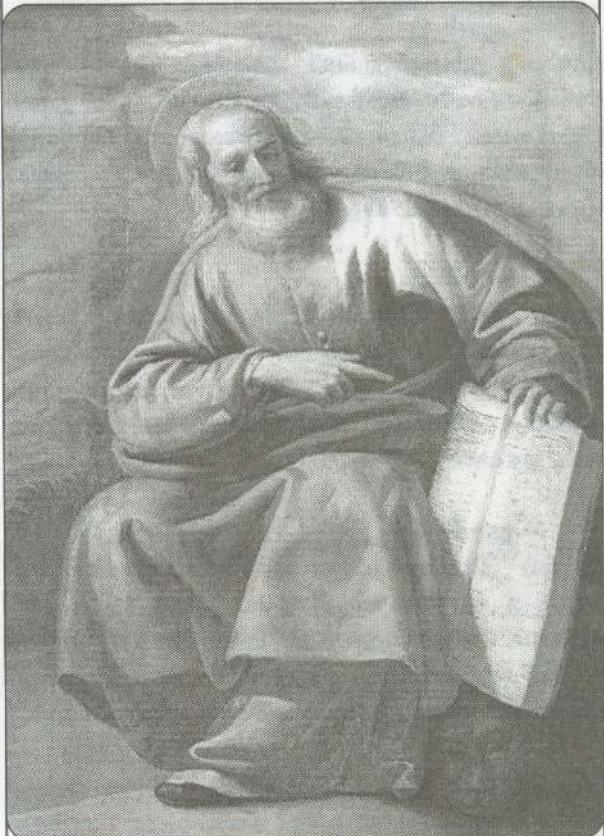


Saint Mark the Evangelist Martyr

Born : 1st century AD
Cyrene, Pentapolis of North Africa
Died : April 25, 68 AD

JAFFNA REGIONAL EASTER BAJAN

The Church of the American Ceylon Mission, Jaffna Region and Chrita Seva Ashram jointly organized the Easter Bajan on The Easter day, 2012 at 3.30 pm. Rev.Bro. Luxan did the welcoming address. A welcome dance was staged by an Ashram Worshiper. Rev. Thevamithiran said the inaugural prayers. Choristers came to the stage in a procession. The multi parish choir comprising of Alaveddy, Erlalai North, Uduvil, Manipay, Jaffna, Sathiyapuram and Ashram took part in the singing. They sang 10 songs reflected on the passion narratives and the meaning of Passion. A reflection for each song was said by Rev. M. Jude Sutharshan. Rev.Father. Brayan, Parish Priest of Poonakari, Jaffna Diocese of Roman Catholic Church, was invited as the guest speaker for the occasion.

The music was done by Mrs.Jebajothy Christina Sutharshan (Keyboard), Mrs.Tharshini Daniel (Rythm Guitar) and Mr.Yasonath (Tabla).

Rev.V.Rajkumar said the final prayers and benediction. A big crowd of people came for the function and all were invited for tea by Ashram friends.



the Chief Guest at this function. Rev. D. S. Mathiyaparanam (Regional Secretary, CACM - Vanni), attended the event as Guests of Honour.

Basic for Administration

Two are better than one because they have good rewards for their effort. For if either falls, his companion can lift him up. Also, if two lie down together, they can keep warm; but how can one person alone keep warm? And if somebody overpowers one person, two can resist him. A cord of three stands is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

This passage of Scripture came to life several years ago as I was completing my qualifications using underwater breathing equipment (SCUBA) in the Navy. The final qualification was a deep ocean dive that occurred off the coast of Jamaica. There, deep fresh-water wells boiled up from the ocean bottom fed from island rivers that had gone underground only to surface several hundred yards offshore. Similar to sinkholes, these depressions had unusually clear water. The marine life was unique. My diving instructor chose a dive of about 150 feet.

As we entered the water and began our descent, I noted the beautiful marine growth on the walls of the well. Because of the clarity of the water, the colours of the growth remained vivid for several feet down. I noted that at the bottom of the well were several sharks. There was no concern because they looked to be only a few feet in length-far smaller than the many sharks I had dived with off the coast of Florida. As we continued our descent, I put the sharks out of my mind. At about 110 feet down, I again looked, and the sunk to the bottom of the hole. Judging from the size of the chair, the shark was about ten to twelve feet long. And he had many equally large friends.

