

# **Praise the Lord**

## **Introduction**

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People world over are subjected to various types of suffering. It affects people of all walks of life irrespective of their religious faith. But for Christian, born again and

cleansed. By the Blood of Jesus, there are deliverances from all trials and tribulations.

Bible says in Ps34:19, **“A righteous man may have many troubles but the Lord delivers him from them all”** Our living God delivers all righteous man from not one or

two troubles but **all troubles**. The troubles may come in the form of from Satan’s bondage, chronic sickness, education and marriage of children, family problem, financial

burdens, persecution at work place etc.

I too have been a victim of most of these troubles and faced lot of trials in life. But God has been gracious to deliver me from all these. Spirit inspired me to write down my

testimony so that the way God delivered me will be quite beneficial to all readers who are

undergoing through such valleys of darkness and it will bring lot of comfort and their

faith may grow as told in 2 Cor 1:5,6 **“just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into**

**our lives, so also through Christ our comfort over flows. If we are distressed, it is for**

**our comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort which produces in your patient endurance of the same suffering we suffer”**.

According to this wonderful word of God I Pray and hope that my sufferings and distress may bring comfort and salvation and produce a great patient endurance in the life

of all beloved readers of this testimony.

I have briefly touched up my life with the following sub titles so that you can make suitable comparison with your life and pray for deliverance.

1. Secular Life
2. Marriage and Salvation
3. Spiritual Life and Healing of Asthma
4. Anointment with Holy Spirit
5. Education and Marriage of my children
6. Ministry during Government Services
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With my ardent Prayers, I submit this testimony to my reader.

May God Bless you  
C. George Stephens

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## **Personal testimony**

### **Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ**

**1. Secular life:-** I was born and brought up in a CSI Christian family engaged in Business and Trading for a long time. My father was a very clean businessman and my parents were devoted Christians worshipping in traditional CSI Churches. I was born on 16-10-1945 as the eldest of seven children begotten to my parents. In God's plan, my parents wished to give the best education to all their children deviating from their age old business tradition. It was a dream come true to my parents when I qualified myself as a Civil Engineering Graduate from one of the most popular and premier Institutions ie Regional Engineering College ( now called National Institute of Technology-NIT) Calicut Kerala in 1967. After passing out meritoriously I was also a victim of unemployment as India was passing through a great recession during that decade. To the disappointment of my parents I got a job in a private firm in 1968 and a salary of Rs. 60 per month offered to me raised their eyebrows and it was also talked in and around my village since I was the first engineering graduate from my Panchayat area. Hence people at large were anxious to know how I will be placed in my service. But comforting words came from my mother who was a God fearing and prayerful lady who said she was praying for me continuously from the day I was conceived in her and told me that God will prosper me all through my life. Probably, she was inspired to say this from Jer: 29-11 Bible says for I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, **“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plan to give you hope and a future.”**

I joined the job notwithstanding this disappointment. The job was quite tedious and as a young lad, I have to answer to so many people who were much less qualified than me. After one year I was transferred to Ooty with a small promotion but no job satisfaction was there. Again after 9 months I was transferred to Andhra Pradesh without much benefit. But in all these places and assignment, God has helped me to do hard work and satisfy my superiors. One Project Engineer Mr. R.D. John who later became the Chief Engineer of ISRO was all along noticing my style and hardworking nature and he got a job in 1970 in the State PWD as a Junior Engineer (Buildings). Since my works were very good and my traits were appreciated by my superiors Mr. John inducted me in ISRO/Dept of space, Govt. of India as a class I gazetted officer and posted me an Asst. Exe. Engineer at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thumba Trivandrum and joined on

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15<sup>th</sup> May 1973. The selection committed members were also considerate to me through the mercy of God.

