

Equipping the next generation

Soil

A key ingredient for Equipping

Jesus masterfully articulated the direct correlation between the environment and the fruit in the parable of the Sower (Matthew 13). Of the many actors in the parable: Sower, Seed, Soil, Birds, Rocks, Thorns, Fruits, my heart goes out to the soil as it looks like the soil had no choice. The birds, rocks, and thorns weren't the soil's fault, and it may look like it was fate that the soil couldn't turn out to be the "good" soil and support the seed. Moreover, the soil gets no sympathy from Jesus who contradicted every worldly norm by saying, "The one who has little, the little will be taken away and given to the one who has more".

The presumption turns around if one studies what makes the "good" soil good. The key attribute of the good soil is that – it knows how to hold onto the seed! If the seed can be held, protected, and cared for, the fruit is automatic, according to Jesus. While the fruit is automatic, holding the seed is anything but automatic. Jesus says (Matt 6:33) seek ye first the kingdom of God. "Seek", unlike "look" is a very intentional act. We don't expect good grades by just appearing in a classroom, nor do we expect to get healthy by sleeping in the Gym, both need intentionality and work to produce results. Producing fruits according to Jesus is not optional but existential. Do we expect spiritual fruits to be automatic or are we intentional in producing them?

Jesus further explains that the right seed in the wrong soil will not produce fruits. We don't grow a rose plant in water, nor do we expect the rose plant to grow without tender care. If so, how much more should we intentionally enable the environment to help ourselves and others to grow? Beyond the miracles, Jesus spent a significant amount of time equipping his disciples, trying hard to change their mental models of the environment. He spent days teaching them, the composition historians affectionately titled "the sermon on the mount." At the end of his sermon Jesus also provided a way to grade one's level of equipping – by measuring our susceptibility to the environment (Luke 6).



Triple



Vision

**Empower, Evangelize
and Equip**

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.

According to Jesus, our susceptibility to the environment is a matter of the heart. The transformation of the heart is akin to building a strong foundation for the house, which Jesus says is what a wise builder would do. Just like how a seed that becomes a tree is less prone to the effects of the environment and a house with a strong foundation can withstand fire and flood, equipping the heart to a level that can withstand the environment is the bar and a necessity to complete our Christian race successfully. Transformation of the heart requires intentionality and work. It involves making some ditches, filling up the ditches with rocks i.e. the word of God and plastering those rocks together with the Holy Spirit. How strong is our foundation? How susceptible are we to our environment?

This month, seven men and three women made the arduous three-day journey from Garo Hills, Meghalaya to Faithcity Church Retreat Center in Kerala for three weeks of residential and intentional equipping. They attended classes on biblical doctrines, basic theology, discipleship, worship methodologies and most importantly anointing in the Holy Spirit. It was a life-changing experience spiritually and in some cases physically for many of them. Having spent all their lives inland, many of them saw an ocean beach for the first time at Kochi. They sang and testified at Faithcity church. Their hearts were transformed, and their spirits refreshed. They returned with a new mission to prepare the soil and reequip their fellow tribesmen and women in the state of Meghalaya!

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Garo Audio Bible



Reading the word of God is a key ingredient to growing and sustaining our spiritual journey. Though the full bible is available in the Garo language, many in the Garo community don't know how to read. The printed Bible, that we often take for granted, is of minimal use to them. As a result, they live in spiritual darkness with no hope of seeing the light. The audio bible in the Garo language will be a life changer for the Garo community.

It was the vision of Pastor P.R. Baby to empower the Garo community with an audio bible. We have initiated a new project to record the full bible and distribute them using portable battery-powered gadgets, one per family. Kurien Fenn, a leader in Faithcity church, Kochi is leading the effort. Bible distribution, in its various forms, is near and dear to Fenn's heart. His 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. The effort transformed the life of Mr. Menon, and he accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. Mr. Menon subsequently took the name "Joseph Fenn".



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**Proposed Youth training
Centred at Willamnagar,
East Garo hill District**



**Mighty Thunder
2024**

**Proposed music
programme and
youth retreat at
Willamnagar in
January 2024**



Missionary Highlights



Pr. Rakbath D Momin & Tengchi A Sangma

Throughout Rakbath's ministry, the Holy Spirit confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it. At the beginning of his ministry, a lady on her deathbed suffering from Malaria and Typhoid got instantly healed when Rakbath prayed. Since then, many got healed and saved through Rakbath's ministry. Rakbath has a deep concern for the drugs and alcohol addiction in his land. Using his battery-powered microphone and loudspeaker he regularly holds impromptu meetings at public places preaching against addiction and many are getting saved through Rakbath's ministry. Rakbath's vision for Garo Hills is to not only evangelize them but also to empower and equip them. He wants to lead efforts to open schools in remote areas, establish biblical training centers for equipping youngsters and establish many churches in the state of Meghalaya.

