I learned from my grandfather which have become landmarks in my life now.

Being punctual; accomplishing the given task with devotion and satisfaction however difficult it is; extending a helping hand to others as much as we can; being humble; keeping God closer to us in all our joys and sorrows; are the lessons I learned from the life of Grandfather the great, to whom I pay my salutations as my Guru. I am just proud to be his grand daughter. He was not merely a man of words instead he was a man of action.



*Distribution of cloths of Asbestors Mines on the occasion of yearly anniversary day by late Sri Y.S.C.KondaReddy & Smt.Rajamma and their second son Y.S.Prakash Reddy*



# AJATHASATHURUVU

Mr. S.V. Narayana Reddy

*Pulivendula*



Sri Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy was a Gentleman of the highest caliber. He came from a humble family and started his life as a Contractor. He made a name as a Good Contractor. He never qualified on the nature of work. He gave preference to the compromised of the work. Some of the works he did, stand good even today.

He was unanimously elected as the president of Pulivendula Panchayathi for a Term. During his tenure he gave good performance all the small lanes were as C.C.Roads. They stand good even today after laps of Fifty Years.

He is a Philanthropist and helped people who approached him any help. He is **"AJATHASATHURUVU"**.

*S.V. Narayana Reddy*

*But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted... Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.*

*Psalms 89:24,27-29*



# AN ALTRUIST

Mr. B.Narasimha Reddy

*Pulivendula*



I came to know Sri late Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy in 1964. He was the president of Pulivendla Panchayat. I was the village surpunch for Ramireddypalle and Dr. D.N. Reddy was Samithi president. I used to see Mr. Reddy often during the meetings. We were members of the Finance Standing Committee.

He was courteous, friendly and generous. When we met in conferences, he used to talk about social service and other services that we could do. He believed that everyone should have devotion and commitment while doing social service. He was condemning all social evils. Though he was a Christian, he never looked down other religions.

In 1964, when Dr. D.N. Reddy was elected as District Parishad Chairman, I was Vice President of Samithi. I had to take over as the in-charge president of Samithi. Sri Nagi Reddy who was the Ex President of Vempalli samithi was proposed to be the President of Samithi. At that time, Sri Nagi Reddy needed the support of all the members of Samithi. We went to Mr.Y.S.C. Reddy to ask for his support. He said, “Mr. Nagireddy, I heard that you were soft and lenient to your Samithi staff. If you do that, officers and people will never do their work properly. You have to be strict to them in their duties.” Mr. Nagi Reddy promised him that he is going to follow his word. Later on, Mr. Reddy supported Sri Nagi Reddy.

Basing on all the incidents mentioned above, I understood that Mr. Reddy had given the utmost importance to discipline and dedication to work.

*Let his soul rest in peace with God.*

# GENTLE AND GENEROUS

Mr. Narreddy Sivarami Reddy

*Ex-MLA*

*Hyderabad*



**I** am extremely happy to say that I have a long acquaintance and friendship with the Sandinti families of Balapanur. When I was elected as Member of Legislative Assembly in 1952, Balapanuru was included in my constituency. During the years 1935-39, when I was studying in Pulivendula High School Prabhudas Reddy brother of YS Chinna Konda Reddy was my class mate and best friend. He was really a soft spoken personality.

During the elections of Legislative Assembly and Parliament the Sandinti families used to help us. When I was a longstanding leader of the District Communist Party every year we used to meet Sri Y.S. Chinna Konda Reddy in his house. Each time we go to their house, we were warmly welcomed into their house with love and affection. They were making generous contribution. Their house was a house of hospitality. Konda Reddy was a soft personality, far away from factionist politics.

Having inherited the qualities of his father , Prakash Reddy won the fame as Konda Reddy's son. I value very much the impressions that Konda Reddy had made in my heart.



# MAN OF GREAT INTEGRITY

**Mr. Sudha Mallikarjuna Rao**

*Sri Durga Auto Motors*

*Founder of SRI SRI SRI Vijayadurga devi Temple,  
Kadapa*



**S**ri Y.S. Chinna Konda Reddy was a man of great character. He was very brave and was not afraid of anyone except God and himself. Though he spoke with a loud voice, he was soft at heart. Unselfishness, love, kindness and honesty are the qualities reflected in him.