**2. Marriage and salvation :-** Marriage to Beulah Abraham was a real turning point

in my life and I can firmly say that it is by sheer providence of God. My parents were searching for a girl from CSI family who sits under Lord's feet everyday so our young family would be built up on the Rock ie Jesus Christ. God has chosen Beulah for me and from the first sight itself I could feel it and our holy matrimony was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1971 in a CSI Church with all traditional pomp and prayers. Even though my father-in-law Mr. J.V. Abraham was well known resourceful planter in Kanyakumari District, my mother in law Mrs. Donnie Abraham was an anointed born again Christian who spent quite a lot of time in prayer and meditation of word of God. Getting into the house hold of this mother has opened the door for me to meet Jesus Christ. She was the only one from the family who accepted Jesus Christ and subsequently led so many to Jesus by her ardent prayers and preaching the messages of gospel. During the seventies to be a Pentecostal was scornful and untouchable that too if one is not wearing ornaments. But this mother suffered much for Christ and her untiring efforts led all her children and her husband to Christ. But for her son in law to come out from the tradition was very difficult and I resisted the gospel very much. Whenever, she met me, she used to say that Jesus is the only way to Father and we should worship him in spirit and truth. The worldly knowledge was a stumbling block for me to accept Jesus. She quite often repeated verse of **1Pet 3:18, "for Christ died for our sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring you to God"** fell in my deaf ears due to my self righteous way of life. She used to tell that I am going accept Jesus one day and become a fisher of men and my net is going to be full and break due to overload. God has wonderfully made this prophecy come true when she was alive!! Even though I was resisting Gospel,. I had much fascination to hear the word of God and wherever word is spoken by beloved saints of God. I never missed such meetings. One such meeting was addressed by pastor Vaariapuram Yonachan and Koodal Kunjukunju in 1973 at our in-law's place . The messages and church services thereafter put a permanent imprint in my heart and I was in a thought provoking mood after that meeting. These pastors prophesied to me things which were impossible to happen considering my way of life. But I had a very high moral standards kept al through my life and among my people and society my life was a role model to youngsters to adopt and was without any blemish. But I did not know that I needed Jesus to qualify myself to enter into His Kingdom. The traditional worship whether it is done in that mountain or in Jerusalem will not fetch you the Kingdom and we should worship in truth and spirit. The seed which was sown into my heart by the above pastors, started to germinate and sprouted very shortly in 1973 and in one of the meetings led by late Pastor P.D. Johnson, I accepted Jesus Christ as my

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personal savior and my wife also joined me in the altar call and submitted ourselves to Jesus. This was in Trivandrum where we were settled with ISRO job. I was aware at that time that God had chosen me and my wife in Jesus before the creation of the world Eph 1:4. **"I know that all things, no plan of yours can be**

**thwarted” Job 42:2** Praise the Lord.

**3. Spiritual Life and Healing of Asthma** : Even though I could scale the wall of unemployment, settle down in my family life, and became a good Christian still a big mountain was standing in front of me ever since my childhood. When we study about Naaman in 2 kings 5:1 it is told that he was a valiant soldier but he had leprosy. Even though I was qualified as Engineer, working as a Space Scientist, settled in life with all resources in my command at the young age of 28, I was suffering from chronic Asthma. My mother used to say that when I was child of 1 year this infirmity got hold of me and they moved from pillar to post to get a remedy yet could not succeed. But with this ailment I completed my studies, got medical boards clearance for ISRO job and pulled on my life with all scorn, hatred and unbearable discomfort. I was facing death all the time because even intravenous (IV) injections given at times became infective. To my wife, life has become nightmarish and she thought she will be orphaned any time with two small kids. To put them in a good accommodation, I hurriedly constructed a house in Trivandrum and requested my friends and officers to find an employment to my wife in ISRO on compassionate ground in case of my sudden death. But God will not break a bruised reed nor will he snuff out smoldering wick. Is 42:3. Since God has a wonderful program on me, he will not allow us to be destroyed. He extended my life since my wife was all along praying that God’s glory shall be manifested in our life and ministry as told in **Ps:2 1:4 “ He asked you for life and you gave in to him length of days for ever and ever”**. My mother in law was repeatedly telling that my sickness will be healed, but I reiterated that there is no history of Asthma patients getting healed!! But our God is wonderful counselor and I used to say that Jesus is heading the Ministry of Wonders in the kingdom of God. However God drafted out a plan for us to heal me. When we were well settled in Trivandrum, with good house and properties, it was notified that there is a vacancy of a Senior Engineer our Delhi Office and Dept. wanted to get options from engineers. However Mr. R.D. John who was my mentor and guiding me in my professional career felt that this post will be ideal for me and good for my career prospects but before giving option we as a family wanted to get God’s counsel in this regard. We arranged a few meetings in our home and God’s servants were invited to lead the prayer. One among them was sister Poruvazhy Ponnamma. She prayed and God’s Sprit revealed it is God’s plan to send me to New Delhi just as Abraham was chosen from Ur to go to the Promised land, God intended me to go for Delhi which I have not visited till then. So many other servants of God also expressed the same views but my beloved parents who were very keen on my health told that Delhi will not be suitable for me as the winter temperature will be 5