Pastor Rakbath D Momin grew up in Bajengdoba, North Garo Hills, Meghalaya, and together with his wife Tengchi A Sangma began the Lord's ministry among the Garo community 14 years ago. He began his theological training at Asian Africa Church Association (ACA) Theological Seminary, Bangalore, and completed his degree at New Life Biblical Seminary at Cherruvakal, Kerala. Being considered worthy to "suffer for Jesus" is the highest privilege in Pr. Rakbath's life. People stoned him and mocked him when he preached the word of God. Many leaders admonished him and expelled him, however through it all he never gave up preaching the word of God.

Leadership Training for A.chick

**22/04/2023 to
10/05/2023**

As per our vision to equip the people of Meghalaya, a leadership training program was organized at Faithcity Center, Kochi, Kerala from 22/04/23 to 10/05/23. Twelve men and women from the Garo Community made the three-day train journey to Kerala and resided at the Faithcity Center for three weeks to undergo the training.

The training was inaugurated by Pastor Babu John, Senior Pastor of Faithcity church, Kochi. Other leaders, including Kurien Fenn, Principal Faithcity B'School, Babu N George Assistant Principal Faithcity B'School, Cherian M.K, Trust member also attended. Various sessions were led by Timothy Institute in Kochi and by pioneering missionaries and leaders from India. Babu M George, who was also the Course Coordinator, led the sessions to lead the twelve to spiritual awakening. The twelve also got opportunities to sing, testify and attend worship at Faithcity church. Within a short time, they also visited many places in Kerala to enjoy the food, culture, and scenery. Course completion certificates were awarded at the conclusion of training, the function attended by Benny V John and Sijo M George, both missionaries to North India. Out of the twelve, two decided to stay back in Faithcity Center to attend the extended yearlong residential theological and vocational training.



Pr. P R. Baby

Leader inspired by the word of God

'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation, that said to Zion, Thy God reigneth!' (Isaiah 52:7)

Glory and honour to the Lord who in His divine wisdom and will choose me to be a part of this ministry. I thank and praise God for the life and ministry of Late Pastor P. R. Baby, a great and relentless warrior of faith with clear vision of mission for India, the founder of Faithcity Church and several other mission oriented endeavours. Pastor Baby travelled the width and breadth of India with the gospel of Jesus Christ and brought hundreds of souls to the Kingdom of God. He was never worried about provisions and never missed a chance of good works and charity for that reason. I remember him often quoting, "When God pushes you to the edge of difficulty, trust Him. Either He will catch you or will teach you to fly".



When I resettled back in Kerala after working in the gulf in the early nineties, the Holy Spirit put a strong urge in my heart to associate with and partner with a man of God. The Holy Spirit did not show me who it was, and I kept praying for the Lord to show me the man whom I should partner with. One evening while returning after purchasing some groceries from the market I heard someone preaching powerfully from the word of God by the road. The Holy Spirit asked me to pull over. I listened to the man of God and at the conclusion asked someone standing nearby who the preacher was and I heard it was Pastor P.R. Baby. The Holy Spirit confirmed in my heart that day that it was Pastor P.R. Baby whom the Lord wants me to partner with. Due to the crowd, however, I couldn't meet him in person that day.

A few months later I heard Pastor P.R. Baby is coming to preach at one of my friend's houses. I attend the meeting sitting in the back. The electricity had gone in the house and as the pastor began preaching under a candlelight he said, "Someone is here whose loved one is getting ready for kidney dialysis, the Holy Spirit says he is going to be healed tonight". He asked such a person to raise his hands, and I did, but since it was dark the pastor did not see me. He still prayed for the kidney patient. Only I knew what was going on, I had just received the diagnosis for my father that day and we were getting ready for his dialysis the next day. At the end of the meeting, I strongly requested that the pastor visit my house that night. Despite having to drive a long way back home and report to work the next day morning, he still came around 1 AM on his way back to visit my house. He prayed for my father and miraculously my father got healed, he hasn't needed kidney dialysis since then. I had found the man of God whom the Holy Spirit wanted me to associate with and thus started my ministry with Pastor P.R. Baby.

For a quarter of a century I have had the privilege to associate closely with Pastor P. R. Baby and his family, a family fully committed to Evangelism. For all these years I was a co-traveler on his mission trips, discussed mission plans, and exchanged views. He was a mentor in my life too. Had I not been acquainted with this great disciple of Jesus Christ I would not have been what I am today. (Yes, it is a fact that what we all are today is largely because of others). The Faithcity church also impacted me substantially.



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Faithcity B' School - A replicatable model for equipping next generation

The Faithcity B'School is the fulfillment of the vision of Pastor P.R. Baby. His vision was to train the uneducated and underprivileged youth of rural India. Through the year-long residential training program the youth from different parts of India are trained in biblical fundamentals as well as equipped as "tent makers" to sustain their subsequent ministries. Their personalities are molded, and character developed to grow as good citizens of the country as well as become fruitful for the Lord's kingdom.

