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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 where 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!

Greetings in the sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Holy Scriptures, Asa cried out to the Lord his God, saying, "Lord, it is nothing for You to help, whether the mighty or those who have no power. Help us, O Lord our God." (2 Chronicles 14:11)

Just as Asa, the King of Judah, prayed on the battlefield, the Lord's hand is powerful enough to help us—whether we are strong or weak. When we rely on Him and pray, the Lord will grant us victory.

Vision Casters gathering took place in Madurai on August 31st . Discussions focused largely on the future growth of the ministry.

On the evening of September 6th, by God's grace, I attended the 33rd-anniversary celebration of the MUT movement.

Mr. Gnanasekar (Vision Caster) and I travelled to Bengaluru from September 8th to 12th to meet several donors. I extend my gratitude to all the families for their continuous prayers and financial support.

Mr. Vinu (Vision Caster) and I visited the homes of several sponsors and well-wishers in Kanyakumari district from September 14 to 17. They expressed their support for ICGM's ministries through both prayer and financial contributions.

On September 27th, the Lord graciously provided an opportunity to share about the ICGM ministry at the CSI St. George Church in Madurai. Mr. Prince Royson shared his personal testimony and spoke about the ministry work being carried out in Odisha. I extend my gratitude to Dr. Karunyal Samuel, a General Body member of ICGM, for facilitating this opportunity, as well as to the Church's Secretary and Treasurer.

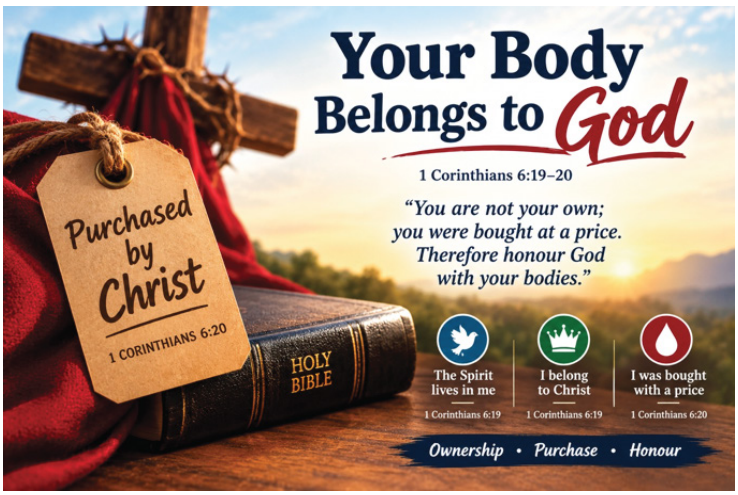
Please pray for the completion of the Church reconstruction work in Indira Nagar (Madurai) and the commencement of the Church reconstruction work in Kurunakkalpatti (Tiruppur). Please pray for the provision of the necessary funds amounting to ₹20 lakhs for these projects.

A one-day training workshop on income and expenditure was held for Tamil Nadu Pastors at Palkalai nagar Church, Madurai on September 18th. I thank Mr. Thambiraj and Mr. Gnanasekar for training and motivating the staff, and to Rev. Immanuel Pandi (Deputy Director, South India Field) for organizing this meeting. May God's grace be with you.

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

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From the Word



"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit...? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies."

Because Christ has purchased us and the Holy Spirit lives in us, our bodies and our entire lives must be dedicated to God.Paul reminds the Corinthian believers that Christianity is not only about what we believe with our minds or what we do in church. Our bodies belong to God. The Holy Spirit lives in us, Christ has purchased us, and therefore our lives should bring glory to Him.

1. Our Body Is the Temple of the Holy Spirit.6:19 "Your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit..."

A. God's Spirit lives in us John 14:16–17 – The Holy Spirit dwells with and in believers

Romans 8:9 – Anyone who belongs to Christ has the Spirit of Christ.

2 Corinthians 6:16 – "We are the temple of the living God."

B. Therefore, we must respect our bodies

Our bodies are not merely instruments for our own pleasure. They are entrusted to us by God. 1 Thessalonians 4:3–5 – Live in holiness and honour.

Romans 12:1 – Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Application: Ask yourself: What do I allow my eyes to see? What do I allow my mouth to speak? Where do I allow my body to go?

How do I use my time and physical strength?

If the Holy Spirit lives in us, our lifestyle must reflect His presence.

2. We Do Not Belong to Ourselves. 1 Corinthians 6:19. "You are not your own."

This is one of the most challenging truths of Christian discipleship.

A. We belong to Christ Romans 14:8 – "Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

Galatians 2:20 – "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me."

Philippians 1:20–21 – Christ is to be exalted in our bodies.

B. We must surrender our desires to God

The world says, "My body, my choice, my life." The Christian says, "My body belongs to Christ."

Luke 9:23 – Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus.

Before making decisions, ask: "Is this what I want, or is this what God wants?" Christian freedom does not mean freedom to do whatever we desire. It means freedom to serve God.

