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From the Desk of the President

Dear OFUESI family,
Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! By the time you received this newsletter, you will have celebrated Easter, the most joyous occasion in our Christian lives, with your family and friends. Of all the Christian holidays, Easter is very special to me, because Easter is not just the celebration of a miraculous event, it is the declaration of a new reality. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, crucified for our sins, buried in a borrowed tomb, is ALIVE. This is the bedrock principle of our faith. As Paul says to the Corinthian church, "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (I Corinthians 15:17 NIV). When Christ rose from the dead, He conquered sin, death, and fear. It's impossible for death to keep its hold on Him (Acts 2:24). Death could not contain Him and the grave could not hold Him. This is the foundation of our hope. Hence, Paul says in I Corinthians 15:55, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (NIV). In a time when people around the world battle anxiety, identity crises, and spiritual confusion, the resurrection tells us: you are not alone, and this is not the end. This is our faith and our hope. What a joyous occasion it is- Easter!

I am so happy to report that most of our OFUESI Regional Committees are set. Right after a successful National Conference, our Lord has revealed a new vision to the EC-NC members of OFUESI to reach out to more cities and start Bible studies in various new places.

There was much prayer involved before we proposed these regional committees. We solicit your earnest prayers for the empowerment of these regional committees so that they can be the hands and feet for Jesus to reach out to many people in their respective regions.

In the same vein, we as EC-NC appointed Bro. Chanty Kalapala as the Chair of the Revitalization Committee in the beginning of 2025. There are twelve brothers and sisters in this committee. And they have been working hard to bring some major suggestions to revamp our organization. I am confident that this committee will do a great job, and I cannot wait to see the final product in a couple of months. As soon as the committee brings its proposals to the EC-NC, I will ask Bro. Chanty to publish their recommendations in the next KIT.

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I am delighted to report that our 2025 Annual Regional Conference, venues, and speakers are all set. The theme for this year's conferences is prayerfully selected from Matthew 28:18-20, "Nations came into our cities (universities), Let's make Disciples". Our dear Bro. Ranganatham and Dr. Ratna Grace from Visakhapatnam, India, are going to be the main speakers for the annual conferences. If there is

any scheduling conflict, we will prayerfully decide on other speakers.

I am so glad to say that our Denver group will be resuming their regional conferences from July 11-13, 2025. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness to restart this regional conference. Hopefully, we will have a regional conference in California as well. This has been my burden to restart our OFUESI activities in California, where the seeds of organization have been sown.

I humbly request all of you to participate in the OFUESI activities on a regular basis and lift up your regional leaders and EC-NC members in your earnest prayers. I am so pleased to inform you that our women's ministry is expanding well under the leadership of Sis. Bina Nokku. I would request all the sisters in our organization to participate in the Women's Bible Study (every third Saturday of the month) and Women's Intercessory Prayer Group (every Monday of the week). Please do not forget to participate in the monthly prayer conference over Zoom as well.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that Easter is not just about rejoicing, it's about spreading the good news. The angel told the women at the tomb, "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead" (Matthew 28:7 KJV). This charge reminds all of us to proclaim that Jesus is alive, to disciple the next generation, and live out the values of the kingdom in every culture and context. May our God give His Grace to heed His call and follow in His footsteps and help us to exhibit the power of His resurrection! God Bless you all!

Israel Nandamudi
OFUESI – President

OFUESI Vision: *Fostering the UESI vision in the US and strengthening the UESI through OFUESI.*

OFUESI Mission: *Strengthen the bonds of fellowship among OFUESI, provide prayer and financial support to the UESI work in India, and expand evangelism efforts among Indian students in the US.*

From the Desk of Treasurer

Beloved coworkers in the ministry,
Greetings to all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I thank the Lord for His faithfulness to the ministry of UESI through our earnest prayers and financial support by our OFUESI family.

We are praying for monthly sponsors for UESI Staff based at the Non-Decentralised states of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Sikkim, Goa, Rajasthan, Mizoram, Tripura, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. There are a total of 67 staff and each staff sponsor would require ~\$350 /month. We will provide more information by email.