Vision Statement

"Faithcity B'School" focuses on the sustainable development of rural youth who often face many challenges in life in terms of growing unemployment, social exclusion, and vulnerability impacted by degrading environmental factors associated with global warming and climate change. We train them to develop their skills, mold their character and guide them to better living according to the truth and practical principles of life. We transform them into good citizens of the country and fruitful ministers in the Lord's kingdom.

It is often challenging to bring transformational change among the youth. We educate them and impart the necessary skills to make them employable, develop them as entrepreneurs and instill the right social and moral values in them.



**Faithcity
B' School**
Centre For
Vocational
Training And
Character
Formation



**Empowering The Youth
Building The Nation**

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YOUTH VISION

Leading to GOD's Plan

God who equips us for success

It was somewhere around the age of 10, I started to regularly attend the services at Faith City Church, Cochin, from all the way from Kumbanad. Academically, I was just an average student, always scoring less than 70%. I enjoyed studying science in school, but that didn't mean I was good at it. According to my school policy, in 10th grade, you must score at least 60% in science subjects to continue the science track in 11th and 12th grade. To say the least, I struggled and gave the final ICSE exam through prayers and trusting that He will do what is best for me. When the ICSE results were published, my score was a perfect 60%, enabling me to continue a computer-science track.

After graduating from high school (ISC), I was clueless about what to do next. I wanted to pursue engineering, not out of interest, but only because most of my classmates were going for it. I and my parents kept praying for His guidance and took the matter to our late Pr. P. R. Baby. He prayed and said, "John engineering is not for you! You should pursue PharmD (Doctor of Pharmacy)". This advice made no sense to me, particularly because I took the computer-science track rather than the biology-science track.

Nevertheless, I decided to pursue PharmD, trusting that it was the will of God. By His grace, I was accepted into Bharati Vidyapeeth University, Pune, Maharashtra. As always, I was just an average student in the class despite all my effort, and prayers, until 5th year. It was during my 5th year that I would like to think that God expanded my intellectual capacity. This is when I went from being an average student to above average and to an exceptional student. That year, my PharmD thesis was among the highest-scored thesis in the PharmD program, and for the first time in my life, I scored >70%.

By then, my professors and clinical mentors started noticing the change in me. Then the next big question arose, "what to do after PharmD?".

As always, kept trusting in God, believing that He will have the very best for me. Since I was doing academically better than ever, my professors and mentors advised me to get a master's degree in something. I didn't even consider this advice and thought to myself, "Going back to school after six years of PharmD? That's just ridiculous! I am not like the other students who thrive in academics". I discussed this matter with a fellow brother in Christ and colleague, Dr. Renoy Philip. His advice was to get PhD rather than a master's, which sounded even more ridiculous. As always, took the matter to Pr. Baby and his response were "Yes John! You should get a PhD and get it from the US. Find articles that interest you and email the corresponding authors asking if they are willing to take PhD students. If they are, ask if they can provide a scholarship/funding?".

That day I said to God "The advice on getting a PhD makes no sense. I am not studious enough to even qualify for a PhD program". Then He reminded me of the verse "my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways" (Isaiah 55:8). This encouraged me, and I started to email authors from interesting articles as per the recommendation of Pr. Baby, but I kept getting rejections after rejections. Either they don't want a PhD student now or can't provide a scholarship. I and my parents kept praying, there were only a few more months left for my PharmD graduation.

I kept trusting in God and requested "God if this is happening, it should happen soon, and if you are sending me, it should be to an awesome place". A few months later, I received a response from the University of Hawaii, saying they would love to have me as a PhD student,

they were ready to waive my tuition and provide a well-paying part-time job.

For those who do not know, Hawaii is one of the most exotic places on the planet. His plan was to provide the very best, hence the rejections from the other universities and the delays.

I was still scared even after coming to Hawaii, whether I had what it takes to be a PhD student. My testimony in the short term is, my PhD was like a walk on the Red Carpet. God gave wisdom and intelligence to find solutions to problems that no one could before. My highest score during my PhD was 106%. He used an average student to do mighty things. All I did was trust in him. Today I am one of the reputed pharmacologists in the State of Hawaii. My finds are now being used as treatment guidelines and protocols in Hawaii as well as in other countries like Brazil and Australia.

No one knows what's best for you like God does. Like every parent, He wants the very best for you. All you must do is, trust in him.

My work has been quoted many times and I have been interviewed in national television programs as an authority in my area of expertise (Researchers make potential breakthrough in fight against rat lungworm disease, Hawaii News Now Feb 8, 2023)



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YOUTH VISION

Leading to GOD's Plan

Help us to guide you

DEPRESSION EMOTION CONFLICT

Anxiety Stress Anger

Unhappy Denial

Despair Peer Pressure

Worried Loneliness

Sadness Bullying



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