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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 brother/ sister in Christ,

Greetings in the loving name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On this occasion of India's Independence Day, I extend my heartfelt greetings to each of you. As we remember the sacrifices of our freedom fighters who fought and won our freedom from foreign rule, we are reminded of a deeper spiritual truth – the Bible teaches that sin enslaves humanity. To be truly free, our nation needs Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Please pray continually for ministries like India Church Growth Mission (ICGM), which are committed to making Christ known and raising disciples across India.

By God's grace, many doors were opened for ministry during the month of July:

- July 12 – the Executive Committee Meeting of ICGM was held in Chennai.
- July 13 (Sunday) – Introduced the ministry and preached at Hebron Brethran Church, Tada (on the Tamil Nadu-Andhra Pradesh border). On the same day, I shared the Word of God in the English worship service of the Northeast Christian Fellowship, Chennai, from 10 PM to 1 AM (Midnight!)
- July 14-15 – Conducted a training session for workers preparing to serve among the Baiga tribal community in Madhya Pradesh, at our Chennai office.
- July 16 – Led an introductory session on self-supporting churches at the Arise and Build Christian Fellowship (ABC) office, Chennai, for their missionaries.

I shared the Word and mission update at the Sponsors' meeting in Kinathukadavu, near Coimbatore. We extend our sincere gratitude to all ministry partners who attended and encouraged us.

I also shared a ministry update and shared God's Word at TELC Arulnathar Church, Kinathukadavu. We thank Rev. Charles Devendason on behalf of ICGM. Later that evening, I preached at a special youth gathering at the ICGM Church in Chellapampalayam. On July 27th, I shared about the ministry and preached at CSI Christ the Redeemer Church, BHEL, Trichy. Special thanks to Rev. Prabhakaran for his warm welcome.

Our General Body Meeting will be held on August 8-9 in Tambaram. Please pray that all decisions made during this meeting will be aligned with God's will and contribute to the further growth of the ministry.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and partnership with ICGM.

May the grace of our Lord be with you always!

In His Mission,
Rev. A. Leslie Nagarajan

Letter
from the
General Servant



Events

YOUTH MEETINGS AT ICGM CHURCHES



Chellampalayam, Pollachi



Chellampatti, Madurai



SPONSORS' GET-TOGETHER AT KINATHUKADAVU, COIMBATORE



ICGM NEW MISSIONARY TRAINING AT OFFICE



Motor Bikes
Urgently Needed

**Two-Wheelers for Field Evangelists**

Due to frequent long-distance travel, our field workers and evangelists face repeated breakdowns of their motorbikes. There is an urgent need for 11 new two-wheelers, each costing ₹1,25,000. We request your prayers and kind support for this need.

From the Word

India became independent on the 15th of August, 1947, and now marks 79 years of freedom. In this context, I would like to reflect with you on the independence we have as Christians in our personal lives.

Children or Slaves

"For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But now... having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life" (Romans 6:20,22).

Matthew 6:24 confirms that, as slaves, we must choose our master—either God or Money.

Romans 6:16-17 says, "You are slaves of the one you obey..."

Sin is not just an act—it is a master that controls and dominates. Every human being is born under the bondage of sin (Romans 3:23). Sin promises freedom but leads to shame and death (Romans 6:21).

Jesus said, "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin" (John 8:34). Similarly, Titus 3:3 tells us that we were once enslaved to various passions and pleasures. But Romans 6:18 declares, "You have been set free from sin..."

Freedom in Christ

We know that we are children of God because we have accepted Jesus as our Saviour. From that moment on, we have a relationship with God as His children. However, we must also understand that a child is like a slave until they matures.

Galatians 4:1-4 "I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way, we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.

But verse 6 continues with this powerful truth: "And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'"

And verse 7 assures us: "So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."

The Nature of Slavery to Sin is:

1. Deceptive: Sin hides its consequences (Hebrews 3:13).
2. Destructive: Sin leads to separation from God (Isaiah 59:2).

3. Addictive: Sin repeats and deepens (2 Peter 2:19).

Ultimately, sin leads to spiritual death. "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23) — this is the inevitable consequence of sin.

Freedom Through Christ

Christ's death breaks both the power and the penalty of sin. Redemption comes through our Redeemer, Jesus, who paid the price to liberate us (Ephesians 1:7).

John 8:36 says, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Galatians 5:1 reminds us, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."

