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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.

September was a busy month filled with much travel. We just returned from Delhi and conducted a three-day Gondi Native Translators' Training at the ICGM office in Chennai. Three participants travelled all the way from Chhattisgarh to attend this program.

Our North India Regional Head (Field), Mr. Thangkho Pao, organized a special training program for our North Indian missionaries at ICGM resource Centre in Ginjiriguda, near Koraput, Odisha. The designated General Secretary, Mr. David Solomon, and I travelled there to lead the sessions from 9th to 12th September. Seventy people from Odisha, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra participated. This program was exclusively for Hindi-speaking missionaries. It was indeed a time of great blessing.

The roads to Chhattisgarh remain in poor condition due to incessant rains. As a result, church construction and dedication programs have been delayed. Please pray that all these projects will be completed by the end of November.

A family retreat for Vision Casters was held at Kanyakumari from 20th to 22nd September, with Rev. Sundar Singh as our speaker. It was a rich and refreshing time for all of us.

The ministry among the Telugu and Yanadi people groups celebrated their anniversary on the 29th of this month. Praise God for His continued faithfulness!

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

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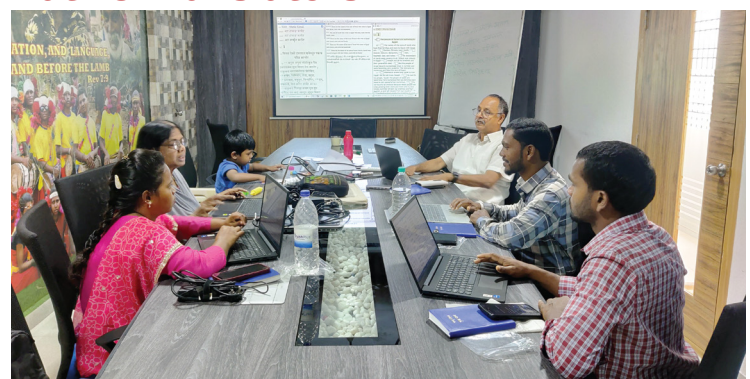
Events

ICGM North India Staff Retreat and Training at Odisha**Family Retreat For Vision Casters At Kanyakumari****The Mission Sunday Celebration At CSI Emmanuel Church, BHEL Trichy**

Singing A Special Number In Gondi

4 Day Training Session For The Gondi Native Translators

Gondi Bible College Student Shares Her Testimony



From the Word

Psalms 23 is one of the most familiar and frequently memorized passages in the Christian world. Almost every regular churchgoer knows it by heart. Yet, we often take its simplicity for granted. When we pause to truly meditate on it, we find that it is one of the most profound and challenging psalms in the Bible—calling for total dedication and commitment to God.

I remember, back in 1989, while I was in Madhya Pradesh, a friend once asked me, “Why do you insult your God by calling Him a shepherd?” I then had the opportunity to explain the beauty of this verse, how I am like a helpless sheep, and God is my Shepherd who owns me, leads me, and nurtures me for His purpose. It didn’t make much sense to my friend then, just as it often doesn’t make sense to many even today.

I want to reflect on just the last part of the fifth verse in this short sermon titled *“My Cup Overflows.”* There are three key words I’d like us to think about. A simple way to understand this verse is: “God has given me more than I need in my life.”

God pours into my cup. God is my provider.

He is the One who meets all our needs. My cup is not a fountain; it is simply an empty vessel—representing my life, which in itself has nothing to offer or satisfy. There are many things in life that try to act as substitutes for God, the true Provider. The devil often offers functional replacements to divert our dependence from Him.

We all have genuine physical needs such as food, and sexual needs that are meant to be fulfilled within the sacred bond of marriage. We have material needs like household essentials, clothing, and mobile phones. We also need a place to live—and the list goes on. I’m not referring to wants, but needs, those which God has promised to provide. As Jesus said in Matthew 6:32, “For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.”

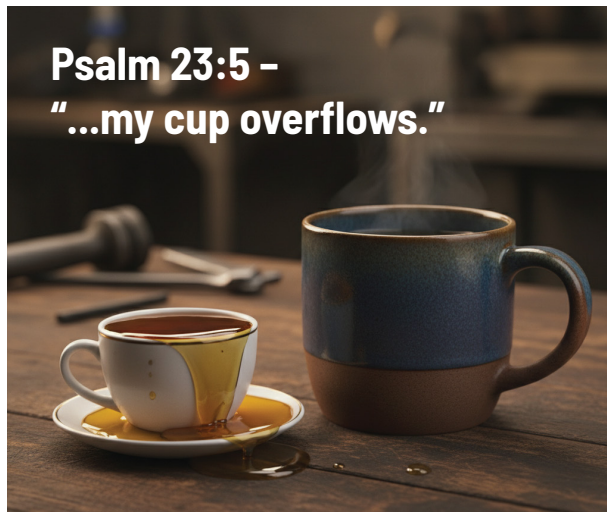
We are also reminded in James 1:17 that “every good and perfect gift is from above.” Truly, **God is our provider.** Do we really recognize that?

