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My dear precious partners in Christ,
Greetings from Germany!

It's a great joy to meet you every month through this magazine. Thank you for standing with us faithfully all these years praying and partnering. God who keeps the accurate record of even a cup of cold water will increase your account and richly supply all your needs.

We had some powerful seminars in Europe last month. The more we minister in Europe the more we feel the heart cry and burden of the Lord for this needy continent. The harvest in this continent is truly great and plentiful but the anointed laborers are few. This should be our major concern in our prayers. In the month of April we were with our dear brother Larwin Nickelson in Switzerland and ministry was great.

When this magazine is in your hands we will have our first "Liberty Camp" for those who suffer from addictions, temptations and destructive habits. Our dear brother Binush and his team from Life Challenge Ministries will be with us the whole month of July. The addiction has become one of the major threats to our nation and the Church. Even Christian parents go through lots of agony by their addicted children. Pray for God's mighty power to manifest in this camp to set the captives free. The man who was possessed with legion became a missionary to his region. Let God raise up His mighty servants from this unfortunate victims of devil devices. Keep praying for every one of them in every remembrance.

Never forget to pray for 37th batch of Short Term Intensive Course that starts from August 12th to 22nd. God has raised mighty servants of God through this over the years. Heaven knows how many churches are built and how many miracle workers are raised through this ten days course. Your prayers will release many mighty servants of God. What a privilege for you and me to be a part of God given vision. Pray for the right candidates to come and participate and for the greater manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

As per the guidance of the Holy Spirit we are planning to have Holy Ghost Explosion seminars in the major cities of our country. We are planning to have such seminars in Hyderabad, Bhopal and Pune in the month of September and October. Please pray and encourage people to participate.

The next six months of this year is going to be extremely busy in our Poondi campsite. We will have our School of the Holy Spirit for Men and Couples for three months from August 1st to October 30th, then our School of the Holy Spirit for women in the month of November and prayer conference in December. Pray for the strength and the mighty work of the Holy Spirit for all of us. For details, visit our website

www.ezekiahfrancis.org and the advertisement in this magazine.

God is burdening us to extend our schools in other states of India and even in Europe. We are praying for a clear guidance of the Lord to find a right location and dates for our ten days seminar and a month school if possible in Germany. Pray for the right connections and God's favor to train Europeans. I feel in my spirit a deep urgency to train Europeans as this continent is going rapidly into the hands of the enemy while Church is extremely passive. God so loved the **world** and gave only Son and commissioned us to go into the entire world. The real Christian will love the whole world to win for Jesus. Atleast let us involve in this global revival through prayer and intercession.

Perilous times are coming in these last days and the Church must be ready to face persecutions (2.Tim.3:1). False religions will rise up like Goliath to challenge the Church of God. It is not the time to limp or to sit in your comfort zone. It is the time to arm yourself with the mind to suffer like Christ and to boldly declare the Gospel to every creature (1.Pe.4:1). Every believer is commissioned by God to preach the Gospel. Please lift up your eyes and see the harvest field around you. Don't allow the devil to magnify your own problems by closing your eyes to see God's need. You are sent to this world to do God's will on this earth. When you act as God's ambassador, the whole heaven will back you and take care of all your personal and family problems. Don't be swallowed by your own grieves and needs. Seek God's kingdom first and experience God's miracle provision in all the areas of your life.

Pray for my wife, our families, and staff from poondi and head quarters. Pray for all our programs and our leaders.

May the Lord use you mightily in this end time harvest and empower you to face all the challenges victoriously. The one who began a good work in you will complete it.

Yours brother in Christ



Ezekiah Francis

Selfless tongues

Dr. Ezekiah Francis

(This message is taken from the powerful book of Dr. Ezekiah Francis “Wonderway to Wonderworld - Tongues”)

So far, we have seen the private aspect of our tongue-talking life. The Bible clearly says there are different kinds of tongues. We have seen the kind of tongues that edifies our individual life, but now we must study how tongues edify entire congregations.

All our spiritual experiences must ultimately lead to the edification of the Body of Christ. The reason we are strengthened is to strengthen the Church. We grow to grow the Church. God wants us to use everything He gives us to benefit the Church. A Christian life is lived out for others. The person that only enjoys his own Christian life, edifying himself, enjoying the Presence of Jesus, is still a baby Christian.