As his elder brother who was away from the family and not able to take the family responsibilities, Sri Chinna Konda Reddy took the family responsibilities. His younger brother also followed Christianity and was diligent in spreading the Gospel.

Sri Reddy had to stop his studies to take care of the family responsibilities. The fourth brother Sri. Raja Reddy finished his studies up to Intermediate and worked in the military for sometime. The fifth brother, Purushotham Reddy, is working as a doctor in Raja Reddy hospital, Pulivendula.

He had five sisters Sugunamma, Ratnamma, Rajamma , Mariamma and Kamalamma . He brought up his three brothers and five sisters like a good brother and a father. He provided good education for them and guided them to settle in good professions. He fulfilled all his responsibilities. He had a soft heart smooth as fresh butter. He was a matchless personality. He had the support of God always. He was confident in all things and followed God through his life. In the same way his wife Smt.Rajamma is also an appropriate life partner, following

the foot steps of her husband and nurturing the children and providing motherly love to sisters-in-law and daughters-in-law and proved to be a fine cultured housewife.

Sri Reddy had 13 children, out of them a son and a daughter passed away at an early age. The remaining six sons and five daughters got good education and they are settled in good jobs and in high position in the society. They all are in good culture and disciplined in the lines of Chinna Konda Reddy.

In 1977 he had to face a difficult situation in his railway contract. The officers warned him that he was heading towards a great loss. Reddy garu responded saying that – no question of compromise no reduction in the quality, even if it is a loss I must accomplish my task. He made a marvelous statement in that context- people understood the greatness of Jesus Christ only after His Crucifixion, nobody realized Him during His life time. All those who suffered Him had to regret at the end.”

Sri Reddy was a perfect man. He was always thankful to the people who helped him. I came to know Sri Reddy in 1960, when he bought a tractor from me. From then, our relationship continued. His straight forwardness and honesty attracted me towards him.

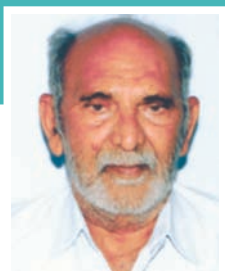
I respected him more than my father because of his professional discipline, intellectuality, and commitment to work. I always feel the preciousness of my relationship with him. I am so proud to have this privilege to express these few words about such a great man Konda Reddy.



# MAN TO BE EMULATED

**Mr. Palem Chinna Chenna Reddy**

Contractor – Pulivendla



**I**n the early days when my Brother-in-law late Sri Y.S.C.KondaReddy married my sister Rajamma, there were factionist problems in our village.

Therefore my brother-in-law thought that I would be safe if I move to Pulivendula to avoid the influence of factionalism. He kept me in his house, taught me education and trained me as a teacher. Then I got married and became an independent contractor and am able to educate my children. My eldest son Janardhan Reddy is working in Polytechnic College in Pulivendla. One of his sons is a software engineer in Bangalore. Another son has finished his MBBS in Kurnool and doing now house surgency. And the third one Rajashekar Reddy is a teacher in a village near Pulivendula.

Chinna Konda Reddy was the reason and a blessing for me to live in these days so peacefully with social and economic status and family development. Like me, Chinna Konda Reddy used to help and rescue anyone in our relatives who were in need. I can boldly say that he liberated me and my family, from our traditional struggles.

I used to be with him when he was in Hospet. All the time he lived a life of prayer, helped any Christian brother who used to come to

him. He used to regularly listen to the sermons from the radio. Towards his last days he used to take his own vehicle and go on evangelism in Maduru, Balapanuru, Besthavaripalle, Pulivendula and Ulimella villages. He was very disciplined person. He loves quality in work. During the contract works we were more afraid of him rather than the government officials. He never compromised in his work.

This is my great fortune that I found this opportunity to write few words about him.