Please continue to pray that we will be able to generously and consistently contribute and support UESI ministry this year. I thank all those who sacrificially contribute towards the ministry of UESI in India. Due to your generous contributions, we were able support our brothers and sisters who are toiling to reach the unreached souls in various campuses across India. I request you to continue to pray and actively involve in the ministry. May God enable all of us to do so!

Please note that you can give electronically through zelle, using ofuesi.treasurer@gmail.com as the id or at our website www.ofuesi.org by selecting e-Giving portal. Please mail your tax-deductible contributions to -

OFUESI Treasurer, 11455 Oleander Dr., Frisco, TX 75035.

May God bless you abundantly!

Vijay Michael
OFUESI–Treasurer

Upcoming Half Yearly Virtual Conference

Bro. Nirup Alphonso

Saturday April 26, 2025, 11:30 AM EST

CALL FOR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Dear Sisters, Please join the OFUESI Women's
Monthly Fellowship meeting
on 3rd Saturdays at 11:00 AM EST and
Weekly prayer meeting
every Monday at 9 PM EST.



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HALF YEARLY VIRTUAL ZOOM CONFERENCE

GUEST SPEAKER
Bro. Nirup Alphonso
Lead Pastor of LIFE GATE Church in Denver.

DATE
04.26.2025
11:30 AM ET - 1:30 PM ET

- Topic: Misplaced Priorities
- Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-17
- <https://ofuesi.zoom.us/j/89404371756?pwd=KzdlaDRSY3NQVWhQU1gxEdHWUNBZz09>
- Meeting ID: 894 0437 1756
- Passcode: 072764

Regional Committees

Historically, OFUESI has witnessed tremendous growth in the ministry's building, reaching out to several. The leadership role has been a blessing in serving the organization's vision and mission in various aspects during this journey. Proving it yet again, the president, Dr. Israel Nandamudi, proposed the need for "Regional Committees" across the States. An initial discussion was held on July 15th, 2024, in the EC-NC monthly meeting, where the president shared the details with the committee

members and the OFUESI Emeritus group on the WhatsApp communication platform. Upon prayerful consideration and thoughtful insights, the "Regional committees" proposal was approved on 09/13/2024 by the then EC/NC members.

In the EC-NC meeting held on March 08th, 2025, a PowerPoint presentation was shared by Brother Kanakaraju (ex-prayer secretary) about the OFUESI ministry's big picture. A few high-level points are mentioned below.

- Vision of OFUESI: "Fostering the UESI vision in the US and strengthening the UESI through OFUESI"
- Mission Statement: "To strengthen the bonds of the fellowship among OFUESI, provide prayer and financial support to the UESI work in India, and expand evangelism efforts among Indian students in the USA. Regional Committee Members' Roles and Responsibilities were also shared, based on which, they
 - work in coordination with the EC-NC
 - implement the decisions made by the EC-NC
 - support revamping the Vision – 2020
 - Prayer map
 - Revitalization group

As the regional committee members play a key role in OFUESI's ministry, it reminds every individual member of their responsibility to serve the organization by praying for those working to ensure that its fruit will help expand the Kingdom and fulfill the organization's vision and mission.

Dheeraj Soupaty
OFUESI-Secretary

A Tribute to Bro. Vasanth Petta

CALL FOR PRAYER

Please join us for OFUESI monthly prayer
on 1st Saturdays at 10:30 am EST.

<https://ofuesi.zoom.us/j/86166516167?pwd=S3ZZZ1pXcS8wMSsxbUVSb0FiZG5PdZ09>

Meeting ID: 861 6651 6167 Passcode: prayer

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7*

Celebrating The Life Of



Dr. Vasanth Kumar Petta

08/11/1976 - 03/19/2025

We deeply miss our dear brother Vasanth (Dr. Bala Veera Vasantha Kumar Petta) who received his heavenly call and went to be with our Lord on March 19th,

2025. Apart from various other fellowships in various cities, he was also part of UESI, OFUESI and Austin EGF. He impacted many people with his exemplary life of faith, love, humility and obedience to our Lord.

He was born into a family of different faith but accepted Jesus as his personal savior at the age of 13. He was instrumental in leading his parents into the path of Salvation. The Lord helped him grew in his spiritual walk through UESI fellowship in Guntur and also various other fellowships and God's people.