Take some time to observe children. A child is primarily self-centered. A child lives in his or her own world all the time demanding attention, sweets, new clothes, toys or other things. He cries if he doesn't get what he wants.

A mature person, however, helps himself and others as well. Similarly, some people use the gifts of the Spirit only for themselves until the grave. This is one of the heart-breaking curses of today's Church.

The Corinthian church was zealous for spiritual gifts, but only for themselves. That is why it was a carnal baby church (1.Co.3:1-3; 14:12).

Whenever they gathered together, instead of concentrating on the edification of others, they edified themselves by speaking in tongues. They were very happy with their own excitement. Paul rose up against it and rebuked them, **“Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature”** (1.Co.14:20). If you carefully read the entire 14th chapter, you will discover his heartbeat for the edification of the entire church.

Though he spoke in tongues more than others, Paul said, **“yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue”** (1.Co.14:19). He longed more to speak at least five words to strengthen others than to speak ten thousand words in his private life. So to say, he sought the edification of the church more than his own edification 2000 times more! This is Paul's heart cry.

Yes, beloved, thank God for the grace given to you to speak in tongues! God wishes for all of you to speak in tongues, but He wishes all the more for you to interpret your tongues and edify the church.

You have climbed the first step of speaking in tongues. Now better climb another step!

Paul makes it very clear: *“I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification”* (1.Co.14:5).

You have decided to accomplish His wish concerning tongues; how much more should you decide to fulfill His greater wish concerning interpretation! Speaking in tongues is excellent; but interpreting to build up the church is far more excellent. According to Paul, the man who lives for the church is far better than the man who lives for himself. Paul's verdict was, 'Greater is the giver than the receiver.

His Body

Beloved, it is your solemn responsibility to interpret the tongues for the edification of the church. A lover of Jesus is a lover of His Body. Christ and His Body are one and the same. He is the Head; the Church is His Body. When you get this revelation, your self-centeredness is totally consumed. Only then, all our gifts bless others.

Paul had this Body revelation even on the way to Damascus. He heard the pain-filled voice of the Savior, *“Why are you persecuting Me?... I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting”* (Ac.9:4-5). These words echoed in his heart and he understood: 'Persecuting His Church is persecuting Christ Himself'. This Body concept transformed his life totally. He found out that very day: 'To be used for the Church is to be used for Christ.'

That's why he lived and died for the Body of Christ. He dedicated his life to the Church as he dedicated it to his Master. He suffered for the Church as he suffered for the Savior.

Yes, we don't live for ourselves, nor do we die for ourselves. We who live, live for the One who died and rose again for us (2.Co.5:15). Since the moment Christ became our life, we are sold out for Him and His Church. Now we are no more a stinking, stagnant pond, but flowing, fresh rivers. We are a species that moves in the world only for the benefit of others. We no longer live for ourselves, our families, our own edification or our selfish lifestyle.

Fruitful tree

We are trees planted for the Lord and His Church. We are God's garden. Our Gardener guarded us watchfully until now. He watered us, tended us, fertilized us and put a hedge around us (Isa.5:2; 27:3). What for? Just to make people happy through our fruits. Do you see the purpose?

He has the right to cut every tree that doesn't benefit the Church (Lk.13:7), but He graciously kept us alive until now. He is sparing our lives hoping that at least from now onward, we would live for the edification of others. The tongues we speak are God's fertilizer given to us. When we use it to bless the church through our interpretation, people are built up and comforted. That's the fruit of tongues. Ask Him to bless your tongues to bless others.

Building

Tongues build up our spirit man. That is like building a house for us, but when we use tongues

for the church, we are building His house. Yet we neglect God's house by our own self-centeredness. If every tongue-talker realized this truth, the Church of God would have increased a thousand fold both in quality and quantity. Alas, the Church of God lies in ruins because of selfish people. In great anguish God's heart cries out to us, ***“Why are you living in luxurious houses while My house lies in ruins?”*** (Hag.1:4, New Living Translation).

