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## ***Introduction***

This is *second* in the series of Biblical Reflections entitled – *My Father is a Farmer*. The first booklet appeared when I was serving in the CSI Synod. After evolving Life Giving Agricultural (LGA) Center at Malapalle Village, Mantralayam Mandal, Kurnool District of AP, my immersion into practice of sustainable agriculture became even deeper and organic. My special gratitude to Dr Steve Pearce, Methodist Church in UK and Fr Packiam Samuel, Director, Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad for making impossible things possible. I believe that Life Giving Agricultural Center (LGA Center) became a reality as a fulfillment of God's guidance and will. How else would we say that this land for LGA Center was secured some thirty years ago. Secondly, that I have labored in the surrounding villages of Malapalle as a Pastor for 9 years, and continued to be engaged with these poverty and caste ridden villages as Synod Director, Synod Dalit and Adivasi and as Director of Synod Director of Diakonia. Thirdly, I began spearheading series of programs in the CSI Synod on Bible and Organic Farming and even initiated *Agricultural Workers' Fellowship* in different parts of CSI. These features lend themselves into the culmination of Life Giving Agricultural Center at Malapalle vilalge.

Equally important factor behind initiation of LGA Center is the implicit trust and encouragement I received from Fr Packyam Samuel to support this novel program in India. Dr Steve Pearce who has the uncanny ability and charisma to locate when something novel and significant is happening in different regions of the church spontaneously came forward to endorse this initiative. I record my deepest gratitude for these two stalwarts of the church.

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