

# Mission Updates

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## Healing Hands The Purpose of a Miracle



All of us love miracles! For some of us, a miracle is the only way out; we need a miracle. I often love to preach, saying - if we serve a supernatural God, we must see supernatural things in our life! Our Lord has proven again and again that he is a miracle-working God. There is perhaps nobody in the Bible who used his healing hands more than Jesus. However, in Matthew 12:38, when the Pharisees asked Jesus for a miracle, we read that Jesus got angry at them. Why? because the Pharisees got the purpose of a miracle all wrong.

What is the purpose of a miracle? From our perspective, a miracle has a binary purpose, to help us, to heal us, to free us. But from our Lord's perspective, a miracle is much more than for improving our lives. He is the alpha and the omega, and from the perspective of eternity, even the ultimate miracle of resurrection that Lazarus enjoyed was short-lived - Lazarus died again! Jesus's admonition of the Pharisees gives us a glimpse into the divine purposes of a miracle.

Firstly, the Lord expects a response from us after a miracle. The miracle needs to lead us to repentance. The miracle must start a new hunger in us - hunger for the word of God, hunger to pray more, hunger to work for God. Simply put, it must make us move! Jesus compares this movement to that of the Queen of Sheba, who traveled all the way from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom (Matt 12:42). How much more should we respond to a miracle from the one far greater than Solomon? Have we forgotten the miracles that the Lord has done for us? What were our responses to these miracles? Have we moved for God in addition to the norm? Have any of these miracles gone in vain in us?

Secondly, Jesus wants us to know that the Miracle is not a single act, but a miracle has a lifespan. He explains the lifespan of a miracle using a parable (Matt 12:43-45). In the parable, we read about a man possessed with an impure spirit, which was cast out. The miracle resulted in a clean heart, swept in order. Simply put, the person who was once mentally unstable now became sane, his debt cleared, his wedding perhaps done, he got a new job and house as a result, and he started living a blessed life. But then we read that because of his lack of response toward God, the evil spirit came back, and this time his condition became seven times worse than before. **For that man, the miracle was a transaction with God, but for God, the miracle was the beginning of a transformation in him.** Our Lord expects every miracle to begin a transformation in us that will last a lifetime. Are miracles continuing to transform us?

The lifespan of a miracle can be vividly seen in the lives of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Daniel-3. All three become governors in the land because of a miracle God performed through Daniel, but now because of the same miracle, they were condemned to be burnt in the fire. I can only imagine what they were thinking as they were led to the furnace heated seven times over. I am certain they did not think that the first miracle was a mistake, but on the contrary, they knew the first miracle was the beginning of the act of God, and the lifespan of the miracle was still ongoing in their lives. God wasn't done with them but had only begun his work in them.

We all know how it ended - they not only overcame the fire miraculously but also got promoted, this time not because of Daniel's recommendation but for their own merit. The miracle that started with Daniel took a while to come to fruition. I pray that the Lord who started his good work in us will continue transforming us until the full measure is reached.

Dr. Giby Raphael  
Associate Pastor  
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Kochi, Kerala



Triple  
Vision



Empower  
Evangelize  
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The Triple-E vision was inspired by Jesus's ministry and derived specifically from the evangelization blueprint that Jesus gave to his disciples (Luke 10). Moved by compassion, Jesus first healed and cared for the people, i.e., Empowered them, before he Evangelized them. He then Equipped them, especially the twelve, to greater depths of truths in the kingdom of God. We are currently piloting the Triple-E vision in Meghalaya, India.



Last month, I had the privilege to accompany four medical doctors to Meghalaya. Together their healing hands treated 350+ children and adults in two medical camps. The need was so intense that 90% of the treated saw a doctor for the first time in their lives. I pray that the healing that was initiated through worldly medicines would complement heavenly miracles to transform their lives to the full measure.

**P R. Baby the Pastor  
I am deeply indebted**



I am a native of Kumbanad, Pathanamthitta district of Kerala, and was profitably running a financial institution since 1993. From 2003 onwards, due to various reasons, I couldn't sleep and was in a very desperate situation. I visited all famous pilgrimage centers with offerings for peace of mind, but it was in vain. My situation becomes worse every day. I was in fear of death.

Then I learned about the deliverance meeting conducted by **Pastor P R. Baby** every second Saturday in my hometown at Kumbanad YMCA hall, which is very near to my home. I had attended a meeting, and on the very first meeting, I felt that GOD was speaking to me directly and touched the problems I was undergoing. That night, after a long time, I slept peacefully. I felt a divine peace inside me. Then I started attending Faithcity church's Sunday worship service regularly, and GOD solved all my problems.