*He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;*

*He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.*

*Isaiah 33:15,16*



# REAL HUMAN BEING

Mr. K.Jagadeeswar Chetty



We all the family members own a lot to late Sri. Y.S.C. Konda Reddy Garu and thank God everyday for having given such a well wisher to our family. He was so kind and helping nature that we all benefited for our education career for which he has helped financially unconditionally. This made all of us to pursue higher studies and reach to the present positions.

My father late Sri. K. Buchappa chetty who worked with him in his contract ventures was always over-whelmed with his kindness to all needy all poor. He used to pray even for the welfare of labour everyday in his daily prayers who worked in his organization.

**To put it in a simple word about his qualities he is a true human being and incarnation of kindness.**

**From**

- 1) **Sr. K. Arunachalam** - General Murchant, Madanpalli.
- 2) **Late Sri. K.Krishnamurthy**, AMIE (I) - Rtd. Lecturer, polytechnic, Nandyal.
- 3) **Sri. K. Malikarjuna Chetty**, Phd  
Rtd. Professor and Head of Dept Electrical Engineering GVCE Bangalore
- 4) **Sri. K. Balasubramanyam**, BE (Mech)  
Rtd Dy. General, Manapur HMT - Hyderabad.
- 5) **Sri K.Jagadeeswara chetty**, Rt. SE, Bangalore





# GURU DEVA

Mr. G.Sivarama Naidu (S.E.Rtd)

*S.K.UTY- Anathapur*



**G**urudeva is a teacher who leads his disciples to God. Such teacher is like a God to his students.

During 1973 – 1975, I was working as a Site Engineer at Renigunta –Guntakal double line formation work (Southern Railways) for Sri Y.S.C.Konda Reddy. I was fascinated with his regular habits. Mr. Reddy woke up by 5:00 a.m. to finish his morning calls and read the Bible for 15 minutes. Mr.Reddy was very patient and used to serve coffee and tea to all the workers. Within two days of joining him in work, I could understand his work-mindedness. Whenever he talked to the officers about work, he always used to focus on the quality of work. He always mentioned that “Work is Worship”. As an young adult, I could not understand his words those days.

Mr.Reddy had thorough knowledge of his work. Once we were traveling for 12 kilometers in 3 hours on a trolley estimating the work done so far and Mr. Reddy expected a particular amount to get from the department for the work done. But the officers said that not even 60% of that amount may be sanctioned. Later on the department officers took 4 days to make exact calculations and finally came to the figure almost closer to what Reddy garu estimated in 3 hours time. Such was the accuracy and intelligence of Chinna Konda Reddy.

Whenever Reddygaru came to inspect our work on the site our heartbeat was increased. He never spared even a small mistake. We were

afraid when Mr. Reddy came for inspection. He never tolerated any mistakes in the work. In those days when we started the third reach banking work, we were getting around Rs. 3,000 loss. I was supervising the third reach's 20% bridge foundation concrete work. I didn't realize that Mr.Reddy was supervising from above, we found 8"Granite rock. According to the specification, we had to remove the rock and finish foundation. I just made the workers cover the rock with the concrete. Meanwhile, someone came and told me that Mr.Reddy was calling me. When I went to him, he was angry. I didn't understand the reason for his anger. The conversation went like this.

Mr.Reddy: Panthulu , what did you do?( He used to call me panthulu)

Me : What did I do Sir?

Mr.Reddy : Don't you know what you did?

Me : I don't know Sir.

Mr.Reddy : Didn't you cover the rock with concrete?

Me : Yes, Sir.

Mr.Reddy : Why did you do that?

Me : Granite is Rock.

If we mix it with concrete then it shouldn't be a problem.

Mr.Reddy : Is it like that in the specifications?

Me : No Sir

Mr.Reddy : Did you learn this in Engineering?

Me : No Sir.

I was really afraid that day. He said "I really trusted you, but you are going against the specifications. Is that what they taught you in your studies?" saying that he started hitting me with his umbrella. I was afraid and ran away from there and I saw him throwing small stones at me.

That evening I was sitting alone. A cook came and told me that Mr. Reddy asked me to come for dinner. With lot of fear, I went to dinner and sat with Mr. Reddy. He asked me again.

