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Dear OFUESI Family:

The most difficult test in the life of Abraham was recorded for us in Gen. 22:2. The details of God's test are provided as follows:

What? *Burnt offering* - a complete sacrifice without any further possibility of life.

Who? *Abraham's own son, "your only son Isaac, whom you love."* God could have said, 'give me one of your men,' but He is very specific to Abraham, sending a sword into his heart by the clarity and enormity of the requirement.

When? *Now.* Perhaps there was no time even to think and ponder; no further negotiation.

Where? *On a mountain - Mount Moriah.*

Why? We do not know - not revealed. This was a bigger cross for Abraham. We may attempt to interpret, but we do not know why. For Abraham, sacrificing his son, aged about 25, is irrational and may even eliminate the covenant that God made with him. What was Abraham's response then?

Verse 3: ***"So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him."***

We neither see any reluctance nor delay in his obedience! How could Abraham respond so? May be because Abraham believed God, he was able to obey God. *Has there ever been a more tragic hour, save one, in all of history?* There is an insight from the writer of Hebrews that Abraham trusted God to raise Isaac from the dead and fulfill the covenant. What a deep faith!

When Satan tempts us, he does with an intention that we may trip and fall. But God tests us so that we may be strengthened and stand firm. Satan wants us to be punished and ultimately finished. Our God wants us to be blessed and ultimately glorify Him. Our father of faith, Abraham passed God's test with the most glorious colors and an ultimate A+.

"FAITH was the root of Abraham's OBEDIENCE. OBEDIENCE was the fruit of Abraham's FAITH." - Mr. R. Stanley, Blessing Youth Mission, India

From verses 12 and 16, we read that Abraham was commended twice with the words, ***"...since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."*** We also realize that God reiterated His covenant with Abraham in admiring his implicit obedience. At times, our obedience to God's call and ministry needs to be verified with this gold-standard of implicit obedience. Where do we all stand today in our obedience to His call?

In God's provision, the place of renunciation also becomes the place of provision. ***Jehovah Jireh*** (The LORD Will Provide, v-14) has a special meaning once we surrender. In Abraham's life it became a substitution of offering as if God proclaimed, "not your son, but My Son" shall be offered to the entire humanity which was fulfilled on a different mount, Calvary.

In this KIT, you will also read in our *Eternal Excellence Feature*, an amazing story of a missionary who responded to the Master's call in implicit obedience beyond the nations and regions.

Subha, Prem, Joji, Paramjyothi, and Abhijit
OFUESI Executive Committee

2008 REGIONAL CONFERENCES UPDATE:

All praises to our Lord Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. We are delighted to present the listing of all our upcoming annual regional conferences, a prominent get-together for OFUESI members from different cities as they come together for fellowship and encouragement.

For all our conferences the theme has been chosen as **"THE CHRISTIAN IDENTITY & THE CHRISTIAN HOME"**. For our eastern region conference, more emphasis will be given on the topic - "Rediscovering our Identity in Christ" based on *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus"* – Phil. 2:5

Please continue to pray and encourage all our members to plan and participate. Please review the enclosed conference websites for more updated information. Additionally this year, we urge all our participants to pre-register for the conferences through the respective conference websites listed for proper accommodation process and to aid the organizing committees to plan the arrangements with the camp site personnel. The information also made available through our primary OFUESI web site (www.ofuesi.org).

Please continue to pray for the following needs:

1. For travel mercies, safety, and health of the speakers: Sathkeerthi Rao and LT Jayachandran and travel safety and good health for all our conference attendees.
2. For special anointing on the speakers and the preparation of the attendees participation.
3. For God's provision on all our speaker travel expenses and for our members to participate as well as for all other conference expenses.
4. For UESI Special Projects support (Kotagiri High Fields Building Fund and UESI Publications) to be prayerfully considered by conference attendees.
5. For more of His Grace and conviction to carry on the mantle of our ministry by new NC/EC members who may be chosen from these conference gatherings.

August 9, 2008 is designated as the day of fasting and prayer for personal and family preparation for the conferences. Please encourage one another for this extended period of prayer on this Saturday.

<i>Southern Regional Conference: Aug 16-17, 2008</i>	
Speaker(s)	Sathkeerthi Rao (Former UESI Staff, India)
Venue	Camp Lone Star 2016 Camp Lone Star Rd, La Grange, Texas 78945 Ph. 800-362-2078
Schedule	Aug-16 (Saturday-AM) thru Aug-17 (Sunday-Noon)
Contact(s)	Suresh Konatham (512) 483 1132 Zeno Philip (281) 477 9024
Website	http://ofuesisouth.googlepages.com/

<i>Western Regional Home Meetings: Aug 23-24, 2008</i>	
Speaker(s)	Sathkeerthi Rao (Former UESI Staff, India)
Venue-1	San Jose, CA: Aug-23 (Sat)
Venue-2	Los Angeles, CA: Aug-24 (Sun)
Contact(s)	Suman Nirmal 408 248 6784 snirmal@yahoo.com Emmanuel Emmady 818 263 6548 emmanuelraj@gmail.com
Website	www.ofuesi.org