My house was under construction, I couldn't finish the work, and it was kept pending for a few years. When I shared the matter with Pastor P. R. Baby, he told me that he would come and pray at my construction site. When he came to the construction site for prayer, the gate of the house was locked with Godrej seven lever lock. When I tried to open the lock, the key broke inside the lock and it was impossible to unlock. When the pastor saw this, he just prayed touching the lock and to my surprise, the lock opened by itself with the broken piece of the key inside. The year-long bondage was broken, and I could complete my construction, conducted three days of prayer meetings on the premises, and started living in the house from 2004 October onwards. The Financial institution I was running profitably for the past 15 years was liquidated in October 2008 by paying all my dues and liabilities.



**Jacob John (Ambotty).**

Lives in Kumbanad with his wife Daija Jacob. His elder son Dr. John Jacob is a research scholar in the USA and his younger son Tony Jacob is doing his master's in Engineering in the USA.

**Faithcity B' School  
Transformed my life**



I had no interest in my studies and always a failure. Pastor Karu of my church introduced me to Faithcity B' School. During the initial days, I was desperate and wanted to discontinue my course and go back to my village. **Pastor P R Baby** and Pr. Babu N George motivated me and hence I was able to complete the whole course. In 2018 after completing my course in Kerala I came back to my village and started attending the church regularly. I started my studies again and I topped in my 12th class. I joined BAMCEF (The All India Backward and Minority Communities Employees Federation) and I become the District President of the student's union for 3 years.

Today I am a graduate and now I am living in Delhi for my Master's degree and I am also preparing in Drishti vision academy for IAS coaching.

**Babu Singh Bhokta, Jharkhand.**

**Alumni of Faithcity B'School**



**First stage of  
Vision Accomplished**

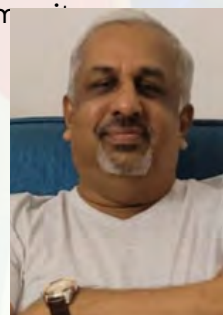


By the grace of God, On July 25th Morning, the New Testament Audio Bible in Garo language was released by Mr. Rakkam A. Sangama, Education minister of Meghalaya, who is also from the Garo tribe. In his inaugural speech he said the audio Bible in the Garo language will be a life changer for his community. The project for recording Garo bible is led by Bro. Kurien Fenn, whose great grandfather, Mr. Chandhu Menon (1778-1837), a Hindu by birth is credited with helping translate the Bible from English to Malayalam. Mr. Menon, an expert in English, Malayalam, and Sanskrit, met Rev. Benjamin Bailly while working as the Tahsildar of Kottayam. Together they translated the Bible to Malayalam and completed the work in 1819.

**Garo Audio Bible**



It was the vision of **Pastor P.R. Baby** to empower the Garo community with an audio bible. Though the full printed bible is available in the Garo language, many in the Garo community don't know how to read.



**Bro. Kurien Fenn**  
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The Garo Audio Bible project is in progress to record the Old Testament and complete the full bible and distribute them using portable battery-powered gadgets, one per family. We believe that this project will be a great blessing for the tribe.



**"Unless God's word illumine the way, the whole life of men is wrapped in darkness and mist, so that they cannot but miserably stray."**

John Calvin was a French theologian, Pastor and reformer in Geneva during the Protestant Reformation



## Faithcity Healthcare Mission - Care For The Deprived

### A wake-up call

Being a medical practitioner and a believer, I envisaged myself serving the less privileged section of the society. As Paul the apostle says in Romans 15:20, "It has always been my ambition to preach the Gospel where Christ was not known". Meghalaya's Garo hills is a beautiful tribal village where the word of God is scarce.

As I have been looking forward for such opportunities, I am so elated that I could share the love of God through my profession in this region.

Personally, it was an enriching experience both spiritually and professionally. Stepping out of the comfort zone, Conquering the difficult terrains, and visiting the unheard-of communities was amazing. Though it was quiet challenging initially to articulate in their regional language (Garo Language), thanks to the love of God, we could connect well with them in the simplest way possible.

They received us with a cheerful heart and innocent smiles. Indeed, this missionary tour was a wake up call for me to serve Lord through my profession and to uplift the lives of underprivileged.

I am grateful to the Almighty and all the beloved servants of God for coordinating and making this happen.