Mr. Reddy: Why did you do that?

Me : I was angry. We are already getting Rs. 3,000 loss per day. Also, we have to finish the work as soon as possible. If the granite is there with the concrete, then there won't be any problem.

Mr. Reddy: Panthulu, why do you care about my losses and profits? What is your duty? Your work is to follow the specifications. If you think about profits and losses instead of the specifications, I will not tolerate that kind of behavior. I can't answer to myself. You are an engineer. In the future, you may be assigned many responsibilities from the government. If you think in different angles and ignore the quality of work, then that is not going to be a correct decision for both of us. God never accepts people who sin. Please don't do it again.

He said it peacefully. I sat alone and thought about what Sri Reddy said that night. I realized that he was a great person. From that day, my attitude on the work changed. Now I am retired recently as S.E. from the department. From the time I joined in the department as J.E. I worked all through with his spirit. As I got older, I realized how quality work is necessary for the community. In many contexts of my life I thought of him.

I developed a good relationship with their family. I have a lot to say about him. I am able to see him in one of the slokas of Bhagavadgita which I read daily- Krishna warns "Arjuna the ordinary people will follow what the great people do. Great as you are, you can not do this mistake. What a thought it is! How sincere he was! I learnt a great truth that work is worship. Not only to me but for so many people in those days Reddy garu became a model. Truth and righteousness have meaning only in the lives of such people. Blessed are the parents who gave birth to such a child.



# INDELIBLE MEMORIES

Mr. Thomas Reddy

*Madura*



**S**ri Narayana Reddy and Lakshmmamma are a couple from Maduru in Thondur Mandal. They have two sons, Narayana Reddy and Aswatha Reddy.

Aswatha Reddy accepted Jesus Christ in 1912. Sri Aswatha Reddy my father, had four sons and a daughter. 1. Thomas Reddy 2. Purushotham Reddy 3. Paul Reddy 4. Christupadamu Narayana Reddy 5. Sugunamma. Sri Ashwatha Reddy served God in his village and slept in the lord in 1993.

After the demise of my father I joined Sri. Chinna Konda Reddy and used to go with him for evangelism in Pulivendla and around of villages. It was very profitable time for me to learn more about the Lord in his company. Going for evangelism with him had been a great blessing for me.

I took interest in the church activities in my village also. During the British period a church was built in our village. After sometime there was some damage to the building and needed renovation which was done by Prakash Reddy son of Sri Konda Reddy. The renovated church was reopened by Bishop Frederick in the presence of Godly people.

Indeed this is my great privilege to recollect my memories about our beloved great personality Sri Chinna Konda Reddy and to write these few words as a token of my respect for him.



# GOD OF THE POOR

**Mr. Vallepu Nagappa**

*Contractor, Pulivendla.*



**I** am very happy to let everyone know about my experience and relationship with Sri Y.S.C. Konda Reddy. I was one of the family members and had a good relationship with them. Chinna Konda Reddy was known as a good contractor. I worked with many contractors, but Sri Konda Reddy is different from others. For example I narrate an incident –

I was with Konda Reddy along with two other contractors, building side walls in the Ghat road from Kadiri. Usually any work we take for contract we run the work fast, in order to do more work in less time. At the end of the week when we pay the wages we were planning to convince the labour for their wages on daily basis instead of unit basis. But Reddy garu refused to this idea and warned us to pay the labour on unit basis as agreed in the beginning. We all felt very happy and appreciated the generosity of Reddy garu.

Every Thursday, was a sandy day in Pulivendla. Labor will be paid by the contractor every Thursday. On one Thursday I went a little late to get the payment, and Konda Reddy was already waiting for us. I often remember what he told me that day – "why don't you take the money early, and finish your shopping and spend time happily with your wife and children at least once a week!" He loved his workers as his own family. Those days it was very common for the contractors to delay the payments or pay in installments. Reddy garu did not like it at all.

Another important thing with Reddy garu was that he never addressed us roughly either at work site or at home. Every time he called us either by name or respectfully *“Emappa”*.