Selfish tower

Any gift that is not used for others becomes a sin. It is sin to use tongues only for our own edification all the time. I said that tongues is a prayer language. If we pray only for ourselves, it is sin ***“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you...”*** (1.Sa.12:23).

What is the cause for the curse of Babel? God commanded His people to multiply, be fruitful and fill the earth, but they wanted to restrict themselves saying, ***“Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth”*** (Ge.11:4). God came down and scattered them.

Beloved, it's enough that you lived only to build your own life. I agree it's extremely important to build up your spirit man, but the very purpose of it is to build up the Church. Never forget this! Let your heart pump for others to be built up. That is God's real blessing for you and His plan concerning you.

The Holy Spirit is inviting us to build up the

fallen walls of Jerusalem. It's high time we built up the Church of God with full speed. Our Bridegroom is waiting for His Church, Zion, to be built up so He can appear in His glory (Ps.102:16). The King of Glory will come when His palace is completely built.

This is His very reason for bestowing His gifts upon us. Time is up. The Church, like a decorated Bride, will meet Jesus in midair. God has determined to use you for that. He gave you the building language to build up the ruins. He commands you lovingly to build up His Church as you build yourself up.

Riches

We have seen tongues are precious treasures given to us. That treasure is not given for ourselves. He has made us stewards of His riches. We must use them for the edification of the Church and give account to Him one day. Paul, who spoke in tongues more than others, built up the Church more than all the others.

I remember the story of Lazarus and the rich man. I really could not find out the sin the rich man committed in his earthly life. He ate delicious and sumptuous food, dressed splendidly in fine linen, and lived luxuriously. Nothing else is recorded. What was his sin? He didn't think about poor Lazarus who was begging at his gate. He was not moved by his hunger. No sympathy for the blood oozing out from his sores. He was immersed in his own pleasure.

Oh! We live like him! We are swimming and enjoying His anointing, His power and blessings, and His exciting languages, all the time forgetting the needy believers we meet in every service. How

many come to our church with broken hearts. How many are depressed and discouraged. How many are wounded and weary. How many are struggling for their survival, living like zombies. Oh my God! We just pass by them without any care. Forgive us!

We live fully satisfied, proud that we spoke in tongues one hour this morning. We are not anxious to see others as edified as we are. We don't cry to God to make us a consolation to everyone we come across.

Good Samaritan

The oil of the Holy Spirit is flowing in us, but we fail to pour it on the wounds of the wounded around us to heal them. We fail to pour at least a drop of the wine that's making us happy into the wounds of the people to make them glad. We didn't bear the weakness of the weak. The nature of the Good Samaritan is not developed in us. So the enemy is devastating the Church, and the Church is fallen and powerless.

May the Holy Spirit open our eyes at least now. Let us decide to bless others through every gift we enjoy. Let us seek the gifts that will build up His Body. Let us long for these gifts to flow and edify at least a few. Let us take an oath that the power we receive from the Holy Spirit is used to witness in our Jerusalem, Samaria, Judea and the ends of the earth.

Today's tragedy

Just see the tragic condition of our church services. We all assemble together, sing some nice songs and hear a good sermon. Then we go back home with a good benediction. If there are hundred people in a church, only one leader will

lead everything. Maybe the choir sings, few ushers take the offering; that's it. Almost 95% of the participants come and sit and go as spectators.

If it is a Spirit-filled church, all speak in tongues making a big noise, but nobody is edified by it. How would it be if the flute or harp or trumpet and all musical instruments were played without any distinction in their tunes (1.Co.14:7-8)? That is what our tongues sound like to others. It is a real pity for those who attend that service without a clear knowledge of the gifts of the Spirit. This is the reason why many Spirit-filled churches seem crazy to others. The church that is supposed to attract the whole world looks pathetic today.

Instead of helping one another as members of the same Body, we behave like strangers to one another (v.11). Even good saints are scared of spiritual gifts because there is no time given for the edification gifts in the church, neither do we know to encourage such gifts.

Church gathering in the light of God's Word

Paul clearly depicts how the church services should be conducted. He had more revelation about the church than any other. Listen to his admonishing: *“How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification”* (1.Co.14:26).