Dr. Sherin Thomas, Medical Officer, Govt. hospital, Tiruvalla

### Experience in Garo Hills was a real eye-opener

1 Peter- 4:10 - 'Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.' I thank and praise God for giving me an opportunity to serve Him and others with the gifts He had showered on me. I'm honoured and humbled as this was my first practice as a Registered Medical Practitioner. But few days prior to the trip, my husband fell and broke his arm. But he reassured me and I realised that the enemy was putting an obstacle in my way. The Bible says 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God'. I sought the Lord and He did a miracle in our lives, healing his fracture without any surgical intervention.

Being in Garo Hills was a real eye-opener. The living atmosphere was way past the ones we were used to. Children walking miles to attend classes, people without a proper medical care or access to basic needs. But the one thing that stood out was their desire and zeal to worship God. The way they opened their hearts to the Lord and waited on Him, and their love and hospitality is note-worthy.

Reaching out to the un-reached, serving people through my profession and being an ambassador of God was my passion since childhood. And the mission trip made me realise my purpose in this world, i.e to serve God through the gifts He has given me. I'm grateful to God and the team for giving me an opportunity to be a part of A.chik Mission trip.



Dr. Raiba Nirmal Kochi

### My Passion for Mission Field

Working in a mission field was always a passion for me. But I was not aware of how to go about it. There were announcements in church about the mission work in Meghalaya and I was pretty excited about it. I reached Meghalaya in the team led by Pastor Giby Raphael. The first day was a school health check-up, where we doctors (group of 4) examined and prescribed medicines for children from kindergarten to High-school (LKG - 10th std). A health check up and visiting a doctor were a distant dream to them. I also realized how blessed I am and how we can be a blessing to others. We attended prayer groups in the village, where I saw people worshipping God with all their hearts.

The next day we went to another village to do a health camp. We examined people and gave medicines. Most haven't even seen a doctor or checked their vitals (like BP, Blood sugar), in their lives. Lots had nutritional deficiencies. I realized how much luxury we live in. There were hardly any hospitals on the way, so we traveled back and forth, hundreds and thousands of kilometers in Meghalaya.

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# Dedication of third church of faithcity in Meghalaya



Moradum village is situated on the bank of Simsang River, one of the biggest rivers in Garo Hills, Meghalaya state. It is one of the remotest villages in the South Garo Hill district. The few believers living in this hostile situation expressed their desire in a meeting during our last visit to this place on 8th April 2023 to have an infrastructure to worship God together on Sundays. They also expressed the need for a school to provide primary education for their children.

By the Grace of God Almighty, we constructed a church according to their desire. The Faithcity A.Chik Revival Fellowship worship hall was dedicated to the Glory of God on 29th July 2023 by Dr. Giby Raphael, Associate Pastor of Faithcity church, Kochi, in the presence of Dr. P.J George, Pr. Sijo George, Bro. Sunny Thomas, Bro. Paulose. M P, Bro. John Alex, Bro. Issac Paul, Bro. Shalvin James, Dr. Ameer Thomas, Dr. Shirly Fernandez, Dr. Sherin Thomas, and Dr. Raiba Sanjay. Pastor Hebilson Marak has agreed to oversee all activities in Moradum. This is the third church of Faithcity A.Chik Mission in Meghalaya.

**Dr. P J . George, Director, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences.**

## Cond..... My passion for mission field

The last day was the Church Dedication, a new church for the people. They prepared food according to our choice, I saw many children there. They had very little to live, but the innocent faces of children, the humility of the people and their quenching for God, and the depths of their faith, I saw it through.

During the 5 days, we traveled a lot back and forth, some roads were difficult to travel, but we witnessed the beautiful creation of God, both in nature and among people. I felt privileged to be a part of the team, thanking Gracy Aunty, Pastor Giby raphael, and Dr Ameer for inviting me. The memories will always stay close to my heart and I sincerely wish to go to Meghalaya again and be a blessing to them.



**Dr. Sherly Fernandez**  
Physician, Kinder Hospital. Kochi

## Simsang River, Garo Hills

Simsang River is a major river in the Garo Hills of Meghalaya and Netrakona District of Bangladesh. It divides the Garo Hills into two parts. The river starts from Nokrek Peak and runs towards the east, passing through Rongrengiri, Williamnagar, the headquarters of East Garo Hills district, Nongalbibra, Siju, Rewak and Baghmara, the headquarters of South Garo Hills district and finally flows to Bangladesh.



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Denial  
Sadness  
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Bullying  
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**Faithcity Healthcare mission**  
Care for the deprived

The Northeastern states of India are having a higher prevalence of hypertension, , neurological, heart diseases, kidney disorders, cancer, diabetes, digestive and respiratory diseases as compared to the national average prevalence rate of these diseases.

The medical professional's have the heart for providing healthcare for the deprived, please join our mission.

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