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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!

We praise God for His faithfulness and guidance throughout July and August. The Lord opened many opportunities for ICGM to encourage church leaders, connect with supporters, share the Gospel, and explore new mission fields.

On July 2nd-4th, Mr. Thambiraj (Internal Auditor) and I visited Kanniyakumari District to meet and encourage the Vision Casters. During our visit, we also met with several donors and shared the ministry needs of ICGM with them. On July 11th, we held a meeting with the self-supported church pastors at Palkalainagar, Madurai. On July 12th, we discussed plans for the growth and development of the churches in the coming year at Jothilmanickam Church. In the evening, eight believers were baptized.

By the grace of God, ICGM's General Body Meeting was successfully conducted on August 8th and 9th. This was the first General Body Meeting I attended as the General Secretary of ICGM. This year, two new members joined the ICGM General Body.

From August 11th-13th, Mr. Thangkpao (Regional Head - North India) and I visited the mission field among the North Indian migrant community in Kanniyakumari. More than 50,000 North Indians are living in Kudankulam. We are prayerfully planning to begin ministry among this community.

On August 16th, we attended the Christian Merchants' Prayer Fellowship at Perambur, Chennai. I had the opportunity to introduce ICGM and share the Word of God. I sincerely thank Mr. Stephen for providing this opportunity.

On August 23rd, in Mettupalayam, Coimbatore, God enabled me to introduce ICGM's ministries and share the Word of God at Suvisesapuram CSI Church. Mr. Prince Royson also shared his mission experiences and the ongoing ministries in Odisha.

I sincerely thank the Pastor, Rev. Suresh Kumar, the Church Secretary, and the Treasurer for giving us this wonderful opportunity. I also thank our Vision Caster, Mr. Krishnamoorthy, for arranging the programme.

From August 24th-28th, my wife and I attended the IMA Annual General Body Meeting at Naalumavadi, Tuticorin. During the meeting, we discussed and made plans to reach the unreached people groups of India.

Please pray for the completion of the renovation work at the Indra Colony Church in Madurai district. Pray also for the renovation work at Kurunaikalpatti Church in Tirupur district to begin and for all the necessary financial needs to be met.

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support for the ministry of ICGM. May the Lord bless you and use us all for the advancement of His Kingdom.

In His Service,
Rev. David Solomon Samuel
General Secretary, ICGM

Letter
from the
General Servant



Events

The Two Newly Constructed Churches Were Dedicated to the Glory of God



A Three Day Training Program was conducted for ICGM Vision Caster in, Madurai



Around 300 Youths Participated In The Youth Meeting In Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh



ICGM Annual General Body Meeting



ICGM General Secretary Shared God's Word With Christian Merchants' Prayer Meeting



God's word was shared in the Anand Niketan school in Lamtaput, Odisha



Praise God

Praise God for the Annual General Body Meeting held on 8th and 9th August 2026. Two new members joined the General Body.

Praise God for the dedication of the two churches at Sivni and Kurushnar in Chhattisgarh.

Praise God for the one-day youth meeting held in Chhattisgarh. Around 300 young people attended, and some of them committed their lives to the Lord.

From The Word



Luke 9 marks an important turning point in Jesus' ministry. After Peter confessed, "You are the Christ of God" (Luke 9:20), Jesus began to explain that He would suffer, die, and rise again. Then Luke 9:51 tells us, "He set His face to go to Jerusalem." Jesus knew the suffering before Him, yet He remained completely committed to His Father's will.

As Jesus travelled toward Jerusalem, three people expressed their desire to follow Him. Jesus used these encounters to teach three essential principles of discipleship.

1. Following Christ Requires Sacrifice. (Luke 9:57-58)

A man said, "I will follow You wherever You go." Jesus responded that foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of Man had nowhere to lay His head.

Jesus was teaching that following Him is not a promise of comfort. True discipleship requires sacrifice. Jesus Himself said, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:23).

We may need to sacrifice our time, money, comfort, ambitions, reputation, or opportunities for the sake of Christ. Paul said, "I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Philippians 3:8).

Missionaries such as William Carey and Amy Carmichael demonstrated this commitment by leaving their homes and security to serve Christ in India.

Let us ask ourselves: Are we following Jesus only when life is comfortable? Is Christ worth more to us than my personal plans?

2. Following Christ Requires First Priority (Luke 9:59-60)

Jesus called another man, "Follow Me." The man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus' response shows that nothing must take the place that belongs to Christ.

The problem was not family responsibility but misplaced priority. Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33).

Many people say, "I will follow Christ after I finish my studies," "after I establish my career," or "after I become financially secure." But delayed obedience can become disobedience.

Jesus commanded, "Go and proclaim the kingdom of God." The Gospel is urgent. Every believer is called to witness for Christ wherever God has placed them (Acts 1:8).

