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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 loving name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The month of March was a time of travel and ministry. I had the privilege of speaking at two Lenten conventions held at S. Kailasapuram and Agasthiarpatti in the Tuticorin and Tenkasi districts of Tamil Nadu. We were also blessed with an opportunity to share God's Word and introduce the ministry of ICGM at the CSI Church in Perungalathur, Chennai.

The final week of March was especially significant and filled with joyful activities. We thank God for the ordination of Rev. David Solomon, conducted by the Lutheran Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Khup Do Khen of the Manipur Evangelical Lutheran Church (MELC), one of our valued mission partners in the North-east.

Following this, the installation service of Rev. David Solomon was held on 28th March at the Jubilee Memorial Bible College Chapel, Urapakkam, Chennai. The service was conducted by Rt. Rev. Dr. A. Christian Samraj, Bishop of TELC, Tranquebar along with Rt. Rev. Dr. Khup Do Khen, Bishop of MELC, and Rt. Rev. Dr. Akhilesh Edgar, Bishop of the Milap Community Episcopal Church, New Delhi. Rev. Dr. Isaac Soundararaja, General Secretary of the India Missions Association, delivered the Word of God. We also thank God for the presence of several mission leaders, including Rev. Raja Singh of IEM, who joined us for this blessed occasion. Praise God for His goodness and grace.

As I step aside from my role as General Servant of ICGM after 18 years of service, I look back with a heart full of gratitude to God for His unflinching faithfulness. I sincerely thank each one of you for your love, encouragement, and faithful prayers for me and my family throughout these years.

I humbly request you to continue to uphold the new General Secretary, Rev. David Solomon, in your earnest prayers as he takes on this responsibility.

May the Lord continue to bless and guide us all in His mission!

In the disciple-making mission,

In His Mission,
Rev. A. Leslie Nagarajan
28 March 2026.

Letter
from the
General Servant



Events

Ordination of The New General Secretary (28 March 2026)



Ordained By Rev. Khup Do Khen, Bishop, Manipur Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. David Solomon with ICGM missionaries

Missionary for 47 years! A Time of Celebration And Thanks Giving (28 March 2026)



Outgoing General Secretary With the Leaders Of ICGM

Installation Service of The New General Secretary



The New GS Family with ICGM Leaders

Installed By Bishops



ICGM Chairman

ICGM Treasurer

IMA General Secretary

IEM General Secretary

CGMM General Secretary

Rev. Leslie Nagarajan & Rev. David Solomon

Ongoing Church Construction at Kalvarayan Hills, Tamil Nadu



Message

Pressing Towards the Heavenly Prize. Philippians 3:9-20

Apostle Paul opens his heart and reveals what truly matters in his life. He was once a man of status, religion, and achievement, yet he counts all things as loss for Christ. Paul shows us his purpose, his daily pursuit, his warning, and his ultimate goal. This challenges us to examine our own spiritual journey—what are we really living for.

I. Paul's PURPOSE is to know Christ (vv. 9-11)

Paul says, "...and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own... but that which is through faith in Christ." His greatest desire was to belong completely to Christ.

First, Paul embraced a new identity in Christ. He rejected self-righteousness, recognizing that human efforts are like filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). Instead, he received the righteousness that comes through faith (Romans 3:22). Salvation is not earned; it is given by grace.

Second, Paul had a deep desire to know Christ. He says, "That I may know Him." This is not mere head knowledge but a personal, growing relationship. Paul wanted to experience Christ daily in his life.

Third, Paul longed for fellowship in Christ's sufferings and resurrection. He was willing to share in suffering (1 Peter 4:13) and also to live in resurrection power (Romans 6:4). For Paul, knowing Christ included both the cross and the victory. Our purpose is not religion, status, or achievement, but to be rooted and identified in Christ alone.

II. Paul's LIFE STYLE is to press forward with focus (vv. 12-16)

Paul declares, "I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." The Christian life is a journey of continual progress.

Paul acknowledges his imperfection. He says, "Not that

I have already attained." Though he was spiritually matured, he remained humble. True growth begins when we admit we still need God's work in us.

Paul also practised forgetting the past. "Forgetting what lies behind..." (v.13). Past failures can discourage us, and past successes can make us proud. Both can hinder progress. God calls us to move forward (Isaiah 43:18).

Finally, Paul was straining toward what is ahead. Like a runner focused on the finish line (1 Corinthians 9:24), he lived with discipline and determination. His eyes were fixed on Christ and the heavenly prize. The Christian life is not stagnant; it is a forward-moving pursuit of Christ-likeness. We must keep growing, pressing, and pursuing.



III. Paul's WARNING & GOAL - Living for Heaven (vv. 17-20)

Paul warns us that many people live with the focus on earthly things. "Their end is destruction... their mind is set on the world."

First of all, there is a warning against worldliness. Some are enemies of the cross (v.18), living for earthly desires (1 John 2:15-17). A life, centered on the world leads to destruction.

Secondly, Paul gives a call to imitate godly examples. "Join in imitating me..." (v.17). Believers need spiritual role models who live faithfully (Hebrews 13:7).

Thirdly, Paul reminds us of our heavenly goal. "Our citizenship is in heaven" (v.20). We are not permanent residents of this world. We await Christ's return (Titus 2:13), when He will transform our bodies into glory (v.21).

We must not live for temporary pleasures but for eternal purpose.

Paul's life can be summarized in four truths: His Purpose to be found in Christ and life was to press forward in Him. His warning was to avoid earthly distractions. Paul's Goal to reach heavenly glory. Are we truly found in Christ? Are we pressing forward? Are we living for heaven?



INDIA CHURCH GROWTH MISSION

New General Secretary

Rev. David Solomon Samuel has assumed office as the new General Secretary on 1st April 2026. We prayerfully wish him God's abundant grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as he leads the mission in fulfilling its vision.

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Praise & Prayer

Praise

- ▶ The General servant transition was smooth over the past few weeks.
- ▶ The progress of church constructions in CG and Tamil Nadu.
- ▶ God's grace in dealing in many issues related to mission development in the present context.
- ▶ The Installation of new General Secretary on 28th March 2026.

Pray

- ▶ Needs for the construction of churches in Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh to be met.
- ▶ Missionary training program from 26-29th May in North India
- ▶ Children summer programs in all the mission fields of North and South India.
- ▶ Needed finance for the mission, as we have different programs in the coming months.

FOR DONORS

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Account Number : 11194454531
Bank : State Bank of India
Branch Name : Vinayaganagar, Madurai.
IFSC Code : SBIN0001479

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