Those days he never let us make false reports of work like the present generation of contractors do in order to hide the mistakes.

When we were working on a causeway on Jammalamadugu River, Konda Reddy said that the causeway should be strong to hold the pressure and current of water when it floods. He wanted us to maintain the quality because he didn't want to get a bad name.

We were working on a lake in Kottha Palle (Vemula). When he came to see the work, he told us that we should finish the work faster than the other four similar works sanctioned to different contractors in the State. Thus he was mindful of keeping his precious reputation as contractor. Once Konda Reddy was very happy and I remember the words he said, “Your batch worked really well and all of you have successfully fulfilled my commitment.”

He always was mindful of his work as commitment. He was really an **AKUNTITHA DEEKSHAPARUDU**

I saw him working hard for his family. He used to travel on bicycle to work. He used to drop his father in Vemapalli from Balapanur. From there, he used to go to another village to finish his work and bring his father from Vempalli to Balapanur. This was a ride of about 40 kms.

He was a staunch believer of Jesus Christ. He always walked to the church until his old age. He used to tell us that *“God is great and we should follow him. God will bless us, if we have the relationship with him”*. He always prayed for the welfare of others and for the good behavior of others.

He wished very much that his children would study well and attain high positions. I went to Gullbarga with Raja Reddy to try for M.B.B.S. seats for Konda Reddy's daughter Sugunamma and late Sri Y.S. Rajasekhar Reddy. We came back with good news of confirming the seats and he was very happy and proud of his daughter Sugunamma. I remember the words "She really brought reputation to the family". He worked day and night for his family. I am so glad that I never saw poor people going back with empty hands when ever they approached Konda Reddy. A relative of mine, (Venkata Nagulu's father). Mr.VenkataNagulu was working for Konda Reddy. He didn't have enough money to finish his post graduation and met Konda Reddy for help. He helped him finish his Post Graduation and now he is retired as a Junior College principal. In this way Sri Reddy helped many poor students.

*Blessed is he that considereth the poor:  
the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.  
The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive;  
and he shall be blessed upon the earth:  
and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.*

*Psalms 41:1,2*



# UNFORGETTABLE SERVICE TO FAMILY

Mr. M. Gangi Reddy



**I** am 79 years old. I was 10 years when I was brought from my village Konireddy palli to the house of Chinna Konda Reddy in Balapanuru on the wish of Late sri.Venkata Reddy. I lived in their house until his death. Later on I worked as mesthri in Prakash Reddy's mines. After some time I took retirement as my age was coming up. I became a family member in their house having lived for the past 58 years.

Until 1950 Venkata Reddy's family was a joint family. Then they divided their properties. They are now a very big family in Pulivendula. They still have their properties in Balapanuru. Chinna Konda Reddy, son of Venkatareddy's first wife was brought up by his second wife Late Mangamma. She found a wife for Chinna Konda Reddy in her own relatives.

Chinna Konda Reddy maintained the whole family while assisting his father in his contract works and domestic affairs. Konda Reddy had many children and he used to say that they were his property. He was a hard working man and trustworthy. He was not a person to earn money by wrong ways. He never tolerated the workers when they did a mistake. He was a disciplinarian.

When we all were living together in Balapanuru, Rajareddy's mother in law Mariyamma was sick in Pulivendula. Her maternal aunt



and China Konda Reddy used to come from Balapanuru by walk to nurse her. I also used to go with them. They served her for nearly six months.

He helped for the education of Chinnapu Reddy son of Pedda Konda Reddy. He distributed the family property twice to Pedda Konda Reddy. He was very obedient to his parents. Whole family used to regard his role as the “elderly” because of his spirituality and maturity. His contribution to the family can never be ignored.

At the time of his death I was present at his bed along with his brother in law Mr.Chenna Reddy, and I could have the privilege of paying my last respects to such a saintly man whose love I cherished throughout my life.