Paul humbly accepts the Corinthian church is a mere infant church (1.Co.3:1). Even in that infant church, everyone had something to offer for the edification of others. When he talked about 'each of you', he means the believers, not the clergy.

Today, however, only one hero conducts everything from beginning to end. In the Corinthian church, however, every time they gathered together, one believer will rise up and sing a prophetic song. That song would stir up the hearts of the people. Another will rise up and bring out a message to the church through tongues. Someone else will rise up to interpret it. The broken people there will hear the soothing words of the Holy Spirit. Few others will get revelations. They will publicly speak them out. Such revelation would be a healing balm to the participants. Then another will rise up with a small teaching by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Wow! What a beautiful scene! What a rare sight of every member functioning in the Body! The whole church service would be like a little heaven on earth.

To the church leaders

Beloved co-laborers, God expects more from you. It's an awesome responsibility to lead the Spirit-filled churches. It's in your hand to stir up and exercise all the gifts in your assembly. The church service is not just singing and preaching. It's an undeniable truth: you alone cannot edify the entire church. Prophecies, tongues and interpretations, revelations are inevitable for the edification of the church. This is biblical truth.

Every believer has something to offer for the edification of the church. Your church can never grow if your church service doesn't follow the principles of God's Word. You may have a thousand believers but all will be in the infant stage only.

Will you be happy if your believers are

immature and infants? Do you long to see them grown up, mature and strong in every area? Remember, you are the parents to raise your children into all maturity and stability. You are God's stewards to supervise whether they enjoy everything God has given them. You are God's coach to teach and train your people to exercise the gifts of the Spirit.

Let it first be manifest in your own life. Build up your spirit man by speaking in tongues for hours before you conduct the church service. Go with prayer for God to help you interpret your tongues to lead the sheep.

Covet to prophecy. Earnestly desire prophetic utterances to gush out of you in the pulpit. Be flexible and totally yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit. When the members see the gifts of the Spirit flowing through you, their faith will grow. Come out of the traditional bondages of thinking your job is only to preside church services and preach.

With this burden, Paul went to the congregation every time, *“But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching?”* (1.Co.14:6). For him, a church service is not just preaching and teaching. According to this verse, this is only one fourth of the service. I assume, in the Corinthian church, it was even only one sixth (v.26). How about Jesus' ministry? Preaching was only one sixth of His ministry (Mt.11:5). I don't say it as a rule, I just try to challenge you to give more room to the Spirit.

I don't say it as a strict rule; it is my assessment. Yet at the same time, we cannot take this principle lightly. The Holy Spirit is not bound to our views, but when we give Him total control, He moves in our churches and manifests as He wills. Let us expect Him to move.

It is not enough if only you keep manifesting the gifts. Then it would become a one-man-show. Every member of Christ's Body must be allowed to function in the church. At times, you may have to control your revelations and encourage others to step into that realm.

For example, it is well and good if you interpret your own tongues in the church, but you should not end the service without giving them an opportunity to try it themselves. Many times, unconsciously, we are carried away by manifesting our own gifts.

In my seminar on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I constantly need to fight this temptation. At times, I demonstrate the gifts by calling somebody and interpreting my own tongues for them. Immediately, the Holy Spirit will whisper in me, 'give opportunity to the people to demonstrate it by themselves.' Then I divide the people into groups and make them interpret their tongues to one another. I am always amazed by the deep longing of the Holy Spirit to see His Body in action.

Dear friends, give time in your services for everyone to speak in tongues. When one speaks in tongues, you might get an interpretation, but don't tell it immediately. Ask others to attempt. Wait for some time. If nobody steps forward, only then you

begin to interpret. Gradually, you step back and promote the church to action. You are not a musician; you are the director of the orchestra.

Fear not!

It's a fact when gifts are allowed to manifest in our churches, some confusion might arise, for our prophecies are influenced by our human limitations. Sometimes, the interpretations could be wrong. I myself have seen some people badly affected by wrong use of the gifts of the Spirit. Can such failures be an excuse for setting aside the example of the Holy Spirit? Can our bitter experiences nullify the principles of God's Word?

If a tottering baby attempts to walk and falls, can the mother keep it on her lap lifelong without allowing it to try walking again? Just because playing children make a mess in the house, can we bind them with cords permanently?

