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Mission Update

Surrender

*The prerequisite to
doing God's Will*

Those incredibly privileged to live in this world with Jesus know that we cannot even think about living any other way. Jesus protects us, provides for us, comforts us, and takes care of us, but that perhaps is the same sales pitch that any other god may give.

However, two specialties of Jesus make him distinct:

- 1) There is no other god who has suffered and given up more for the benefit of you and me than Jesus.
- 2) There is no other god who has spoken and assured his followers more about eternal life than Jesus.

The full life on this earth is 70 to 90 years. I thank Jesus for giving us hope beyond our short years on earth, for eternity, to dwell with him forever. If you are missing this hope, I pray that you submit your life and accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior as you read this newsletter.

The Bible clearly states that we cannot enter eternal life (heaven) by doing good works (Isaiah 64:6) - our works are like dirty rags in front of the Holy God. Jesus is the only way to eternal life (John 14:6). The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross changed the rules to enter heaven. The Bible says that if we confess, God will forgive our sins, and the faith in Jesus is credited as righteousness necessary to enter heaven (Romans 10:9). God changed the rules and we better be aware. Simply put - assume it is a test; to enter heaven, one must score 100 points. Our best works will get us 10 points before God, but right when we thought we would not make it, God introduced an extra credit worth 100 points for people who believed in Jesus while alive, giving us a total score of 110 points and making us more than qualified to enter heaven and dwell with him. I pray that we all claim this extra credit before it is too late, i.e., while we are alive. Confessing our sins and believing in Jesus is a required criterion to achieve eternal life, but the Bible says there is another expectation from God that we often take for granted.

Matthew 7:21 says it is not the people who call Jesus God who will enter the kingdom of heaven **but the people who do the will of God**. The prerequisite to do **God's will** is to surrender **our will** (body and mind) to God. Many of us have no issues surrendering our bodies, i.e., we don't steal, murder, or cheat, but surrendering our minds is hard. Romans 12:2 says that unless our mind is renewed and transformed, we may not even recognize the will of God. Where are we with surrendering our mind, including our thoughts, along with its fears and anxieties, to God?

Abraham is celebrated in the Bible for his obedience, for doing the will of God, which was credited to him as righteousness, but before he obeyed, he surrendered. When God asked Abraham to leave his relatives, place, profession, and legacy, God taught him to **surrender his past**. Later, Abraham surrendered his ambitions and goals when Lot moved out to the fertile land watered by Jordan, leaving Abraham the barren desert. God assured Abraham that God would be his inheritance, and God taught Abraham to **surrender his future**. Abraham's ultimate surrender came with his most treasured possession – his son Isaac. Abraham waited 25 years to receive his promise, the birth of his son Isaac, and during those years, God taught Abraham **“not to give up.”** Later, when God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, God taught him **“to give up.”** In everything, Abraham obeyed God in faith without questioning, but before he obeyed, he surrendered his past, present, and future to God, which led him to see and approve the will of God.

I pray that the Lord will give us a daily practice of surrendering to Him. If there are worries of the past, fears of the future, including inadequacies and insecurities of the present, let's take a moment to surrender them all to God so that we can understand and obey God's perfect will for us. Let's pray - *Lord, not my will, but yours be done.*



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Dr. Giby Raphael

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Investing in Tomorrow

Strategies for Empowering Youth for Professional Success

Late Pastor P. R. Baby had a vision for the congregation to play a positive and proactive role in producing professionals and leaders who serve the country effectively.

To build a New India, training young men and women from diverse backgrounds who possess a value-based mindset is crucial. These youths need to be equipped with the necessary skills to confront the challenges that lie ahead. These professionals are expected to demonstrate their capabilities by excelling in competitive examinations such as civil services, GATE, CAT, CDS, JRF, SRF, ARS, NET, and more. By proving themselves in these tests, they can showcase their readiness to serve society and the nation even in the most demanding circumstances. Additionally, it is essential to provide them with training through various personality and leadership development programs.

By investing in the training and development of young individuals with a value-based mindset, we can pave the way for a brighter future for India. These individuals will contribute to the nation's growth and progress and serve as role models for others. Together, we can build a stronger and more prosperous India.

The Centre for Human Resource Development (CHRD) at Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology, and Sciences (SHUATS) in Prayagraj District, Uttar Pradesh, has developed a replicable model to motivate students for competitive examinations. CHRD conducts regular training for civil services examinations in collaboration with internationally competent personnel and training institutions. To ensure comprehensive training for all students, two periods per week have been exclusively allocated to CHRD in every class at the University. The training includes regular sessions, group discussions, seminars, mock tests, and more, all aimed at helping students qualify for the exams. Additionally, CHRD identifies competent professionals, both from within and outside the University, to provide instruction to the aspirants.

