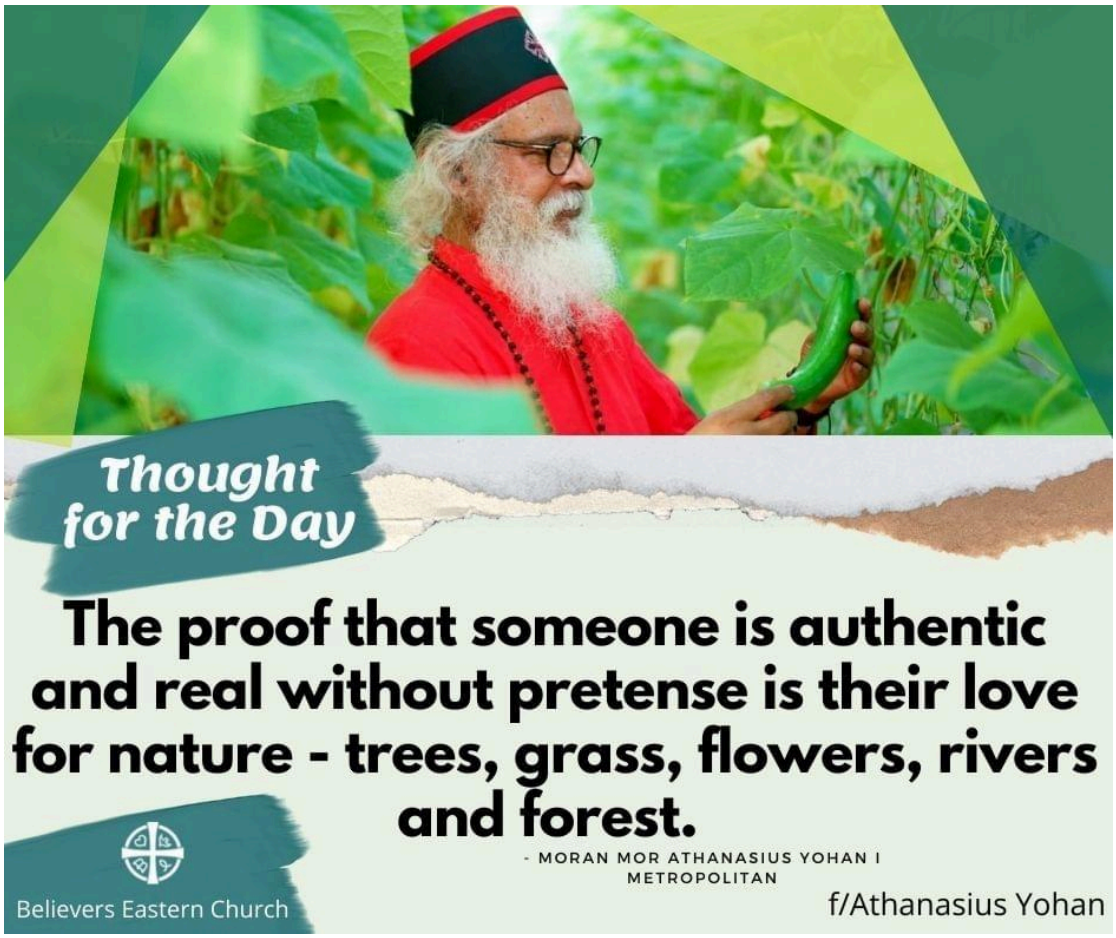
Reflections of a Visionary Leader

- Dr. K P Yohannan, a name I used to hear in Radio during my childhood . A unique voice that would soothe us with notes of compassion. Never in my life did I think that I would work in an institution under his leadership. But I was blessed not just to be a part but to be one of the pioneers in building one of his greatest visionary projects " Believers Church Medical College Hospital". My classmate Fr. Dr. Daniel Johnson, the reason I joined the institution introduced me to Thirumeni.
- As I joined when the hospital was still under construction, I was sent to North India and Nepal to be a first hand witness to the visionary projects that Metropolitan established. The great humanitarian works Thirumeni had done for the poor and downtrodden were so amazing that they made a fruitful and lasting impact on whoever witnessed them.
- I was fortunate to have multiple interactions with Metropolitan Mar Athanasius Yohan 1 thirumeni during our stay in the same campus and beyond. From a voice that I used to hear in Radio to a personal interaction, his presence was mesmerizing. He was indeed a true nature lover.



- He used to ask me " Doctor Saheb, where is your cycle" as we met in the green synod campus often. I still remember those golden words of inspiration that he used to give to that 100 nurses and one doctor, in the temporary hospital during the early months of 2014.

- We had long hours of discussion a couple of times where he used to say that he was more Orthodox than me. Moving towards the traditional true faith was such a bold step that he took only because he was truly convinced by the liturgy and tradition followed by the saints of the early centuries after Christ.
- 1st of September 2014, humble beginning of Believers Church Medical College hospital . Day 1 was truly exciting for all of us. The song that we sang with the initial prayer had not just been projected on the wall but truly reflected what we had achieved.

- The legacy of BCMCH launched with registration number 140000001. It was metropolitan's UHID number . Thirumeni's interaction with us on every visit was a true energy booster for us.
- For all the new developments of the hospital Thirumeni blessed us with his presence and prayers

- A pat on my shoulder by thirumeni for the work done during the 2018 flood relief medical camp will be something that I would cherish for the rest of my life .
- Link below
- Flood Relief Camp 2018 with Believers Church Hospital

I was fortunate to make Thirumeni listen to the theme songs that I composed for Medical College hospital as well as Believers Nursing college

BCMCH Theme Song | Official Song | Joji Joshua Philipose

Believers College of Nursing Anthem | Anu Mathew | Joji Joshua Philipose

Being the medical superintendent of Believers Church Medical centre, Konni, in 2019, we were blessed to have Thirumeni in our midst for the “Divyadoothu” Christmas carol program.

- It was a golden opportunity that we got on March 2nd 2024 when we walked with metropolitan from his home to the synod auditorium for the Kyrie Elaison meeting . He was eager to share his words of wisdom. It was our last personal meeting with him.

Never did we think that we were celebrating his last birthday on 8th of March, 2024 in this physical world . But as you spent your coming birthdays in heaven, dear Thirumeni, you can be proud as “the vision that was planted in our brain, still remains”.

We are going to take this quest as a mission, a legacy that will live through us and the generations to come.

- Congratulations, prayers and best wishes to the new shepherd of Believers Eastern Church Moran Mor Samuel Theophilus Metropolitan

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