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VISION

Every people group in all the states of our country has a witnessing church run by its own people.

MISSION

We as disciples of Jesus Christ are committed to go to any unreached people group, wherever our Lord leads us to make indigenous churches.

VALUES

Love of God, faithfulness to God and man, and concern for the lost souls are the core values of India Church Growth Mission.

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. *Rev 7:9*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The months of April and May passed swiftly, filled with God's work and blessings. One of the major highlights was the Vacation Bible School (VBS), a new model of children's ministry launched this summer in both North and South India.

This initiative, which will continue for at least the next three years, was organized and sponsored by Dr. Thinagaran Richard. We thank God for his vision and dedication.

VBS programs were successfully conducted in the states of Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh, and some other states are still in the planning phase to implement these programs for children. Please continue to pray for these upcoming efforts.

We also rejoice in the re-dedication of the Ayothipatti Church, which took place on May 4th, 2025. Mr. Cecil Purushothaman delivered the Word of God during the service. The dedication stone was unveiled by Dr. Charles, and the ribbon-cutting ceremony was led by Mrs. Asha Rani Cecil. Mr. Jawahar Chandrasekaran, his brother, gave a brief history of the church. At this momentous occasion, we gratefully remember Mrs. Sophia and Mr. Suresh for their significant contribution towards the church's construction. May our gracious God richly bless them.

We conducted a staff training program for our Maharashtra team, on 26th and 27th of May. We express our heartfelt thanks to Umri Christian Hospital for graciously providing their facilities for this meeting.

Currently, three churches under construction in Chhattisgarh are in urgent need of funds to complete the work before the rainy season begins. Your generous support at this time will be of great help. We humbly ask for your prayers and involvement.

With love and prayers,

In His Mission,
Rev. A. Leslie Nagarajan
ICGM

Letter
from the
General Servant



Events

Re-dedication of Ayothipatti Church, Madurai



Ongoing Church Constructions in Chhattisgarh State



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VBS in South and North India Fields



CHHATTISGARH



ANDHRA PRADESH

Retreat for Marathi Missionaries at Umri, Maharashtra



From the Word



An Unforgiving Heart

Forgiveness lies at the very heart of the gospel message, yet many believers find it difficult to practise. While much attention is given to Christian blessings, promises and spiritual protocols, it is essential to remember that the foundational key to heaven is the forgiveness of sins—both receiving it from God and extending it to others.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray: "Forgive us our sins, as we also have forgiven those who sin against us" (Matthew 6:12). This is not merely a suggestion—it is a spiritual principle. Jesus emphasizes this again in Matthew 18:35: "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." Forgiveness is not optional; it is a prerequisite for entering the kingdom of God, because it is God's will that we forgive others.

Matthew 6:15 makes this even clearer: "But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Similarly, Colossians 3:13 exhorts us to "forgive one another as the Lord forgave you." This shows us that forgiveness is not just a command but a reflection of the mercy we ourselves have received.

During my time as a missionary in North India, I witnessed first-hand how transformative God's grace and forgiveness can be. Many people came seeking healing for physical issues like stomach pain and chest burning. Often, once they came to faith and experienced the forgiveness of their sins, they also experienced physical healing—even without medication. This underscores the powerful link between spiritual and physical well-being, and the healing nature of forgiveness.

The Process of Forgiveness

Pastor Tim Keller outlines a powerful framework for true forgiveness:

1. Name the trespass truthfully – Acknowledge that the offence was wrong and deserves justice, rather than excusing or minimizing it.
2. Identify with the offender – Recognize that you, too, are a sinner in need of grace. This removes self-righteousness and fosters compassion.
3. Absorb the debt – Release the offenders from their liability, choosing to bear the cost yourself instead of

seeking revenge.

4. Pursue reconciliation – Aim to restore the relationship, if possible, rather than cutting it off permanently.

Leave out any of these four, and you have not truly forgiven.