around 3.50 degree They felt that when I am not able to breath properly in **30 degree C** at Trivandrum how am I to stay alive in **3 degree C** They told me whether it is due to lack of burial ground that. I am opting for Delhi. I told my parents it is God’s will that I should go to Delhi and hence I will not die and will

have a long life and continue to enjoy His Mercy and Grace in the new place. With heavy hearts they permitted me to leave. I left Trivandrum in June 30 1986. My Dear beloved readers, to my surprise, the time I landed at Indira Gandhi Airport in Delhi my sickness disappeared and since then for the first time, I started eating Ice cream, plantain and other chilled items. It is not by might nor by power but by my spirit says the Lord Almighty, Zac 4:6. Obedience is better than sacrifices.

Abraham obeyed and it was considered as righteous. I obeyed and my sickness which I was suffering for 41 years got healed. Bible records 38 years for the paralytic man but here is an asthmatic healed after 41 years. Praise the Lord. When I returned home, my friends and relatives asked about my health and when I told that I am fully healed, some of them attributed to climatic changes for healing reason. This is the usual reactions of people when Jesus heals a man and many will say that the healing is due to the expertise of the doctor or efficacy of medicine not knowing that our Lord died for over sickness as well as for our sins . Our God is a zealous God and he will not share glory with anyone else or idols as told in Isaiah **42:8. "I will not share my glory to another, my praise to idols"**. Subsequently I worked in Bangalore for 4 years and there was not a minor symptom of Asthma and in fact we should know even healthy people develop Asthma in Bangalore. For my healing I give all honor and glory to our Lord.

4. **Anointment with Holy Spirit:** From 1973 to 86 we were worshipping in Assemblies of God churches. Even though we were saved in 1973 the next step required for spiritual growth is Baptism in water. We could not do this for a long time. I was highly argumentative on the question of removing jewels. Finally we could take Baptism under the leadership of one of our beloved Pastor **late Pastor C.K.George** in 1986. After going to Delhi we understood that the Church God in India (full gospel) is the best church in Delhi for the Quality spirit filled Worship Services, Transforming messages, Vibrant music and Songs. On going there we met **Pastor C.V. Andrews** who was pastor in the church. His personality warmth and affection fascinated us and we were highly excited than any another occasion and he greeted us. We became members of the church. It was a golden chapter in our life and for the first time. I was inspired to become a pastor in future with the style of **Pastor C.V. Andrews**. His messages attracted me closer to Christ and I still remember some of the classic messages delivered by this beloved servant of God. My 1<sup>st</sup> Bible contains all salient points of pastor's speeches and sometime I quotes his examples and interpretations also in my message. It was in Delhi that we four of our family members were filled with spirit and were baptized in spirit at a night in our home. Every one of us was filled with variety of gifts of spirits. My wife and I were given gift of healing, my son gift of tongues, my daughter gift

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of prophecy. What a wonderful night it was. We all dedicated our life to the service of Jesus. Till now we are doing the work of Jesus in whatever way spirit leads us. I owe a lot of gratitude to pastor Andrews for his guidance, affection and discipline he enforced among believers which on later part of my life became a

trend setter in our ministry as well.

**5. Education and marriage of my children:** After Delhi assignments I was posted in Ahmedabad, Bangalore and at Sathish Dhawan Space Centre. Andhra Pradesh. Everywhere God prospered us. Our children qualified themselves as Doctors and both were married to Doctors specialized in Plastic surgery and Radiation Oncology at UK and Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum respectively. Both my children in laws were born again and daughter in law Dr. Grace Shirley is spreading gospel among cancer patients. I don't want to explain how my children got admission to Medical Colleges and how God provided good matches for them But our close relatives advised me not to send my children to medical education as they were of the opinion that it is very difficult to get suitable and qualified matches as we were Pentecostals. But I was guided by my Spirit and led to verses **Ps: 37:25 and Ps: 34:10**. My daughter Dr. Shiby Stephens was married to Dr Stuart who is an FRCS (Plastic Surgery) at the age of 23 years and son in law was 26 years. My son Dr. Billy G. Stephens married at 26 years to Dr. Grace Shirley DNB (Medical Oncology) 24 years. What a good God we have in Jesus and how really He meets every thing needed for over life and godliness through our knowledge of him as told **2 Pet1:3**. My children are leading a very prosperous life and both are blessed with two beautiful granddaughters each. Praise the Lord