New Slavery: Slaves of Righteousness (Those who walk rightly before God)

Romans 6:22 declares, "You have become slaves of God..."

This means not freedom **to** sin, but freedom **from** sin—so that we may serve God.

It is a willing and joyful slavery that leads to sanctification (holy living) which results in eternal life.



Old Master (Sin)	New Master (Christ)
Brings Death	Brings life
Produces Shame	Makes walk right before God
Controls by fear	Leads by love and truth

Conclusion:

Romans 6:11-14 encourages us: "Count yourselves dead to sin... present yourselves to God..."

Let us surrender daily and walk uprightly before God.

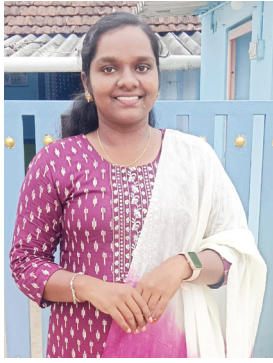
As redeemed people, we must not return to the slavery of our past. Instead, let us serve Christ in holiness, gratitude, and love—as His willing servants. Sin is a cruel master, but Christ alone can set us free.

Freedom in Christ is not a license to live in sin, but the power to live for God.

So, the question is: Will we serve sin, which leads to death, or Christ, who leads to eternal life?

True independence is like eating through the mouth—not through the nose. In other words, independence is about living by God's Word, not by our passions.

Testimony from the field



My name is M. Chitra. I am from a village called Jameenmuthur in Coimbatore district. There are four members in my family. My father works as a security guard, and my mother works in a private hospital. My sister is married.

I was born in a Hindu family, and all of us were devoted followers of Hinduism. During my childhood, we faced many problems at home. My father was severely addicted to alcohol. When he

drank, he didn't know what he was doing and would become very angry. Every night, there would be fights in our home. Our lives were filled with pain and suffering. Unable to bear these difficulties, my mother, sister, and I attempted suicide twice.

My father was sent to jail because of his drinking habit. We cried because there was no one to look after us. We were abandoned by our relatives and could not stay in our own home. One day, my father became unwell. During that time, a friend told him about Jesus. That was when my father accepted Christ. He repented wholeheartedly and gave his life to Jesus. Through him, the three of us, my mother, sister and I, also came to faith in Jesus, and we were baptized together as a family.

My mother had been addicted to using nose powder (snuff) for over

20 years. She prayed to Jesus for deliverance. The Lord completely freed my mother from that slavery. God rescued us from all the problems and struggles and gave us a good life.

We know that Jesus is the true God and only He can set a person free from sin. As a family, we attend the ICGM church called 'Saint Luke's Gospel Church'. Every spiritual truth taught there has helped me draw closer to God. It has helped us grow deeper in prayer and in our understanding of Scripture. By God's grace, I was given the opportunity to serve in the youth and children's ministry at the same church.

God has blessed me to complete my college education. I completed B.E. Computer Science and Engineering. I also received a scholarship from the Church for my studies.

The Lord has completely transformed our lives. He did not abandon us. Now we are a happy family. When we were struggling without a place to stay, the Lord provided us with a good house. He has also blessed me with a good job.

Our lives were once filled with weeping and pain, but Jesus turned our sorrow into joy and peace. Above all, He has given us the greatest gift of salvation and forgiveness of sins. In the days to come, my family and I will live for Him. I thank Jesus for the miracle He has done in our lives!

Praise & Prayer Points

Praise

- ▶ Praise God for the progress in the construction of churches.
- ▶ Praise God for the opportunities to present ICGM and share God's word at Hebron Brethren Church in Tada, TELC church in Coimbatore, and CSI Church in Trichy.
- ▶ Praise God for the youth meetings conducted in Devanur Pudur and Chellampatty on the 19th and 27th of July.
- ▶ Praise God for the initiation of rebuilding the Kurunai-kalpatty church in Tamil Nadu.

Pray

- ▶ Pray for the construction needs of Kurunaikalpatti Church in Tamil Nadu.
- ▶ Pray for the smooth functioning of Children's Home for Boys and Girls in Narayanpur and for God's wisdom to guide the local leaders.
- ▶ Pray for the General Secretary as he travels far and wide for ministry while managing administrative responsibilities.
- ▶ Pray for the Associate General Secretary who is on orientation to take up the General Secretary's role.

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