One of the sharks looked up and took note of the four tempting legs hooked to two bodies dangling down like a meal. And they began to circle up

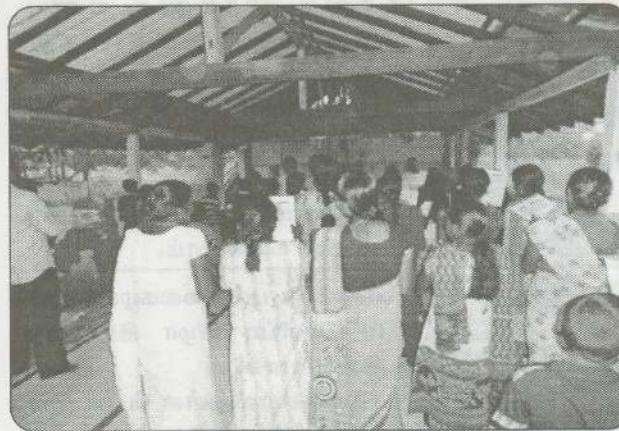
toward us. My diving instructor tapped me on the head and pointed to his writing pad with this message: "Place your back to mine and clank your diving tank on mine as we go up." I liked the "go up" part but didn't understand the clanking part. The body must acclimate to changes in pressure as the diver rises. At every thirty-two feet you must stop and wait. We would have four stops on the way up.

The trip to the surface was long and agonizing. We pushed off the sharks every once in a while with our probe sticks. And of course we clanked. The last pressure stop seemed like an eternity, but just as soon as I could do so safely, I popped out of the water in one motion and into our rubber raft. After getting my composure back, I was able to relive the adventure with my diving instructor. "That was a good idea banging our tanks to scare them off," I said.

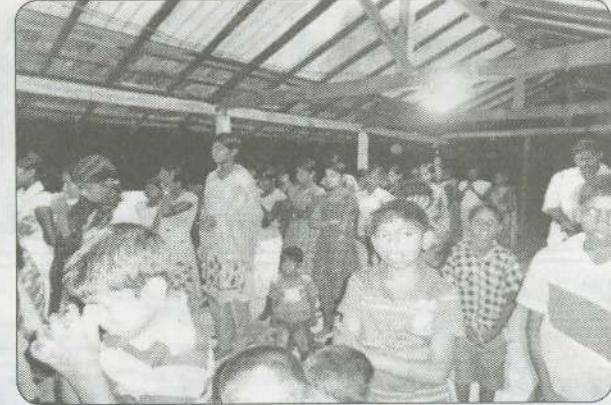
"That clanking noise probably made them mad," he replied. "The reason I had you clank your tank against mine was to let me know you were still there looking after my backside. If you had stopped clanking, I would have assumed you had gotten eaten. and I would have gone to plan B."

As in every venue of ministry, there must exist some semblance of organization-a plan A and a plan B-in order to move forward. Ministers are called to minister. But this is difficult to achieve without an understanding of how to go about carrying out that ministry. Church leaders do not function in isolation; boards, committees, councils, teams, deacons and other staff members, surround them. Effective and efficient ministry requires the institution to develop some principles of administrative organization.

By Robert H. Welch

Suthanthirapuram church's temporary building was reopened

The Suthanthirapuram Parish in Mullaitevu District was a refuge for many people during the war time in 2009. After three years, the church's temporary building was reopened and the resettled congregation came for worship on 27th of March, 2012, first time after the displacement. Under the leadership of



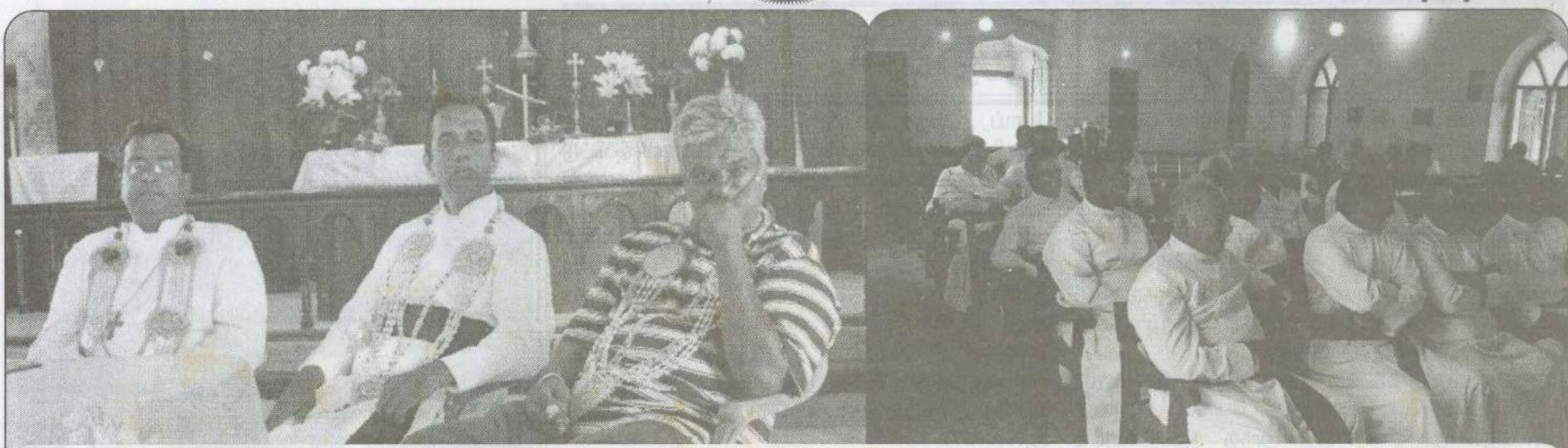
Rev.S.Kuganeswaran, the regional chairperson of Wanni, all the pastors who serve in Wanni region took part in the worship. The pastors were sent to all the parish members' houses by the directions of the local priest. After the finishing of the house visits, they all gathered at the church and had a vigil prayer with Eucharistic worship started at 7 pm.