My Cup

The life of every person can be compared to a cup that one holds. As individuals, our needs are poured into that cup—our cup represents our life. Each of us is unique, and so are our cups.

When I look at my cup, I realize that it overflows, meaning that God has given me more than I truly need. But when I begin to look at others’ cups, jealousy creeps in. I start to feel angry with God and wonder if He really loves me.

Many of our problems and frustrations in life arise because we constantly compare our cups—our lives—with those of others. It becomes even more disheartening when we see people leading immoral, greedy, or dishonest lives, yet claiming to be spiritual.



**Psalm 23:5 –
“...my cup overflows.”**

Overflowing Life

An overflowing life does not mean a problem-free life, as some may think. God never promised us a life without challenges. Rather, His chastening shapes us into His likeness. Suffering is an integral part of the Christian journey—it is God’s way of calling us to follow Him by taking up our cross.

Paul, even while imprisoned, could write, “Rejoice in the Lord always” (Philippians 4:4). What a powerful testimony of contentment and faith!

I remember once preaching to a group of mission workers. I said, “By the grace of God, I have more than I need.” Immediately, one of them asked, “Then please tell me what is overflowing to me?” I replied, “No one can be full and overflowing unless God fills their cup. And to experience that, you must hold on to your own cup—not envy another’s.”

Those who do not live in this overflowing experience often lead sad and bitter lives, seeking satisfaction through wrong and ungodly ways.

To summarize this short reflection: Remember, God is the Provider. Hold your own cup. And then, you will see your cup overflowing.

Dear friend, do you have the confidence to say, “By the grace of God, I have more than *I need—my cup overflows*”?

Testimony of Paojalen (Lenen) Doungel

I was born into a non-Christian family, one that lived without the light and hope of the Gospel. In our home, there was no knowledge of God, no reverence for Him and no understanding of spiritual life. We simply lived in ignorance, unaware of the eternal truth found in Jesus Christ.

My birth name is Sanothoi, and my parents were Lunjayaima and Sarojini. Sadly, when I was still a small child, both of my parents passed away, and I became an orphan. But in God's divine providence, He did not leave me alone. An evangelist named Kaigin Doungel took me in. He became not only my adoptive father but also my spiritual mentor. Through him, I received not only education but also a strong foundation in spiritual truth. His life, marked by love and dedication to Christ, had a deep impact on me.

In November 2002, I attended a salvation camp held in a village. During that camp, a reverend shared the Gospel with me and personally counselled me. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I realized my need for a Savior and accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. On that same day, I was baptized, publicly declaring my new life in Christ.

After coming to Christ, God began to perform many miracles in my life. He not only healed my broken heart but also began to lead me with His hand of grace and purpose. I was able to complete my 12th Standard at Senior Secondary School and later went on to earn my Bachelor of Theology at Mission India Bible College — all by the grace of God.

As I reflect on my spiritual journey, I am fully convinced that God has called me to cross-cultural ministry through the India Church Growth

Mission. Over the years, my passion for reaching the unreached and serving diverse communities has grown tremendously.

Through mission trips, internships and volunteer work, God has allowed me to gain valuable experience in relating to people from different cultures and backgrounds. These experiences have not only broadened my worldview but also deepened my understanding of God's heart for the nations — that every tribe and tongue would come to know Him.



In 2024, I followed God's calling and moved to Odisha as a cross-cultural missionary with my wife and two children. There, I have been serving and sharing the Gospel among the local communities. My mission is not only to proclaim Christ but to live out His love — to serve, to learn and to build meaningful relationships that reflect the heart of Jesus.

I am particularly drawn to this kind of ministry because it combines my love for God, people and culture. I believe that every individual deserves to hear the Gospel in a way that is culturally relevant and sensitive, and I am committed to being a faithful witness in every context where God sends me.

As I continue this journey of faith, my desire is simple: to be a catalyst for spiritual transformation and community development among the people I serve. I trust that God will guide and empower every step I take for His Kingdom.

"But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." — Acts 20:24

Praise & Prayer Points

Praise

- ▶ For the successful training session for the Gondi Native translators held from 1st - 4th September
- ▶ Retreat and training program for the North Indian Hindi-speaking missionaries at Ginjiriguda near Koraput, Odisha, from 9th - 12th of September.
- ▶ For the Vision Casters' Retreat held in CSI Retreat Centre in Kanyakumari from 20th - 22th September.
- ▶ For the Mission Sunday celebration at CSI Emmanuel church at BHEL, Trichy, on 28th September.

Pray

- ▶ The upcoming travel program of the General Servant over the next 30 days, for God's mercy, wisdom and guidance.
- ▶ The completion of three church buildings in Chhattisgarh, which have been delayed due to incessant rains and damaged roads.
- ▶ The Kurunaikalpatty Church construction, scheduled to begin in December, and for the needed financial provision of ₹25 lakhs.
- ▶ The long-pending kitchen work in the Narayanpur hostel, which requires ₹15 lakhs. Continuous rains have made life difficult for both the children and staff there.

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