CHRD-NIRMAANA Student Club, inspired by the vision of CHRD, has been established by proactive university students. NIRMAANA has formed separate subcommittees responsible for facilitating specific training programs for UPSC, GATE, CAT, JRF, and other exams, with active participation and involvement from the students. Student representatives have been appointed in all classes of the University, committed to coordinating with CHRD and actively organizing training programs, workshops, seminars, and other activities efficiently and effectively.

The club is currently organizing a series of seminars, workshops, webinars, Zoom meetings led by renowned speakers, training organizations, and various competitions. Membership in the NIRMAANA club is lifelong, and former student leaders are expected to motivate and train current students wherever they may be. Many of these former students are actively engaged in training their juniors.

Ongoing Activities:

NIRMAANA - CHRD SHUATS is organizing daily classes for various competitive exams, including UPSC, from Monday to Thursday at 8 PM. These classes allow students to discuss, prepare, and present topics related to current affairs, history, politics, and more.

In addition to the daily classes, NIRMAANA hosts weekly sessions on Thursdays, specifically focused on personality development and leadership skills. These sessions occur during the dedicated periods assigned every Thursday for CHRD activities. It is important to note that all classes are currently conducted offline.

Furthermore, NIRMAANA has established several committee groups, such as CAT, JRF, SRF, and more. These committees are platforms for sharing and discussing knowledge related to multiple examinations. By offering a comprehensive range of classes and fostering a collaborative environment, NIRMAANA - CHRD SHUATS aims to support students in their pursuit of success in competitive exams. We believe other universities, educational institutions, like-minded organizations, and churches can replicate this model.



The late Pastor P. R. Baby had a vision for the sustainable development of rural youth and aimed to help them play a positive and proactive role in serving the country effectively. The M/S. P. R. Baby Foundation is dedicated to carrying forward the vision imparted by the late Pastor P. R. Baby.

To achieve this, the P. R. Baby Foundation is planning to establish a center of excellence for youth empowerment and equipping. This initiative aims to enable young individuals to face the challenges in their lives, such as growing unemployment and social exclusion in society. Through our training programs, we strive to develop their skills and pave the way for their success in both personal and professional endeavors.

By providing a platform for the rural youth to enhance their abilities, we aim to create a sustainable and prosperous future for them. Our commitment lies in empowering these young individuals to become active contributors to the development of their communities and the nation as a whole.

Join us in our mission to transform the lives of rural youth and build a brighter future for all. Together, we can make a significant impact and ensure that no talent goes untapped or wasted.