3. We Have Been Bought With a Price 1 Corinthians 6:20

"You were bought at a price."

A. The price was the blood of Christ

1 Peter 1:18–19 – We were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ.

Acts 20:28 – The church was purchased with Christ's blood.

Ephesians 1:7 – We have redemption through His blood.

Our salvation was not cheap. Jesus gave His life for us.

B. The cross shows our value to God

We should never forget what Christ has done for us. Romans 5:8 – Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Galatians 1:4 – Christ gave Himself for our sins.

If someone purchased an expensive and valuable jewel and entrusted it to you, you would not treat it carelessly. Christ purchased us with His precious blood. Therefore, we should not treat our lives carelessly.

4. Therefore, Glorify God With Your Body. 1 Corinthians 6:20. "Therefore honour God with your bodies." The word "therefore" connects our conduct with what Christ has done for us.

A. Glorify God through holy living

1 Peter 1:15–16 – "Be holy in all your conduct." Ephesians 5:3 – Avoid sexual immorality and impurity. 2 Timothy 2:22 – Flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness.

B. Glorify God through our daily work

Colossians 3:17 – Whatever we do, do it in the name of the Lord.

Colossians 3:23 – Work wholeheartedly for the Lord.

C. Glorify God through serving others

Matthew 5:16 – Let your light shine so others may glorify God.

1 Peter 4:10–11 – Use God's gifts to serve others.

Our bodies can glorify God through: our eyes, mouth, hands, our mind and our whole body.

Our whole body – living as an offering to Christ.

Three Great Truths:

1. The Holy Spirit lives in me. Therefore, I must live a holy life.
2. I do not belong to myself. Therefore, I must surrender my life to Christ.
3. I was bought with a price. Therefore, I must glorify God with my life.

Conclusion:1 Corinthians 6:19–20 gives us the proper Christian understanding of our lives:

The Spirit lives in me. Christ owns me. The cross purc hased me. Therefore, my life must glorify God. The question is not simply, "What am I allowed to do?

Events

A New Mission Among the Yenadi People Group Has Begun Through Children's Ministry






Ministry Among the Baiga People Group in Madhya Pradesh





South India ICGM Pastors' Training Program




Ongoing Construction of Indira Nagar Church, Madurai







Testimony



From Idol Worship to Serving Christ

Mentu Debbarma – Tripura

First of all, I give thanks to the Almighty God for giving me this wonderful opportunity to share my personal testimony.

My name is Mentu Debbarma, son of Surjyamani Debbarma, from Tripura.

Before I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, I worshipped many idols known as Goria Mwtai. I was not only involved in worshipping these idols, but I also faithfully and devotedly served them for many years. I was also a member of the Goria Bodol Committee, which was involved in the worship of these idols.

At that time, I had no desire to accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour. However, God began to change my life when a pastor and an evangelist came to our village on 12 December 2007 and preached the Gospel. They shared the Word of God from John 3:16. It was the first time I truly heard and understood the message of God's Word.

A few months later, I began to compare the Gospel message I had heard with my previous life of idol worship. I came to understand that idols could not save me from my sins or give me eternal salvation. I learned that Jesus Christ alone is the way to salvation and that He died on the cross for my sins.

As I came to understand the truth of the Gospel, I made the decision to follow Jesus Christ. I chose Him as my Lord and Saviour and surrendered my life to Him.

On 22 June 2008, I was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I experienced great joy and happiness in becoming a child of God because I had placed my faith in Jesus Christ.

From the day I was baptized and surrendered my life to God, I have experienced His help, guidance, and blessings. I began serving the Lord and became a committee member in our local church. For about eight consecutive years, I served faithfully as the Local Secretary.

Through the grace and mercy of God, I am now serving with the India Church Growth Mission (ICGM). I am grateful that God has given me this wonderful opportunity to serve His Kingdom and work for His glory.

When I look back at my life, I can clearly see how God has transformed me. He brought me from idol worship to faith in Jesus Christ, from darkness to light, and from a life without the knowledge of God to the privilege of serving Him.

I give all thanks to God for His grace, mercy, and salvation. My life is a testimony of His transforming power, and I desire to continue serving Him faithfully for the rest of my life.

To God be all the glory!

Prayer Points

Praise for

- Praise God for the successful one-day pastors' training program held in Madurai.
- Praise God for the opportunity to visit some of our donors in Bengaluru and Kanyakumari (KK) District.
- Praise God for the successful Vision Casters' (VCs) meeting.
- Praise God for the opportunity to attend St. George CSI Church in Madurai, preach the Word of God, and share the latest ICGM ministry updates.

Pray for

- Pray for the opening of new mission fields in West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh and Punjab. For God's guidance, open doors and the right people you serve in these areas.
- Pray for the new VCs who are joining the ministry in Chennai, Bangalore, Mumbai and Nagercoil. Pray that God will strengthen, equip, and use them effectively to reach people with the donors.
- Pray for the upcoming Emerging leadership training program at MCC college in Tambaram.

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