**6. Ministry during my Government services:** During my 32 years of services in ISRO, I was working as either head of the office or head of the Dept. with vast area of jurisdiction in North Indian States. I fixed appointments with pastors of various churches and got time to preach Word of God and many people turned to Jesus. At Sathish Dhawan Space Centre where I was working as **Chief Construction Engineer** and as head of the department, I got a chance to preach in the United Church on two weeks every month and this has helped me to read and meditate on the Word of God and write articles. Many top level officers attended the church meetings and two Space Scientists from Germany and Belgium happened to attend the church service and listened to Word of God. In fact one scientist got healed from his sickness. They in turn invited me to Germany and Belgium and God Opened the way for me to visit these countries and preach Word of God in many churches. Many were healed, one sister Dorathe Jinte got wonderful healing of her spinal chord where one segment was missing and she could not bent. After healing she wrote that she is doing gardening now which is supposed to be a very difficult for such patients. It was a very great experience where my messages were translated to German and Russian languages simultaneously. One Jew. Bro.Christophe Yohanna was healed of his knee

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problems and quite often writes on his experience and he prayed and prophesied about my future ministry. Back home to India, the healing ministry ignited manifold and cancer patients, asthmatics, barren women etc are receiving Godly healing May God enlarge His Kingdom through miraculous healings.

**7. Heart Deliverance from and Brain Ailments:** After a meritorious service of 32

years, I was to retire from service on 31-10-2005 on attainment of 60 years. On Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2005, I received a meritorious promotion. I was so glad and praised God for all the loving kindness shown to me and giving a long life and sound health to do my job and God's work. While sending me to Delhi God told that **"You do my work and I will do your work"** God was faithful in his promises. But sometimes he subjects his children to unexpected suffering to establish them in faith

**1Pet:4:12** says **"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trials you are suffering as though something strange were happening to you."** Considering the type of services I rendered, I was sure of getting an extension of 2 years in my services at ISRO and I was thinking that God has removed all my sufferings and trials and I will have a very nice time during my extended period and of course be doing God's work to my full potential. But as told in **Isaiah 55:8**. **"For my thought are not your thought, neither are your ways my ways declares the Lord"**.

During the month of Feb 2005 when we both were taking a morning walk, I was not able to keep the central lines of my path and I was getting pulled to right hand side. My efforts to keep the central line was futile. Even though my wife tried to put me back on the track, she was also not successful. The same thing was repeated on the following days. We went to Chennai Apollo Hospital and after all testing and diagnostic analysis it was confirmed that my the main internal carotid artery to left brain is blocked fully and any time brain death can happen. The Doctor asked who carried me to hospital and I told I came by car and then walked to hospital and he told that it is a miracle for such a patient to walk. However on further course of treatment a brain surgery was advised. Though the financial sanction of Dept was easy the side effects were causing concern to me as after brain surgery nobody has returned to 100% normal life. Hence it was a terrific thing to move forward. We prayed and went back home. We prayed continuously for deliverance, we were remembering the way Asthma was healed and the miracles he did in the case of my wife who underwent a multiple surgery in 1995 and we were surprised the way God delivered her. We did not seek the help of outsiders for prayer, since Word of says in **Ps 50:15** **"call upon me in the day trouble, I will deliver you and you will honour me."** We prayed and after 10 days we went to Hospital again and requested review of our case and to do all relevant testing. The results came and after perusal of results, Doctor, a Hindu asked me what is my job. I told I am a practicing Civil Engineer who is very busy with construction of big projects. After pausing he asked me whether I was doing any other job, and I replied that I am an evangelist and doing ministry of Jesus and 8

in fact I am a messenger of God. He exclaimed!! "I see the results of your preaching, your God delivered you, you have a bypass gifted by Jesus as efficient as the original artery and this is one in one million case of deliverance" said the

Doctor. He told a surgery or any other treatment won't have brought out such an efficient system. He also told that no surgery is needed and some minor vitamins and blood dilation medicine only are sufficient and I can lead a normal life. I asked him what are the repercussions of the blockage. He told that since left brain is blocked, full right side would have been paralyzed. I would have lost capacity to speak and suffered full memory loss. He again told nothing of these three deficiencies are felt. After wards my son in law told that at least remembering old things will be difficult. But once God, who is our creator, heals, he will not allow any deficiency to remain in place. I wish to tell my honorable readers that I can remember all things I came across in my life for long time ago, and so many of the Bible verses I have by hearted can be remembered at any time. My vocabulary is clear, writing is very neat and my face is as charming as I was at 22 years. After coming out of Doctors room, I cried loudly and my staff Driver Mr. Subramanian asked whether I was suffering from any heart pain and I told my cry is a cry of joy thinking about love of my Jesus. He recollected how I was preaching Word of God and told many times he listened to my messages and felt assured that Jesus I was preaching will delivery me. He has seen many healings in my ministry as he was my personal driver. Amen, Braise the Lord.