*The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD;  
and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!*

*Thou hast given him his heart's desire,  
and hast not withholden the request of his lips.*

*For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness:  
thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.*

*He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him,  
even length of days for ever and ever.*

*His glory is great in thy salvation:  
honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.*

*For thou hast made him most blessed for ever:  
thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.*

*For the king trusteth in the LORD,  
and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.*

*Psalms 21:1-7*



## Son's Families



Sri Y.S. Anand Reddy & Smt. Suseela Family



Sri Y.S. Prakash Reddy & Smt. Padmavathi Family



Sri Y.S. Prathap Reddy & Smt. Tulasamma Family



Sri Y.S. Bhaskar Reddy & Smt. Lakshmi Family





Sri Y.S. Manohar Reddy & Smt. Prameela Family



Sri Y.S. Joseph Reddy & Smt. Shyamala Family



Sri K.Bala Joji Reddy & Smt.Suseelama Family

*Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth,  
and called thee from the chief men thereof,  
and said unto thee, Thou art my servant;  
I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.*

*Fear thou not; for I am with thee:  
be not dismayed; for I am thy God:  
I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee;  
yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

*Isaiah 41:9,10*





Sri Chuvva Venkat Subba Reddy & Smt. Vedamani Family



Dr. E.C. Gangi Reddy & Dr. Sugunamma Family



Sri Dr.C.Venkat Reddy & Smt. Sulochana Family



Sri N.Veera Reddy & Smt. Shyamala Family



## Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy's Letter Correspondence

Y. S. C. Konda Reddy,  
CONTRACTOR,  
PULIVENDLA.

Phone NO 144.

Place :- Puliwenda

Date :- 2-9-95

My dear friend M. Shedneck.  
 మిత్రులైన ముఖ్యమంత్రి నా శివాహు  
 పత్రిక మీరు లలితకళా క్రమం చేశారు  
 నీచా సలహాను మి-మిమి మమకాలు  
 వివాహమునకు పోయి వీరియను నా  
 తాతగారు ముఖ్యమంత్రి దళిత  
 శిశువులను నాకు తరలించుటకు  
 నీయందు 4-9-71 నాకు కత్తు  
 (7వోది) ముఖ్యమంత్రి నీరయం మనకు  
 కాపున తాతగారు తరలించుటకు  
 మీరు 200 ఆర్డర్లు ముఖ్యమంత్రి.

నాచనమిశ్రితకరకవి  
పదమూలం -

నకల జాబి. రాణి కిరునా ప్రేమ కు పూజ  
- సరళి ౭ జాబి కిరునా కిరునా  
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కా. సత్యంబు లెవన కి) పాఠశాల  
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ఇందు వారికి ప్రతి శాస్త్రమును  
యు పఠనము చేయవలయును గాక-

వృద్ధులకు, బిడ్డలకు మోస్తూ వారందరికీ  
కనీసం నష్టమివ్వాలి  
గృహం (Kondal)



## Y.S.Chinna Konda Reddy's Letter Correspondence

My dear Bro Shebeck. 10 20th-1993  
I had your PC dated 18-1993 returned  
& noted contents therein. All of my  
family members are doing well  
in all kinds of works by the grace  
of our Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing  
new to write. Every day going to  
fields from 7:30 to 12:30 & back  
to home. So far nothing to worry -  
about normal health to go on my

routine work.  
I hope all gym  
are quite all.  
closing with  
love & affection  
yours truly  
ys (LH)

G S C. Konda Reddy,  
CONTRACTOR,  
PULWENDLA - 516390  
(Kudachah District.)

ప్రయత్న శెడ్రాక గారి, P. S. S. S. S. S.  
 22-4-73.  
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 తలచుకొన్నాము గరిగినది. ఉన్నాము మొదల  
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21/11/2019  
Y.S.C. Kenda Reddy.

My dear M. Shadneck.  
I had your PC m 23rd Nov  
Contents there in. As I am too busy  
with my routine work (odd work)  
etc. so I could not write you before  
this. Here all of my family —  
members are quite well by the  
Grace of our Lord & Father  
I am w. by. & your family

members. We  
 are very near  
 for Excomm day  
 & for the Mayday  
 day. If our  
 Lord permits us  
 we can enjoy in  
 that day. This  
 is all for the present  
 yours truly  
 G S & Nevada Roads,