He was very hard working and excelled academically and in his profession. He held two PhDs, a doctorate in engineering as well as a doctorate in theology.

His zeal and passion for the word of God is remarkable. He is a wonderful Bible teacher and learnt Hebrew and Greek languages as well. He also had a passion for music and songs.

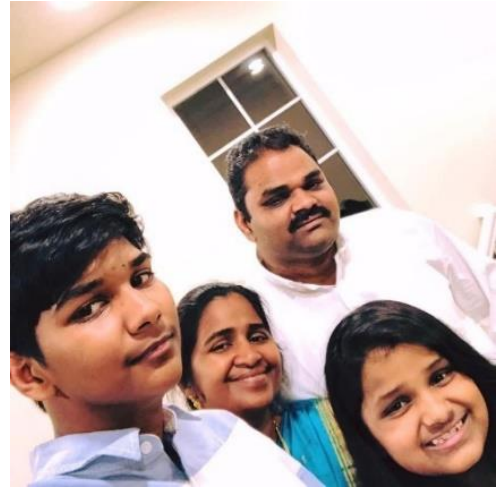
He served as a OFUESI National Council member for two years during 2023-24. His contribution during the southern regional conferences and the National conference was profound. Among many other activities and support to the ministry, he helped streamline our registration and bookkeeping process and was excellent at all he did.

He deeply loved his family and also deeply cared for the families in the fellowship. His family loves the Lord and served together. They

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started home churches and his loving wife Sis. Raja Kumari led worship and is a great support for him in his church ministry. His precious children Sam and Shiny Suzan also involved actively in the ministry. He also arranged many special meetings with the various visiting speakers from India.



Bro. Vasanth actively involved in Austin-EGF along with his family. He was a gifted Bible teacher and had a unique way of making Bible study interesting even for youth and children. He led studies on several of Paul's epistles, including Romans. Many were touched by his life and impacted by his ministry. Please keep the family in your prayers, that they may find comfort and strength as they carry on his legacy.

**- Suresh Konatham
Austin-EGF**

OFUESI Southern Regional Conference

Please mark your calendars.

Dates: **August 29-31, 2025**

Venue: **Camp Lone Star**

Address: 2016 Camp Lone Star Rd,
La Grange, Texas 78945

(About an hour from Austin and Houston)

Please bookmark this website for updates

<https://sites.google.com/view/ofuesi-south>

OFUESI Regional Bible Studies

Austin, TX

Monthly EGF Bible Study, Prayer, Fellowship
Contact: Suresh and Mary Konatham
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Cypress, TX - Greater Houston Area

Monthly Bible Study
Contact: Anand and Archana Mikkili
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anandmikkili@gmail.com

Dallas, TX

Monthly Bible Study
Contact: Chandrashekar Manne
Call/text: 310-347-6864

Atlanta, GA

Weekly Student Bible Study
Contact: Veera Gattu
Call/text: 678-507-8583

St. Louis, MO

Weekly Students & Singles Bible Study
Contact: Abhijit Talari
Call/text: 314-861-8165
umslgathering@gmail.com

Ashburn, VA - DC Metro Area

Monthly Bible Study
Contact: Ravi Saladi
Call/text: 571-599-6769

New Jersey

Monthly Bible Study
Contact: Pramod Jangidi
Call/text: 347-331-6587

Monthly Bible Study

Contact: Sekhar Vizzeswarapu
Call/text 484-478-1391

Cleveland, OH

Weekly Bible Study
Contact: Joe Sudhakar Pedavada
Call/text: 440-876-7215

Detroit, MI

Weekly at Wayne State
Monthly EGF Bible Study
Contact: Wilson Jacob
Call/text: 313-244-6008

Grand Rapids, MI

Weekly Zoom Bible Study
Contact: Vijay Michael
Call/text: 215-435-4568

Chicago, IL

Contact: Paramjyothi Marati
Call/text: 708-951-1000

California

Monthly Zoom Meeting
Contact: Srinivas Basava
Call/text: 408-718-7934

Portland, OR

Monthly Meeting
Contact: Kanaka Raju M.
Call/text: 423-276-9938

Seattle, WA

Monthly conference call
Contact: Satish Madasu
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