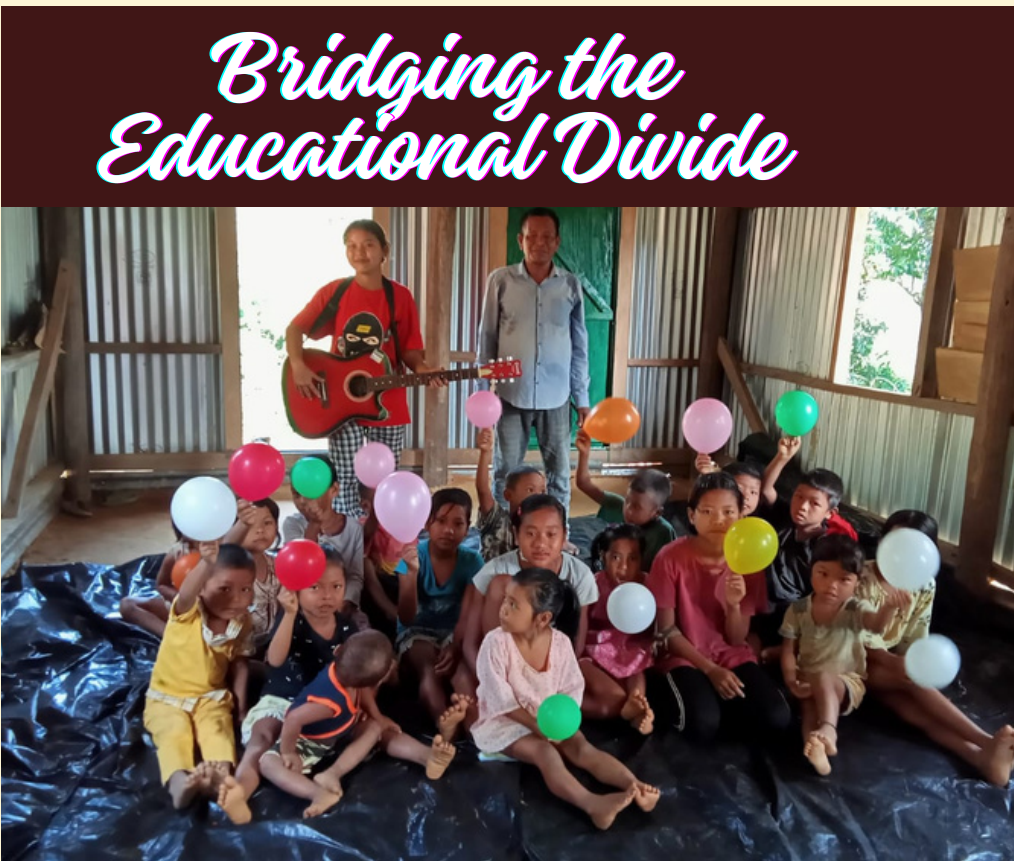


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**DAWKI
RIVER**
Meghalaya

The Umngot River, also known as the Dawki River, flows through the town of Dawki in Meghalaya, Northeast India. It has gained popularity because of its clear waters and a captivating suspension bridge, making it a popular tourist destination. The river's remarkable clarity, resembling a glass surface, has earned it the title of the cleanest river in the country. Located near the capital city of Shillong, it offers a unique experience and invites visitors to swim in its transparent waters. The river exemplifies the beauty of nature and serves as a reminder of the importance of protecting our natural resources for future generations.



Garo Hills has long been notorious for its abysmal pass rates in both the SSLC and HSSLC exams. Many have pondered the cause behind this issue, and one of the main factors seems to be the inadequate learning infrastructure at the lower primary level.

Non-formal education refers to educational activities that take place outside the traditional school system. It encompasses a wide range of initiatives within the community, including home-based learning, government programs, and community-driven projects. These initiatives can be accredited courses offered by established institutions or locally-run operations with limited funding. Non-formal education (NFE) serves as a strategy to provide elementary education to children between the ages of 6 and 14 who have been excluded from the formal education system due to various socio-economic constraints. The Centrally Sponsored NFE Scheme, launched in 1979-80, aims to establish NFE centers in villages without schools or with a high number of school dropouts.

While non-formal education encompasses various aspects, it shares similarities with lifelong learning. However, for the purpose of these guidelines, the focus is on non-formal education for children and young people who are not part of the regular school system. Although non-formal education is often seen as a second-best option compared to formal schooling, it is important to note that it can provide a higher quality of education than what is available in traditional schools. Non-formal education can serve as a preparatory, supplementary, or even an excellent alternative to formal schooling for all children.

The P.R. Baby Foundation aims to address the educational needs of the community by establishing this NFE Centre. We understand the difficulties faced by families in accessing quality education for their children in this area. By providing a dedicated facility in Moradum, we hope to bridge this gap and empower the children with the knowledge and skills necessary for their future success.

The NFE Centre will serve as a hub for educational activities, offering a range of programs tailored to the needs of the community. Our team of qualified educators will deliver engaging and interactive lessons, ensuring that each child receives personalized attention and support. We believe that education is a fundamental right, and through this initiative, we strive to make it accessible to every child in the region.

The remote village of Moradum in the South Garo Hills region presents a unique opportunity for the establishment of the NFE Centre. By utilizing the existing infrastructure, we can minimize costs and expedite the implementation process. Additionally, the support of the local congregation in Rongrengpal is invaluable, as their involvement will foster a sense of community ownership and sustainability.



John Alex
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P.R. Baby Foundation



Transforming Words into Deeds



A new Non-Formal Education Centre (NFE) has been established in the remote village of Moradum, located in the South Garo Hill district. This village lacks basic facilities and transportation options, making survival a challenge for its residents. The villagers have longed to provide their children with a basic education, and their dream has finally come true. On 08/03/2023, Dr. Giby Raphael and a team from Faithcity church visited Moradum village. The villagers expressed their desire for educational facilities for their children, who had not yet received any formal education. In response, we made a promise to prioritize the provision of educational resources. On 28/07/2023, a new shed was constructed as a common facility center. It serves as a place of worship on Sundays and transforms into a school for the children during the rest of the week. This facility, named GEMS (Gasa English Medium School) Extension, was inaugurated on 13/02/2024, fulfilling our promise to the villagers.

Dr. Giby Rahael, Associate Pastor of Faithcity Church, Kochi, dedicated the center to the Glory of God. Dr. Amee Thomas inaugurated the initiative by roll-calling each student by name. On the inaugural day, 17 students were enrolled. Currently, the enrollment has reached 39 for this academic year. Mr. Rangsil Ch Sangma serves as the teacher, with Ms. Relina R Sangma as the assistant, Pr. Hardingson A Sangma as the principal, and Pr. Hebilson R Marak as the director. Together, they are committed to ensuring the smooth operation of the school. P R. Baby Foundation and Pentecostal Children's Education Fund (PCEF) will support this new community development initiative.



