



LEAD
YOUR CHURCH FORWARD

TO SHARE THE GOSPEL,
TO THOSE MOST IN NEED,
TO THE LEAST-REACHED



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*J*ESUS COMMISSIONED HIS DISCIPLES TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS with the whole world. That call, and that vision, begins when we say “yes” to following Him. When we say “yes” to the gospel, we are entrusted with the call to carry it forward and to extend its blessings to all people.

But many villages in South Asia have never heard the name “Jesus.” Instead, these villages, and the millions who inhabit them, are trapped in dark idolatry, cyclical poverty, and heart-breaking caste designations. No one has told them about a God who loves them dearly, who died to set them free from darkness, and who rose again to conquer death forever. No one has told them that their lives matter to God, and has reached out with the compassion of Christ to heal their hurts and meet their needs.

Today, all of that is changing. One village at a time. One family at a time. One child, one father, one mother, one orphan, one field laborer, one street beggar. As they turn to Christ, everything changes: their outlook on life; their view of themselves; their understanding of God; their eternal destiny.

India Gospel League (IGL) is taking the gospel **forward** into regions where it has never been shared before, and as we go, we’re sharing Christian love with the people we meet.

You and your church can join us.

HOW WE SERVE

Our approach is centered on God's Word, and we seek to construct our principles, practices and doctrine directly from it. This has led us to:



"I have no house for sleeping; we sleep in the children's church area. Many people have no houses in our region, they have huts. I want to have the same life as they do so I can have a testimony to them.

-Pastor Kumar"

LEAD WITH THE GOSPEL

Everything we do starts with the Good News of Jesus Christ. This conviction has led us to plant churches first in a given area, and then share Christian compassion through that new congregation – encouraging orphan care, adult literacy, clean water wells, economic development, medical outreach and more.

GO WHERE GOD IS MOVING

The Holy Spirit is the ultimate director of the Great Commission advance, and we pray for His leading. Our leaders recognize that God is at work in South Asia today, and in IGL's network, more than 70,000 churches have been planted in the last two decades. The Church is growing exponentially!

ENCOURAGE INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP

IGL has always been led and facilitated by local believers who understand the culture and language of the areas they serve. Although people all over the world partner with IGL to assist in the mission, our leadership comes from our office in Tamil Nadu, India, and from regional field directors among the various people groups of South Asia.

EQUIP LOCAL BELIEVERS

Every year, we provide training for tens of thousands of people throughout South Asia, who in turn are equipped to start churches, lead children's ministries and serve in compassion work. We take leadership conferences, theological instruction, skills training and rural development practices out to village and tribal areas where access to such information is scarce. This entire ministry is designed to be sustainable in the long run, so as not to require ongoing outside support.

WHAT WE DO

As IGL presses forward with the gospel, we have organized our efforts around four areas of ministry, and this is where we invite churches like yours to partner with us.



“Five men caught me and beat me because I was converting Hindus to Christ. I spent four days in the hospital recovering. My friends warned me that these people would come back and kill me. But I prayed. And continued on.”
- Pastor Anolik

SHARE JESUS WITH UNREACHED VILLAGES

By identifying and training indigenous church planters, whom we call “barefoot pastors,” IGL reaches into villages that have never had a Christian presence before. Pastors in our network are encouraged to reach one new village every year, as an extension of their ministry. This encourages them to train up young leaders and to keep a strong evangelistic focus in their churches. India alone still has approximately 400,000 unreached villages that need their first church!

LOVE CHILDREN IN NEED

The church work we do quickly uncovers many practical needs in the villages—and children are often at the top of this list. Many little ones we encounter have been orphaned or, even more commonly, face malnourishment and lack of education because their family lives in extreme poverty. Through the local pastors, IGL accesses the best way to serve children, which involves everything from discipleship through Children’s Gospel Clubs to full-fledged child sponsorship, providing kids in need with food, education and familial love.

CARE FOR THE SICK

The dramatic poverty experienced by those in rural villages means that quality medical care is scarce—and in many places, non-existent. IGL works with village church leaders to facilitate basic medical checkups, health clinics for the sick, prescription drugs and, through our hospital in Tamil Nadu, even advanced cancer treatments or surgical care. For most villagers, these services are completely out of reach both geographically and economically.

SERVE THE POOREST OF THE POOR

Many South Asian villages are locked into poverty due to the caste system, an ancient “pecking order” that divides human beings into different levels of value based on their people group. The gospel changes this perspective and frees people to live the life that God the Creator designed for them! These changes in perspective lead to economic development opportunities for poor families, and IGL churches assist villagers with job training, farming techniques, clean water wells, banking and higher education.

MOVING FORWARD



“We don't have a fight with human beings, but with demonic forces. We must stand firm. Faithfully, truly, with all that we are, to do this work. It is a great privilege to serve God. He is doing marvelous things in the world.”

-Pastor Prag

IMAGINE YOUR CHURCH ...

- ✓ **PLANTING** scores of churches in never-before-reached villages
- ✓ **CARING** for orphans and kids in need half a world away
- ✓ **HOSTING** banquets to cast vision, share updates and meet friends from South Asia
- ✓ **SENDING** pastors to help train village pastors and dedicate new church buildings
- ✓ **REPORTING** quarterly on the Great Commission impact it is having in the 10/40 window
- ✓ **DOING** mission-focused Bible studies to grow burden and vision for evangelism
- ✓ **ADOPTING** unreached villages or even entire regions
- ✓ **INVOLVING** children in missionary vision through sponsorships and clubs
- ✓ **EXTENDING** its vision for discipleship across the world “where Christ has not been named”

Why India?



of India is age
14 OR LESS
which equals
400,000,000



of India's total
1.3 BILLION
people live in
RURAL VILLAGES



of Indians, equalling
1,170,000,000
are in unreached
PEOPLE GROUPS

GETTING STARTED



“Surrender your whole life to God. Say, ‘Whatever He wants me to do, I will do it.’ It’s not, ‘What can I do for God?’ it’s, ‘What can God do through me?’”
-Pastor Benjamin

AN INVITATION

Choose from among these options to take the next step forward in Great Commission vision.



VISIT — If you’d like to be an eyewitness to the work of God in rural South Asia, IGL would love to facilitate that journey. If you are a pastor or medical worker, we can arrange direct service opportunities while you are with us.



LEARN — Visit our website (www.IGLWorld.org) to watch videos, hear interviews, read updates, get prayer requests, order books and see the stunning pictures of how God is working in this region.



READ — If you are a pastor or church leader, we’d be happy to ship free copies of our book *Commissioned* as our gift to you and your mission team. This book explains our philosophy, vision and principles in vivid detail. Also, check out our website to sign up to receive updates from the field.



INVITE — An IGL speaker would be excited to come share the vision at your church. We love leading people to pray for missions, renewing their burden for the Great Commission and sharing compelling stories from India.



PARTNER — You or your church can sponsor IGL church planters, sponsor an entire village for evangelism and compassion ministries or help sponsor the training of rural pastors for further ministry. Partners can also be involved by contributing toward church buildings, homes for needy children, hospital equipment, educational supplies, water wells, Bibles and more. (If you aren’t sure where to begin, we have pastoral references across North America who would be happy to share their experience with you and help you select first-step projects.)

To move forward with IGL, visit us at www.IGLWorld.org or call us at 888.352.4451.

*"This is God's time for
India. Come and see!"*

-Samuel Stephens,
President of India Gospel League

*"A home run for your
church's mission program."*

-Paul Wides, Global Outreach Pastor
at Christ Community Chapel, Hudson, Ohio



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