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VISION & MISSION

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.

It is always a joy to write to you each month and reflect on the Lord's goodness in the past weeks. The Annual General Body Meeting of India Church Growth Mission was held as planned on August 8 and 9. The business session took place on August 8, during which Mr. David Solomon, the designated General Secretary of ICGM, was formally introduced to the General Body members. We eagerly look forward to his leadership in the days ahead.

We kindly ask for your continued prayers as he assumes office as the new General Secretary on April 1, 2026.

We had the privilege of sharing God's Word at the CSI Church in Periyakulam on August 17 and at the Powerhouse Church in Tambaram on August 24. While in Delhi, I also shared about ICGM and preached at the Victory Church of India on August 31.

ICGM has prayerfully taken responsibility for the Girls' Home in Narayanpur, which currently cares for 30 children. This has brought an additional monthly expense. If the Lord leads you, you may consider sponsoring a girl's education at Rs. 1,500 per month.

Please uphold next month's programs in your prayers. We depend on your faithful prayers and support. May our gracious God bless you abundantly.

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

Annual General Body Meeting



EC Members and Associate General Secretary



Dr. Wilson Shared the Word



Ongoing Church Constructions in Chhattisgarh State

The Place Where A Church Needs To Be Constructed (Kalvarayan Hills, TN)



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Second Line Leader For Andhra Pradesh



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Youth Meeting at Jothimanikam, Madurai

From the Word

BITTERNESS IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Bitterness is a subtle yet destructive condition of the heart. It is a deep resentment that often grows out of hurt, betrayal, or disappointment. The Bible warns us in Hebrews 12:15 that bitterness is like a hidden root, eventually springing up to harm not only the one who harbors it but also those around them.

In daily life, bitterness brings devastating consequences. It blinds us spiritually, distorting our understanding of God's grace and love. It robs us of peace and joy, leaving us restless and dissatisfied. A bitter heart becomes hardened, resisting the work of the Holy Spirit and stunting spiritual growth. It also damages relationships, breeding division and isolation, and it can cause emotional stress and even physical illness. Jesus taught in Matthew 18:23–35 that unforgiveness exposes us to torment, and many find that harboring hateful thoughts becomes like living in an inner prison of torture.



Scripture provides sobering examples. Cain's bitterness toward Abel led to murder (Genesis 4). Naomi, overwhelmed by grief, renamed herself "Mara," meaning bitterness (Ruth 1:20). These show that unresolved pain and anger, if not surrendered to God, will only grow darker.

The roots of bitterness are often unresolved hurt or perceived injustice. When people feel slighted, overlooked, or treated unfairly, resentment can take hold. Choosing to cling to anger instead

of releasing it, or refusing to forgive, allows bitterness to flourish.

Overcoming bitterness requires God's grace. The first step is to acknowledge and confess it as sin. Then, we must seek reconciliation wherever possible, pursue peace with others, and respond with kindness instead of retaliation. True forgiveness comes from the heart, releasing the offence and trusting God for justice. Reflecting on Christ's forgiveness towards us empowers us

to extend forgiveness to others. Jesus' prayer on the cross, "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34), is our model.

To guard against bitterness, we must continually dwell on God's Word, filling our minds with Scriptures about grace, love, and mercy. Practicing gratitude is a powerful antidote to resentment,

helping us focus on God's blessings instead of our wounds. Allowing the peace of Christ to rule our hearts keeps bitterness from taking root.

In the end, bitterness is poison, but forgiveness is freedom. By relying on God's grace, Christians can overcome bitterness, experience the fullness of His love, and live in peace with Him and with others.

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Testimony from the field



I was born into a Hindu family. My parents returned to India from Sri Lanka in 1984, and my father got a job as a labourer in a Panchayat in Theni. Our household included my grandparents, parents, my brother, sister, and me, a family of seven.

We lived according to old traditions. My father also took charge of the village temple and managed its activities. Because of this, worldly practices and habits shaped our lives. Though our family was respected in the village, peace was absent in our home. We lived without joy or purpose.

During this time, my father suffered from typhoid fever, and we struggled greatly without help. I also remained unaware of all this. Our family faced severe financial setbacks, often without enough food to eat. It was during this time that my uncle, who had come from a village in the Nilgiris, preached the love of Christ and His call to

freedom. After hearing that gospel, we were saved as a family. Because of this, everyone in our village hated us and ostracized us. They looked down on our family, which caused deep mental distress. Yes, Jesus never abandoned us. He accepted us and set us free.

We began attending a nearby church as a family. Our mother led us completely into Christ. We gradually learned the love of Christ more deeply and were baptized as a family. In His grace, God sanctified us.

He also filled us with His Spirit, restoring the joy, peace, and comfort we had once lost. Though we were ordinary people, God faithfully provided for our daily needs, protecting us from debt and hardship, and drawing us closer to Jesus Christ.

When I was a child, I had a desire to serve Jesus Christ. I sought guidance from our church pastor. I followed his instructions and fasted and prayed. God gave me a vision. According to that vision, I listened to the pastor, realised the call to serve, surrendered to God, and stepped into ministry. We have been serving for 15 years, together with the ICGM organisation, in obedience to the words of our minister. We have been serving in a village called Ponnammal Patti since November 2017. Our church has 25 people, including both adults and children. I am blessed with a wife and three children, for whom I thank God.

Praise & Prayer Points

Praise

- ▶ The successful Annual General Body meetings of ICGM.
- ▶ His faithfulness in meeting all our needs in the past.
- ▶ The steady progress of church construction projects in North India.
- ▶ The training program for native Gondi Bible Translators of the Old Testament was held from September 1-4.

Pray

- ▶ The special training program for the Hindi-speaking North Indian missionaries in Odisha (September 9-12).
- ▶ God's blessing on the trainers, speakers, for pleasant weather and for safe travel of participants who attend the special training program from various states.
- ▶ The Vision Casters' Retreat in Kanyakumari (September 20-22).
- ▶ Need of two diesel generators, one for the Children's Homes in Chhattisgarh and another for the Multipurpose Resource Center in Odisha. The estimated cost is five lakhs each.

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