Just because a car had an accident, can we ban all cars? Just think about it! Because of such attitude, our churches suffer terrible loss! We as leaders must give account of it to God as stewards. Only when the gifts are publicly used by every believer, the church can be edified, and those who practice the gifts will also grow. The one who uses the gift is excited about it and rejoices in the fact that he is also a useful vessel. His faith and self-image grow. He realizes he needs to prepare himself in the spirit before coming to the service, just as the pastor does.

You leaders, don't be afraid to allow the manifestation of the gifts. Boldly encourage it. God will surely honor you.

Practical tips

Gifts must be manifest in the church, but it

should be within the bounds. Gifts are like a sharp knife. It can cut the vegetables, but if we are careless it can cut the finger. You as church leader must be vigilant and diligent here (Ro.12:8). We cannot expect perfection when people attempt to interpret their tongues. Likewise, we should not expect distinct prophecies right at the beginning.

This explains why we should give clear teaching on gifts. We should never allow the church to be ignorant of spiritual gifts (1.Co.12:1). See the way Paul explains the gifts, taking much pain and effort. You need to do it in your church.

Encourage the church to expect the operation of the gifts in every service. Instruct them to stir themselves up by speaking in tongues before coming to the service. If they come to the service fully prepared in their spirit man, the gifts in them will certainly bless the congregation. Point out this truth to them.

When you teach on the gifts, always teach them the pitfalls that could happen. The Holy Spirit alone is not responsible for the manifestation of the gifts; it is also under our control. ***“And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets”*** (1.Co.14:32). Impress this truth deeply upon them.

The importance of judging the prophecies and interpretations must be clearly emphasized. If a person refuses any evaluation, beware of him (v.29)! Teach them the need for coming under leadership and covering. No matter how highly gifted a man may be, he must have the humility to undergo the scrutiny of mature leaders.

When people function in the revelation gifts, as elders of the church weigh it carefully. When

you sense something wrong, talk to the person in private and explain to them sweetly. If they make mistakes, don't expose them publicly making them ashamed. After that, they will never open up for the gifts anymore. Once bitten, twice shy. Here, your maturity and patience is needed. If you have to explain it to the church publicly, speak the truth in love.

What if thousands gather in our assembly; is it possible to exercise gifts? Yes. When revival comes, thousands will fill our churches. At least two or three must be given opportunity to prophecy and interpret, even in such big gatherings. Once in a while, teach on gifts of the Spirit, even in your regular Sunday service.

If some show greater interest in the gifts, have special weekday meetings for them. Give much time to exercise gifts in such meetings. If some excel in it, make them leaders of small groups; but remember, the responsibility of overseeing everything lies with you. It is my great burden and desire to conduct seminars on the gifts of the Spirit to guide the leadership in practical training. We will help one another in this end time harvest!

We have reached the time where the gifts of the Spirit will work in every congregation. We should be careful not to shut our doors against it. I remember the severe warning our Lord gave to the Pharisees: ***“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in”*** (Mt.23:13). Oh God, save us from this horrible danger!

SUICIDE

Rev. Benita Francis

Do you love your life? Do you desire to live out the full number of your days as your God intended you to do (Ex.23:25-26)? Or do you sometimes struggle with thoughts of taking your life? Do you feel like you would be better off dead? Do you feel like nobody loves and needs you? Do you feel the world would be a happier place without you? Do you feel you cannot bear it any longer? Do you struggle with nagging fears and worries about your future? This message is for you. God wants to speak to you personally. That is why He so strongly laid on my heart to write this article. Please read it with an open heart and mind. Allow God to minister to you through these lines.

Even if you yourself are not in such a situation, you will definitely come across people who are. So please take this message into your heart so you can anytime be ready to save precious lives when they come before you in despair and desperation.

Life is a precious gift from our Creator God. Life is so precious that the God of the entire universe had to pay the tremendous price of His very own life to conquer death, the last enemy. When man sinned and was separated from God, He sent His own Son to die on a cruel cross and buy back humanity into His loving fellowship. Even then, daily and all over the world, countless people throw away this precious gift from heaven.