<i>Mid-West Regional Conference: Aug 30 -Sep 1, 2008</i>	
Speaker(s)	Sathkeerthi Rao (Former UESI Staff, India) L.T. Jeyachandran (RZIM (Asia-Pacific))
Venue	Hidden Falls Camp and Conference Center 208 Hidden Falls Camp Road, Bedford, IN 47421 Ph. 812 279 2495
Schedule	Aug-30 (Saturday-Noon) thru Sep-1 (Monday-Noon)
Contact(s)	Joy Mammen 313 433 0381 Wilson Jacob 734 716 7135 Abhijit Talari 248 470 1500
Website	http://ofuesimwc2008.googlepages.com/

<i>Eastern Regional Conference: Sep 5-7, 2008</i>	
Speaker(s)	Sathkeerthi Rao (Former UESI Staff, India) L.T. Jeyachandran (RZIM (Asia-Pacific))
Venue	The Inn of Hope 9077 Steinsville Road Kempton, PA 19529 Ph. 610-756-6510
Schedule	Sep-5 (Friday-PM) thru Sep-7 (Sunday-Noon)
Contact(s)	Mohan Pothan 201 836 2769 Veeraiah Betala 212 457 3162 Abey Mathew 516 328 3777 Pallab Gupta 845 485 2648 Manoj Mathew 610 793 6805 Anish Mathew 412 458 0280 Sushil Yesupriya 301 774 0592
Website	www.ofuesierc2008.com

Eternal Excellence Featuring the *Call and Mission of Missionary Dorca (Samuel) Krupa Cheleru* – A Personal Testimony

“No trains to Jaipur till 6 A.M, *abhi gaadi tho chelee gaye*” said the man at the counter. My Dad and I started our journey to Jaipur two days back via Ahmedabad to attend my interview at a medical lab. It was midnight and the Ahmedabad railway station was packed with people. We both retired into a corner with our baggage. “*If a small field of ripened grain had a hundred reapers at work in it, while a large field had only one reaper, which field would you toil in to save the grain?*” These words touched my heart so much and challenged me while I was reading a Christian magazine in the train. I really did not know what was ahead, but I trusted my Lord who called me to be a missionary student in January 1992 at a spiritual life conference in Gooty with the theme “*Beyond the region*”. The conference speaker, Uncle Deena bandhu, through whose ministry of the Word God spoke to me, became my spiritual father. I waited patiently for 5 years and during that waiting period I invested my time in learning things like typing, tailoring, computer basics and playing guitar that my dream may come true.

Sitting in a crowded train in the morning I was watching everything. People were strange, language was new, way of dress was different and colorful, and the food they sold in the train was entirely different from the south. I come from a small place in Rayalaseema region in Andhra Pradesh. After accepting the Lord as my personal Savior in 1987 I got in touch with our local EU and there I learned all my spiritual basics. Train reached Jaipur at 10 P.M; Bro Emerson, UESI-Rajasthan staff whom I hadn't seen before, was waiting for us at the station. Miraculously we got him through phone with the help of one graduate in AP and informed our arrival. I did all my best in the interview. The following day we came to know that my name was on the waiting list and my Dad had to leave for his work, but I was filled with His peace and joy. My Dad gave one day time to decide whether to go back with him or to stay for 15 more days to know my final results of the interview. That day my meditation was **2 Cor. 2.12**. God spoke through it and I could not fully understand what “an open door” was for me. Is that for studies or for ministry? Questions crossed my mind. But I

understood that with God, things do not just happen, but He personally plans everything. So I told my Dad that I wanted to stay back. It was hard for him to leave a young girl in a strange land with an entirely new staff and where I don't have friends or relatives. I became nobody in a faraway land.

After 15 days I came to know that I didn't get the seat, but by that time I was sure God had special and specific plans regarding me in the state of Rajasthan. So I trusted the God of miracles. Meanwhile I applied for a teaching job in a school and got the job within 2 months. I started everything all over again in the new land. I accepted the difficulties happily and started enjoying the food. Leaving accustomed food, language, culture, climate was hard, but that brought a great change in my life because a life of ease teaches less than a life of trouble and pain. Through my various situations God gave me a growing understanding of His holiness, love, greatness and power. The ground where I was standing was so slippery, there were many chances where I could slip and fall at the blink of the moment. I am really grateful to my EU and EGF in UESI-AP where I learned to put the central importance and give prominent place to His word in my life and that made me revere and honor Him in every area of my life. The presence of God became so real and made me so courageous and He became everything to me.

Dorca then, in His calling.