Annual Sports Festival of the Murasumoddai Nursery.

"The Church of the American Ceylon Mission Nursery in Murasumoddai had their Annual Sports Festival on 30th of March 2012. It was a very happy and joyful event for the nursery children. There are 50 children attending the nursery. Two teachers hailing from this area are in charge of the children. All the children, teachers, parents and community members participated in the event to make it a memorable occasion. We are very grateful to the Colombo Church of CACM for supporting the running of this Centre.

Mr. T. Varathan (Principal of KN/ Murukantha College, Murasumoddai) was

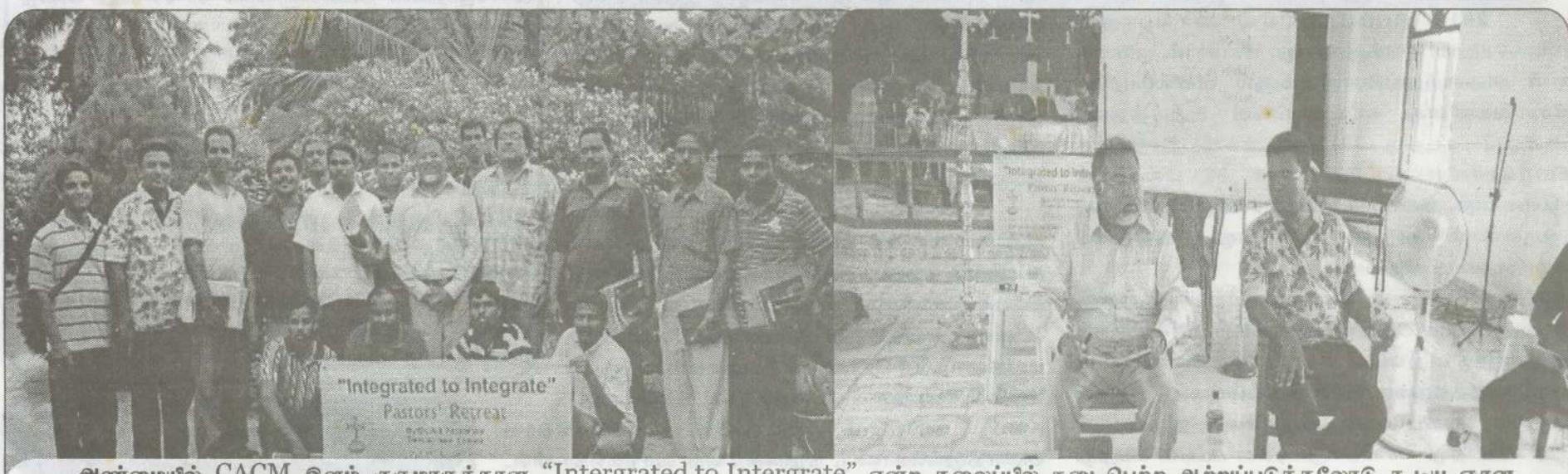




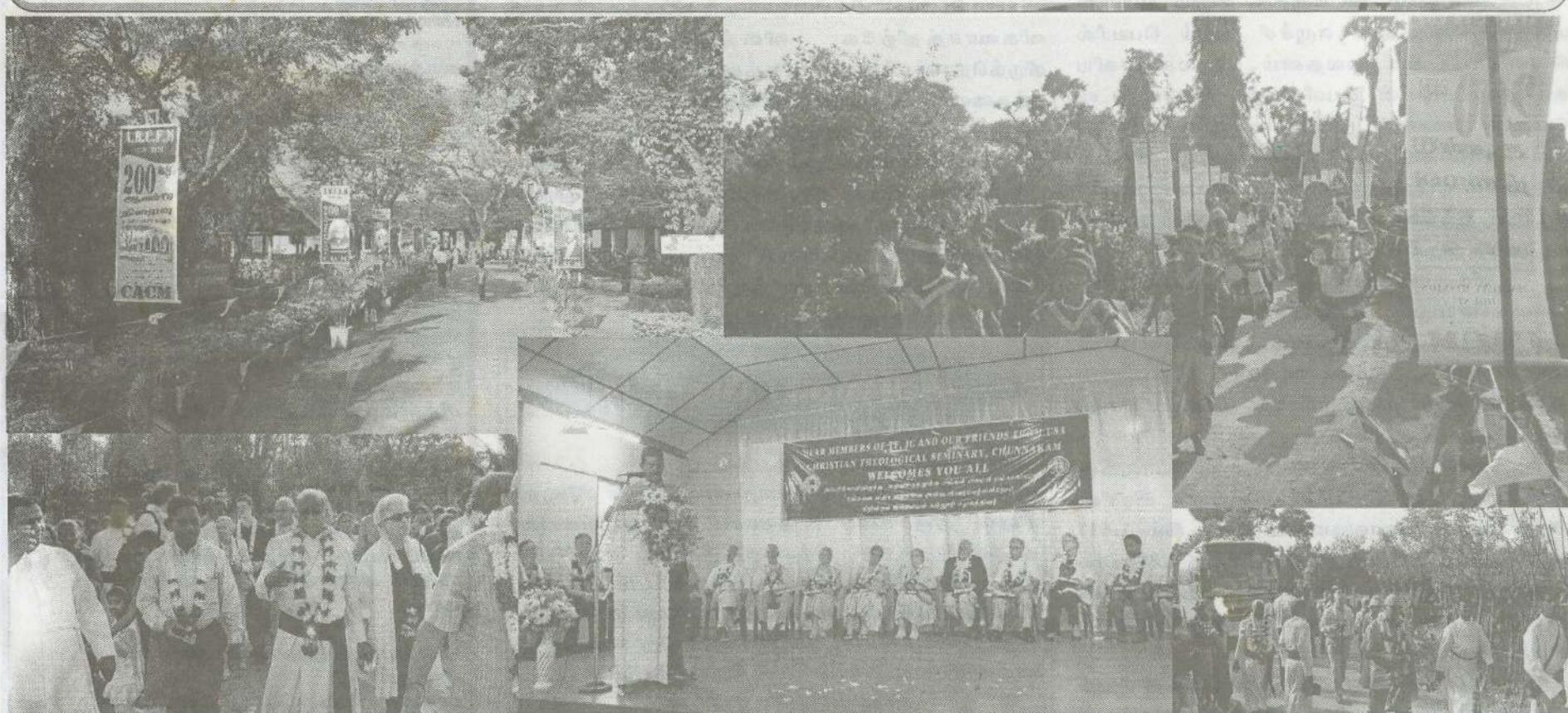
CACM யாழ்.பிராந்தியத்தினரால் யுதிதாக திருச்சபையின் பொறுப்புக்களை பொறுப்பேற்றிருக்கும் தலைவர், செயலாளர், பொருளாளர் ஆகியோருக்கு வரவேற்பு நிகழ்வொன்றை மானிப்பாய் திருச்சபையில் நடாத்தியது. இதனையே மேலுள்ள படங்களில் காணலாம்.