The Danger of Unforgiveness

Unforgiveness reveals a spiritual blindness to the grace we've received. In the parable of the unmerciful servant (Matthew 18:31–34), we see that unforgiveness:

- Grieves others – The fellow servants were "greatly distressed."
- Angers God – The king was furious with the unforgiving servant.
- Invites judgment – The servant was handed over to the jailers (or tormentors) until his debt was paid.

Unforgiveness leads to emotional, relational and spiritual bondage. It creates an inner prison of bitterness and resentment.

The Consequences of Unforgiveness

Refusing to forgive can severely impact our overall well-being. It often leads to:

- Mental health issues such as stress, anxiety, and depression.
- Relational breakdown through unresolved conflict and isolation.
- Physical health problems including elevated heart rate, high blood pressure and increased risk of heart disease. Unforgiveness is not just a spiritual issue—it affects every part of our lives.

Conclusion

A forgiving heart is not a sign of weakness; it is evidence of a heart transformed by the grace of God. Just as we have been forgiven much, so we are called to forgive others. Only then can we walk freely in the light of Christ, healed and whole in body, soul, and spirit.

"If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive."
– Mother Teresa.

Testimony



My name is M. Lingam. I was born in a Hindu family. But my sister accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour at a young age. I used

to attend church during my childhood, but I stopped going after I turned 14. I had fallen into bad habits with some friends, and this led me to stop attending church. After that, I lost the fear of God and began associating with atheists. As a result, I too became an atheist and lived accordingly. During this time, my sister and mother made many efforts to take me to church, but I refused. Eventually, I even began to curse God. My mother would ask God for forgiveness on my behalf.

My mother would pray, "Lord, please forgive my son for cursing You. I have committed my son to Your ministry!" She prayed regularly for my salvation in her personal prayers. Often, she would lay her hands on me and pray while I was asleep. When she did, I would wake up, scold her and even God. During this time, I became addicted to cinema and smoking. I began to experience many physical and mental problems. I developed a deep hatred towards God and grew angry with both my mother and our pastor. But my mother never stopped praying for me. She continued to pray faith-

fully for my salvation and for the ministry she had committed me to.

During this difficult time, I contracted cerebral fever. I felt tormented by the devil, and people began to look down on me. Day by day, I grew physically weaker. When I was on the verge of death, my family took me to a Christian conference. There, I heard the voice of Jesus, and I sensed the devil fleeing from me. At that moment, though I had been unable to eat, they offered me food—and I ate well. I felt strength returning to my body and knew I was being healed. The weakness was gone. From that moment on, I firmly believed that Jesus Christ is the living God.

After six years, I began attending church again and grew zealous in my faith in Christ. Two years later, I joined Elim Bible College, where I studied for three years. After completing Bible college, I didn't even return home—instead, I went straight to a village called A. Valayapatti, where I began my first ministry. Step by step, God helped me to serve Him with passion. In 2009, God opened the door for me to join ICGM. By His grace, we are currently doing ministry in a village near Cuddalore. The Lord has done many miracles for us. He blessed us with two sons and a community of faithful believers. The ministry here is challenging. We preach the gospel to the unreached and baptize them. They then join our church. The church is growing, and we are now planning to establish new branches. Please pray for our ministry.

Praise & Prayer Points

Praise

- ▶ For the VBS in the villages of ICGM churches both in North and South India.
- ▶ For the completion of the church at Ayothipatty, Madurai.
- ▶ For the progress in the parsonage construction at Paramanpatty.
- ▶ Praise God for the development in the church construction at Chhattisgarh.

Pray

- ▶ For the completion of the Parsonage at Paramanpatty.
- ▶ For the early completion of the audit for the year 2024-25 by the audit team.
- ▶ For the CG hostel kitchen is to be constructed, which needs 10 lakhs of rupees by July 2025.
- ▶ For the Ministry in Tiripura state from 2nd to 9th June.
- ▶ For the three village constructions to be completed in Chhattisgarh before rains. The total need is 15 lakhs.

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