Sunny Thomas
Director
Pentecostal Children's Education Fund (PCEF)



The Annual General Convention of the Church of God (FG) in India, Central Eastern Regions, took place from February 8th to February 11th, 2024, concluding with a Sunday worship service on February 11th. This convention encompassed various events such as the mission challenge, pastors conference, youth meeting, and graduation ceremony. Representatives from 13 states, as well as from the Andaman Nicobar Island, were in attendance.

Pr. Hebilson R Sangma, the Area Coordinator for South Garo Hills, Pr. Hardingson A Sangma, the Area Coordinator for West Garo Hills, and Pr. Rekbath D Momin, the Area Coordinator for East Garo Hills, were participated on behalf of P R. Baby foundation.



Discovering My Life's Purpose

How Faithcity B' School Transformed Me



Greetings to all. My name is Jackie a native from Rajasthan, and I am here today to share my incredible journey of faith. When I first found solace in the Lord, I encountered immense opposition, to the extent that I was even expelled from my own home. However, through it all, the Lord remained my steadfast protector and provider.

During this tumultuous period, I had the privilege of crossing paths with a devoted servant of the Lord named Gilatson. It was through his guidance that I discovered a remarkable institution, the Faithcity B' School, Kochi, Kerala. This sacred place became the vessel through which i could find the purpose of my life and profound knowledge of the Lord's teachings, allowing me to forge a deep and meaningful connection with Him.

Following my time at the Faithcity B' School, God led me on a remarkable journey of service to various communities. Throughout these endeavors, the Lord has continued to watch over me, ensuring my well-being and guiding my path. Presently, I find myself in the beautiful region of West Bengal, where I am humbled to witness the Lord's work firsthand.

I am immensely grateful to Pastor P.R. Baby, officials, and faculties of Faithcity B' School for giving me the opportunity to study there. I would also like to express my gratitude to the Lord for His unwavering care and love. His divine presence has not only sustained us but has also strengthened our faith, making us more devoted to Him. With heartfelt appreciation,

I extend my deepest gratitude to the Lord for His abundant blessings and the privilege to serve Him. Plase remember me in your prayers and my ministry in West Bengal.



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A Promising Start

Meghalaya's Academic Year Signals a Bright Future

The new academic year at Gasa English Medium School commenced in the first week of February 2024, bringing along a set of challenges such as inadequate facilities, infrastructure, and shortage of teachers. However, these obstacles will not deter us from pursuing our vision of nurturing tomorrow's leaders by unlocking the God-given potential within each student through a world-class education deeply rooted in Christian principles and community values.

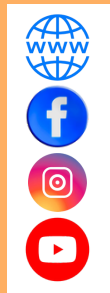
Our aspiration is to place one student among the top 10 universities in India by 2026, and three students among the top 10 universities in America by 2028. Furthermore, we aim to be recognized as the best school in India, receiving the prestigious Presidential Award in 2028. Additionally, we strive to produce one IAS/IPS officer by 2030.

We invite you to join us in constructing a stronger community. Regardless of the talents you possess, let us collaborate to amplify them. Together, we can achieve remarkable feats. Your contribution has the power to truly make a difference!

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Unveiling a Vision for Self-Reliance

The Kumbanad Institute of Technology, established in 1986 by the late Mr. Philip John, a prominent Canadian businessman, is a part of the Pentecostal Children's Education Fund (PCEF).

Its mission is to empower young individuals to achieve success and self-reliance within their communities. Equipped with state-of-the-art machinery and infrastructure, the institute has successfully trained numerous students in technical education, enabling them to secure livelihoods. However, due to the pandemic, the institute had to temporarily close its doors, leading to a management crisis.

In honor of the late Pastor P.R. Baby's unwavering vision, we are determined to carry forward the institution's legacy with enhanced facilities. Our goal is to provide technical trade training to students from northern India, enabling them to become self-sufficient in their

villages and serve their community without the need for external support. By offering comprehensive education and practical skills, we aim to equip our students with the tools they need to thrive in their chosen fields. Our vision is to foster a sense of self-reliance and empower individuals to contribute to the growth and development of their communities.



Through our revamped institute, we will create an environment that encourages innovation, critical thinking, and hands-on learning. Our goal is to have dedicated faculty members who will provide personalized guidance and mentorship to ensure that each student reaches their full potential. Furthermore, we understand the importance of adapting to the changing times. In light of the pandemic, we have implemented stringent safety measures to prioritize the health and well-being of our students and staff. By adhering to these protocols, we aim to create a secure and conducive learning environment.

Team P R. Baby Foundation



P R Baby Foundation incorporated as section 8 (1) company under companies act 2013 and governed by the family, friends and well-wishers of the late Pastor P.R. Baby.

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