அண்மையில் CACM யாழ்.பிராந்தியமும் கிறிஸ்த சேவ வூச்சிரமமும் கிணைந்து நடாத்திய எஸ்டர் பஜனை நிகழ்வை மேலுள்ள படத்தில் காணலாம்.



அண்மையில் CACM கிளம் குருமாநுக்கான “Intergrated to Intergrate” என்ற தலைப்பில் நடைபெற்ற ஆற்றுப்படுத்தலோடு கூடிய நூன ஒடுக்கம் பெரியநீலாவணையில் உள்ள தூய.அந்திரோயா ஆலயத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. கிடனை Indian Sunday School Union Director டாக்டர் அஜித் பிரசாதம் அவர்களால் நடாத்தப்பட்டது. அவற்றை மேலே காணலாம்.



அமெரிக்காவிலிருந்து பரந்துபட்ட திருச்சபைகளின் பிரதிநிதிகள் (W.C.M) பதினான்கு பேர் கிறிஸ்தவ கிறையில் கல்லூரிக்கு வருகை தந்தபோது அவர்களுக்கான வரவேற்பு நிகழ்வு ஏற்பாடுசெய்யப்பட்டிருந்தது. கிறையில் கல்லூரி வளாகம் அலங்கரிக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதையும் ஓயிலாட்டம், பொய்க்கால் குதிரை, தலில் நாதஸ்வர வாத்திய கிசை ஆகியவற்றோடு விழுந்தினர் அழைத்துச் செல்லப்படுவதையும், கல்லூரி மண்டபத்தில் நடைபெற்ற வரவேற்பு நிகழ்வையும் மேலே படங்களில் காணலாம்.