What is the reason?

The first and foremost reason is **satan**, God's and your eternal arch enemy. Our Lord Jesus warned us that he was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it (Jn.8:44). So we see very clearly satan's hand and character behind any attempt to steal life, kill people and destroy God's purposes in peoples' lives (Jn.10:10). So please know, any desire for death or suicide comes not from God. It comes not even from your own soul and mind. It comes directly from satan, the author of death.

What are the venues and reasons he uses? What can drive even believers into committing suicide? Let us see some examples from God's Word, the Bible.

Saul was the anointed King over God's people Israel, and yet he committed suicide. See his tragic situation and God's explanation for it in 1st Chronicles 10. Always remember: The happenings in the Old Testament can be considered pictures for us to understand the spiritual world. Saul had not fully obeyed God's Word and had therefore lost God's protection, his kingdom and the blessing on his posterity. That is why the Philistines, enemies of God's people, were able to kill King Saul's three sons and seriously wound King Saul himself. In utter fear and despair,

King Saul took his life by falling on his own sword.

2 Then the Philistines followed hard after Saul and his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons.

3 The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was wounded by the archers.

4 Then Saul said to his armorbearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and abuse me." But his armorbearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword and fell on it.

This was not the end of it, however. See the horrible consequences Saul's tragic suicide brought to so many people:

5 And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died...

7 And when all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities and fled; then the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

Others also committed suicide, encouraged to do so by one man's suicide! Please understand: It is an undeniable fact that your actions have consequences not only for your own life, but also for the lives of those around you. Think about it. All the men of Israel became so discouraged and disheartened that they gave up everything they had been working for all of their lives! They forsook their cities, their homes, their livelihood, their loved ones, and fled for their lives! I can just

see the enemy rejoicing, laughing and mocking, while his armies take over the possessions of God's people. Suicide is not only a decision you take. Your suicide affects many more people than you ever imagined, and it gives a great victory to satan himself!

Do you really want to become an agent of satan to accomplish his goals of mocking and exploiting God's people? There is a precious life ahead of you! Don't throw it away! No matter how impossible the situation may look today, it is never too late for a miracle! As long as there is life, there is hope! Don't allow satan this victory. Rise up and gratefully receive your life from His Hands all over again. Why not you pray with me right now?

Lord Jesus, You know me better than I know myself. You have created me with a purpose. You have a good plan for my life. Your will is good, pleasing and perfect for me. Please forgive me for allowing satan to frustrate and dishearten me to the point of wanting to throw away the life You gave me. Forgive me for not using my precious life for Your glory. Forgive me for making people so important that their rejection and displeasure could hurt me so deeply. Today I decide to turn to You. Instead of throwing away my physical life, I throw my spiritual life into Your Hands. Please take my life and do with it according to Your plan and purpose. Help me to live with Your guidance. Make me a blessing to people and not a pain for people. Thank You for the strength You give me to live every day, in Jesus Name!

Amen.

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NEWS

✍ President Mr Pranab Mukherjee has spelt out the Union Government's vision for the development of the nation in his address to the joint session of Parliament. All the newly elected members of the Lok Sabha too oath.

- The senior BJP parliamentarian Ms Sumitra Mahajan has been unanimously elected as the Lok Sabha Speaker. She is the second women Speaker in the Lower House of Parliament.
- Indian National Congress party names Mr Mallikarjuna Kharge as its leader in the Lok Sabha.
- The 29th state of India was born on 2nd July this year with the formal inauguration of the Government of Telengana headed by Mr K.Chandrasekar Rao of Telengana Rashtra Samiti, the party that spearheaded a long struggle for the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh to carve out the new state.
- The first Chief Minister the residual Andhra Pradesh post-bifurcation, Mr Chandra Babu Naidu of Telugu Desam Party, was sworn in at Nagarjuna Nagar, near Vijayawada. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has promised all possible help from the Centre for the development of both the states.
- Iraq forces are battling against heavily armed terrorists who are reported to have taken control of key cities like Mosul, Tikrit and Tal Afar, and are trying to capture the capital city of Baghdad. Large scale killings are also being reported. The development has unsettled the crude oil market, triggering commodities prices world over.

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