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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 Saviour Jesus Christ.

The month of June was a busy month with plenty of travels from Tripura in the Northeast to Tuticorin in the far South. The Evangelical Synod church and ICGM conducted a special five-day training program for their missionaries from June 2-8 in Lefunga village near Agartala, the capital of Tripura.

Following that, I travelled to Tuticorin to speak at the Holy Trinity CSI English Church from June 13-15. This church was built 275 years ago during British rule. I had the opportunity to talk about God's vision and the commission Jesus gave His disciples, to go and make disciples of all nations.

From June 23-25, ICGM hosted a training program for Northeast Vision Casters from Manipur and Meghalaya at our Administrative Office. Christians make up only two percent of India's population. Of these, 98% live in the Northeast and South, while just 2% reside in the 18 North Indian states. In these northern states, the presence of Christians is as low as two per thousand people. This is a matter of deep prayer concern. We must also challenge the Northeast church to actively engage in missions.

On June 22, I had the opportunity to speak at the Thiruppalai CSI Church in Madurai and spent the final weekend of the month with ICGM churches in Tirupur. We also conducted a special training program at Madurai for newly committed missionaries who have taken up the challenge of becoming self-supported within the next five years. Please continue to uphold us in your prayers.

With love and prayers,

In His Mission,
Rev. A. Leslie Nagarajan
ICGM

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General Servant



Events

Church Construction Works In Chhattisgarh



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Youth Meeting At Jothimanickam Church, Madurai



Missionary Training Program at Tripura



Ministry Among Baiga People Group



Vision Casting Training for North East Staff at ICGM Administrative Office



From the Word

Missional Prayers - Impossible In Hell

Jesus tells the story of a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus. This parable is not a condemnation of wealth, but a call to care for others—echoing the second of the two greatest commandments: “*Love your neighbour as yourself.*” Jesus emphasizes that there is no commandment greater than these. The story serves as a clear warning to live with eternity in mind, marked by compassion and true repentance.

I. Two people on Earth (Lk 16:19-22)

The rich man lived in luxury and high status, yet was blind to the needs at his own doorstep.

Lazarus, a poor man, was brought to the rich man's gate, and he longed for mere crumbs. Dogs came and licked his sores. Lazarus was despised and ignored by society. What do our lives say about what we value? Do we notice the suffering around us, or live for ourselves? Jesus also spoke about the poor in Mark 14:7, ‘The poor you will always have with you, **and you can help them any time you want....**’

II. Life after Death – Heaven and Hell

Verse 23 says that angels carried Lazarus to Abraham's side in heaven, a place of comfort and honour. Lazarus had nothing on earth but was rich in faith.

The rich man also died and went to Hell, a place of torment, flame and regret. Now he has become a beggar—crying for relief. Earthly status doesn't determine eternal destiny; faith and relationship with God do.

Verses 24–26 describe the reversal that takes place after death. The rich man is now in torment, while Lazarus is comforted. This reflects the theme from Luke 13:30, “The last shall be

first.” ***The great chasm mentioned in the passage reveals a sobering truth that there are no second chances after death.*** Eternal destinies are fixed here while we are here on earth.

III. A Final Prayer and a Firm Reply (vv. 27–31)

The Rich Man had concern for his family, he wanted to send a missionary to warn them, but it was too late. He asked Abraham to send Lazarus back as a messenger. Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the Prophets...” (In other words, God's Word is sufficient.) If people don't

believe Scripture, even a resurrection will not convince them to repent. God's Word is powerful enough to lead people to repentance. The problem is not a lack of evidence, but the hardness of human heart.

Lessons from this passage:

Heaven and Hell are Real and we will have consciousness in both. These

are our eternal destinations. We can choose now.

Wealth without compassion is dangerous and God holds us accountable.

Faith in God's Word—not status, comfort, or family background—determines our eternity.

The Time to Repent is Now; after death, it's too late.

Lazarus was poor but prepared; the rich man was wealthy but did not repent. Eternal destiny is not about what we have, but whom we know as Lord.

Are we living for temporary comfort or eternal security? Is our heart sensitive to God's Word—or hardened? Mission is possible only when we are alive and not after death.



Testimony



Praise the Lord!

Beloved Greetings in Christ from Mrs. Sarah John, ICGM.

I was born in Kolar Gold Field (KGF), Karnataka, as the second daughter of Mr. George Vincent, a gold mine clerk, and Mrs. Thiruvvasagi Beulah, who now serves as a Vision Caster in ICGM. God blessed them with three children, and I was their second gift.

As a child, I was very active and loved climbing trees. One day, I fell from a thorny tree and landed face-first. My face was injured, two bones in my right wrist were exposed, and my left knee was dislocated. I was rushed to KGF Hospital, bleeding heavily. Soon after, I developed gangrene. Doctors said the wound wouldn't heal and planned to insert a metal rod. But while my family and church prayed, God performed a miracle—the infected bone fell out, and two new bones grew in its place.

Though I couldn't write with my right hand, I began writing with my left by God's grace. At 21, I had surgery to straighten my right

hand, but eight microsurgeries failed. With wounds on both hands and legs, I had to be carried in a bedsheet. When skin grafts failed, doctors did abdominal flap surgery—my hand was attached to my stomach for 30 days. Healing took seven months.

In my pain, I cried out to God and was led to Isaiah 60:9. I asked for four clear signs regarding marriage—and all were fulfilled in Rev. John, whom I believe God sent for me. He married me despite my scars and accepted me fully.

Our first missionary posting was in Pollachi, TN. Family doubted I could have children, but God fulfilled His promise, blessed us with 2 children Noah and Gladys—both pursuing currently their Master's degrees.

We shared 25 years of joyful ministry together until God called Rev. John home on August 3, 2024. I now serve as a Donor Relations Associate at ICGM, and I'm thankful for the love and support of the ICGM family.

To God be all the glory.

With gratitude,
Mrs. Sarah John
ICGM

Praise & Prayer Points

Praise

- ▶ Praise God for the successful training program held from June 2–8 in Agartala, Tripura, for the first time. Also, thank God for the new sponsors and supporters. Vision Casting was fruitful.
- ▶ Praise God that the construction works in three places of Chhattisgarh State are progressing well amidst rains.
- ▶ Three new theological students have joined Bible colleges, two from Chhattisgarh and one from Manipur.
- ▶ Ministry among the Baiga people group of Madhya Pradesh has begun.

Pray

- ▶ Please pray for the General Body meetings of ICGM on the 8th and 9th of August 2025.
- ▶ Please pray for the completion of the Gondi Old Testament translation and for the four members of the translation team.
- ▶ Pray for the legal case pending against Odisha missionary Mr. Prince Royson, which has seen no progress for the past six years.
- ▶ Please pray for the construction of churches that we would like to begin in Tamil Nadu and other states.

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