Who has first place in our life—family, career, possessions, ambitions, or Christ? When Jesus is first, everything else finds its proper place.

3. Following Christ Requires total Commitment. (Luke 9:61-62)

A third man said, "Lord, I will follow You, but first let me go back and say goodbye." The word "but" revealed a divided heart.

Jesus answered, "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

A farmer must look ahead to make a straight furrow. Likewise, a disciple cannot move forward while continually looking backward. Lot's wife looked back toward Sodom (Genesis 19:17). Demas forsook Paul because he loved the present world (2 Timothy 4:10).

In contrast, Paul said, "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward... I press toward the goal" (Philippians 3:13-14).

Jesus Himself is our perfect example. "He set His face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51). Even in Gethsemane He prayed, "Not My will, but Yours be done" (Luke 22:42).

Conclusion

Luke 9:57-62 gives us three requirements of true discipleship:

- Sacrifice — Be willing to surrender comfort and personal ambitions.
- First Priority — Put Christ above every relationship, responsibility, and possession.
- Undivided Commitment — Let us keep our eyes on Jesus and do not turn back.

Jesus still says, "Follow Me." Let us follow Him with our whole heart, place Him above everything else, and remain faithful until the end. May our lives demonstrate no reserves, no retreat, and no regrets in serving Christ.

Testimony



Testimony of Sukhyarin Mandavi

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

My name is Sukhyarin Mandavi, and I am from Bade Jamhari Village, Narayanpur District, Chhattisgarh. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to share my testimony of His goodness and faithfulness.

I was born into a Christian family and regularly attended Sunday school, where I

learned Bible stories and songs. Although I knew about Jesus, I did not personally know Him. My mother faced persecution in our village because she had accepted Christ. Seeing my family suffer caused me to develop anger and hatred toward those who hurt us. Although my mother taught me to love others as Jesus loves us, I struggled to forgive.

One day, my Sunday school teacher taught us John 3:16 about God's great love for the world. The message touched my heart, and I asked myself, "If God loves everyone, why should I continue to hate?" Slowly, God changed my heart and taught me to forgive.

In 2016, I attended a youth meeting and felt a strong desire to dedicate my life to Jesus. However, I hesitated and decided to wait and seek God's direction.

In 2017, I became seriously ill with severe stomach pain. Doctors discovered kidney stones and recommended surgery. The operation would cost ₹50,000, which my family could not afford. Feeling hopeless, I prayed, "Lord, if You want to take me, I am ready."

During that difficult time, I felt God speaking to my heart: "I will save you. Will you go for Me?" I replied, "Lord, wherever You send me, I will go."

God answered my prayer. My surgery was successfully completed on 11 October 2018. Later, I learned that a man from Swami Vivekananda Ashram had provided the money for my treatment. He told me, "You were healed because of your parents' faith in Jesus Christ." His words strengthened my faith.

After my recovery, I began sharing my testimony with others. On 11 January 2019, I was baptized and publicly declared my faith in Jesus Christ. Soon afterward, I sensed God calling me to ministry, and I joined Jubilee Memorial Bible College to prepare for His service. I am deeply grateful to ICGM for taking care of all my theological education expenses and supporting me throughout my studies.

Today, I testify that God changed my heart, healed my body, and gave me a new purpose. I am thankful for His grace, protection, healing, and calling. My desire is to remain faithful and share the Gospel wherever He leads me.

I give all glory and honor to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." — Psalm 118:17

Prayer Points

Pray for

- ▶ Pray for the 21 Bible College students, their studies, and their future ministry.
- ▶ Pray for the new ministry among Hindi-speaking migrant workers in Kudankulam, Tirunelveli District.
- ▶ Pray for the ongoing construction of the church in Indra Nagar, Madurai district.
- ▶ Pray for the missionaries and some churches in Chhattisgarh that are facing persecution.

RESIGNATION



Mr. Vijaya Shankar

Mr. Vijaya Sankar, Associate Director – Vision Casting, resigned from the services of ICGM with effect from **28.08.2026**.

As he expressed his inability to continue his service with ICGM due to personal reasons and requested to be relieved immediately, he was accordingly relieved from the services of ICGM.



Mr. M. Gnanasekaran
ICGM Vision Caster

Mr. M. Gnanasekaran, another Vision Caster based in Bengaluru, has been assigned to take up the Vision Casting ministry previously handled by Mr. Vijaya Sankar. He will be using the official mobile number of Mr. Vijaya Sankar (**73387 29700**) for this ministry.

We request your continued prayers, encouragement and support for Mr. M. Gnanasekaran as he takes up this responsibility and continues the Vision Casting ministry of ICGM.

— Thank you. —



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