Later God clearly called me for fulltime ministry among the Raj students. I too had doubts about my ability, lack of authority on language, but the Lord asked me to join with Him in the adventure of starting all over again. He opened my eyes to see the great need and put a burden in me for the state. He chose for me *the field where the need is greater and where there are the fewest to meet the need*. With this thought, all the restlessness had gone and I was so clear of His will for my life. I joined Rajasthan EGF as a coordinator in 1998 and worked till 2001. I saw many blessings in the ministry. God became real and prayer became an integral part of my life. His word from **Mk 10. 29-30** came true in my life. Before surrendering my life to God I had a wrong impression that surrender means the loss of everything that was worth keeping. No not at all, **surrender is the beginning of a wonderful, creative life of service**. I learned

one important thing ...*suvantha pani lo entho nastapothamu kaani aa nastapoyevi dachi pettu kovalacinanta viluvainavi kaavu.* (In the work of the gospel, we do lose a lot, but all that we lose is not valuable enough to keep or hoard.) In the times of discouragement God became my encouragement.

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In the middle of 2001, I left Rajasthan and joined the National UESI. *Throughout my ministry God has shown me personally His mighty power, His hovering protection, His unreserved mercy and His constant provision.* God has blessed me with a good exposure and rich experiences. In 2002 I met Prasanna Kumar who was a member of EGF in Mahabubnagar and became a missionary to work in Central Asia with *Operation Mobilization*, through one of the elders of UESI AP and things worked out so clearly to marry him. *“Enlarge the place of your tent....” Isa 54.2* touched my heart in a special way to join in marriage with Prasanna for His mission beyond the regions: Rajasthan to Kyrgyzstan, a poor mountainous country. We work among the Uzbek nationals. God called me specifically to involve in counseling people. My experiences in Kyrgyzstan are different from those of Rajasthan. Throughout these experiences God is shaping me. All the glory belongs to God.

Dorca in His mission.

Sitting in the Central Asian flight I was so curious to look at the people to get a picture of the new mission field and asked Him to give a great love for them. As a new bride I was reminded of His word “Enlarge the place of your tent”...yes, the gospel has to spread itself into all parts of the world. It was the business of the apostles to disciple all nations, to stretch forth the curtains of the church’s habitation, to preach the gospel where Christ had not been named, and now I am called to join with Prasanna to do His business as a team in Kyrgyzstan. Prasanna, my husband had already been in that country since 1998. He became my teacher in giving language lessons and guided me like my good friend to adjust to that new country. He mainly involved in teaching and training the locals. The first two years were like a training period for me as a wife and mother in that new

land. I hardly involved in the ministry for three years and I never regretted to be at home most of the time. But since I landed in Kyrgyzstan I sincerely waited upon the Lord to know what He really wanted me to do in that country along with my husband. In 2005 God called me specifically to involve in counseling people who are in emotional, sexual, mental and spiritual captivity. By then I was confident enough to communicate with the local people. In 2007 we took a two-year leave from the field for the study break. At present we are in the US for my husband’s master’s degree in Wheaton College. God blessed us with two kids Caleb and Shekinah. In different lands with different people with different cultures He is equipping and shaping us to prepare for further ministry in Kyrgyzstan.



Thank you for reading my life’s story. I responded to the missionary God. *God’s call is not a restricting call to a dull limited life, but a call to adventure, to lead a far fuller and more fulfilling life than we could ever have devised for ourselves.* Our God is an outgoing God and those who respond to his call become adventurous people of faith like Abraham, Joseph, and Moses and like many disciples. Their histories are written in our Book, but we have to write the present history. This world is racing toward eternity at a terrifying speed, go and share the gospel with as many people as you can reach. The opportunities are plentiful; the need is urgent, spread His-story and create history through your life. I remain -

Dorca in His business.

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From the desk of Treasurer -

I bring greetings to you in the wonderful name of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness to the ministry of UESI through your prayers and financial support by our OFUESI family. During the months of June and July we were able to send \$3,000 + \$ 3,000 to UESI (YTD support to UESI is \$ 27,000 reaching about 33% of our goal for the Year-2008). Please pray with me that our God will enable us to be faithful in our consistent giving to UESI on a **monthly** basis.

Kindly pray for the Lord's leading per His enablement in meeting all our needs of upcoming conferences, especially travel expenses for the speakers. May each of you abound in His grace!

Sincerely,

Paramjyothi Marati, Treasurer OFUESI

Thought for the Month, July 2008

Is our faith being perfected through various trials and sufferings we face? How do we respond to His directives? Do we trust Him with our future and obey Him implicitly? May our Lord help all of us.

Attribute IMPLICIT OBEDIENCE	Character = ABRAHAM	By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promise offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, " <i>In Isaac your seed shall be called,</i> " concluding that God was able to raise <i>him</i> up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. Hebrews 11:17-19
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When we walk with the Lord, In the light of His Word
 What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will
 He abides with us still, And with all who trust and obey

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
 To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

—John Sammis (1846-1919)

Chicago EGF Gathering – June 2008