After coming out from Neuro Surgeon's room I went to cardiologist and after seeing my results he told that blockage to brain start with blockage of heart and with this type of brain blockage he felt assured that there may be minimum 7 blockages in my heart. Besides left neck is also blocked and advised me not to drive my car not even one kilometer. He advised to do the angiogram. Angiogram is always to be supported by surgical backup. Hence Departments approval for this and financial sanction of Rs. 1.75 lakhs is required. In ISRO approvals are very fast and I got the approval. After getting the approval we prayed and Holy Spirit led us to **Job5:19 which says "from six calamities God will rescue you, in seven no harm will befall you."** Since in my life God has rescued from many calamities and my Lord is capable of delivering from subsequent trials and calamities, based on this revelation from God, we decided not to undergo any open heart by pass surgery. Also what St.Paul told once in connection with his life came to our memory as told in **Phil:21 which says "for me, to live is Christ and to die as gain"**. Many times I have seen death face to face and it is a gift of God that I lived for 60 years and hence we decided if it is the will of God for me to die and join Him it is a great gain. Since my wife was a witness to all sufferings and myself encountering death she also consented with my view. When I think of her concurrence to my decisions I was proud of her faith and love to Jesus Later on when we discussed about this decision, she hold that she was confident that God will deliver me and she was guided by **Rom 8:37 which says "we are more than**

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**conquerors through him who loved us"**. Accordingly we reported back to Doctor and Department that we are not interested in Heart Surgery.

Since all along I was doing stressful work my wife and I took a decision to take



voluntary retirement on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2005 just 5 months ahead of my due date of retirement. However I could not come to terms with early retirement as I was very healthy and active. Cutting short my attractive service with many perks that goes with very senior officers like me brought lot of disappointment and remorse on me. However we returned to our home at Trivandrum. As told in **Rom 8:26** **“when we do not know what we ought to pray for, but the spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express”**. At times of frustrations and discouragements we are not be able to pray and our groans only come out. But Holy Spirit intercedes and add the required words and intercedes and prays on behalf of us. This is exactly what the Holy Spirit did for me. However I did not stop praying or reading Bible. One fine morning in 1<sup>st</sup> week of June one of my friends contacted me over phone which was quite unusual by this man. He asked about my retirement and finally when he understood that I am free, he asked whether I will take up any assignment. When I was not committing, he told that if I wish he can offer a senior position in a multinational company in which he was the Executive Director. This company is an MNC with its presence in 64 countries of the world. He finally convinced me and I told I will take a decision after prayer. As per God’s will I went in Chennai and presented my credentials to the Board of Directors and I was appointed as a Principal Consultant of the firm with more salary and perks than earlier assignment. I joined on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2005 after a gap of just 34 days. In deed God was restoring the losses and repaying for the years the **“locust have eaten, the great locust and young locusts and the other locusts and locust swim”** as told in **Joel 2:25**.

I was sent to Doha and Muscat on short assignment a Project Adviser for project s costing around 4000 crore in Indian rupees. In Muscat I could preach word of God for one month. Having paid back all losses, God told me to leave all secular jobs and in Nov. 2007, I submitted to become a full time Minister of God.

**8. Ministry for God** : In Nov 2007, we started a church called Yehova Jireh Prayer

Assembly at (JJPA) our own building at Vattappara, Trivandrum. In 2008 June I was ordained by the great servant of God **Rev. C.C Abraham** who is now settled in USA. Our church is a small church having a membership of 25 to 40 members. My kith and kin were surprised when I received ordination at the age of 63 but as Caleb claimed Hebron at his 85<sup>th</sup> year I also ventured into Hebron which is full of [Annakites](#) and the cities fortified. When I trusted upon God and decided to go into Mission field I was looking back to my days in Delhi, where **Pastor C. Andrews** was preaching word of God and facing a hostile congregation at times but he withstood and overcame all onslaughts and I am also confident of scaling the wall thro of our God. I am blessed with good health at 65 and let us all lift up His

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name. There are lot of other testimony which I will publish in due course. Your constant prayers are requested for doing God’s work and enlarging His kingdom.

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