



THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM

The Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 12:2-3) is the foundation of the Jewish faith and is also vital to Christianity and Islam. It starkly contrasts with the Lord's covenant with Noah, the first covenant mentioned in the Bible. While the Lord picked Noah after finding him righteous in his generation, no such qualities were mentioned of Abraham. Even worse Abraham came from a caste of idol worshippers, who also made and worshiped them. Both obeyed God and won trophies as mighty men of God in their faith. However, when Noah's obedience killed every other human being beyond his immediate family, Abraham's obedience was a path to salvation for all, including you and me.

The primary difference in the Abrahamic covenant was that Abraham was called not only to be blessed but also to be a blessing to others. In Galatians 3:13, Paul relates this blessing as being bestowed upon us the Gentiles through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ on the cross. If we are Abraham's spiritual descendants and bear Abraham's blessing, are we living according to its original purpose? Simply put, are we in it to win it or are we intentional in being a blessing to our fellow brothers and sisters? Are our actions and attitudes in line with the Abrahamic covenant?

The biblical principle of giving is counter-intuitive to the principles of the world. While the world says the more you give, the less you have, Bible says the more you give, more will be provided. Abraham was the Elon Musk of his age, i.e., the wealthiest man of the land, but what he gave to his son Ishmael dried up in a day. In contrast, when God gave, he opened a waterfall for Ishmael that never dried. Unlike man, who gives to meet the need, our Lord blesses beyond one's need with an overflow. This is an excellent way to distinguish the source of one's blessing. God doesn't bless his children with an overflow so that they can hoard but to bless others from our abundance in obedience to the Abrahamic covenant. Jesus didn't mince any words when he called the hoarders fools. In Luke 12:20, he challenged them to realize the uncertainty of death, at which point everyone returns to the dust naked, and all the worldly treasures one hoarded will be left behind. Are we a hoarder or do we have a spiritually healthy attitude toward our blessings?

In Luke 16, Jesus talks about a very peculiar parable. We read about a rich man who employed a manager who was accused of wasting away the rich man's possessions. When threatened with removing him from his job, the manager goes and talks to his masters' debtors and shrewdly discounts their debts. He hoped to gain favors from the debtors so they would care for him when he was out without a job. We read that the rich man commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. In casual reading, it is hard to deduce what Jesus was trying to convey with this parable. For sure he doesn't approve of the behavior of the dishonest manager. If one pays careful attention, one can understand that Jesus admonished the activity but lauded the attitude of the shrewd manager. The parable could have been cut short to a few lines if it was only meant to convey the consequences of dishonest actions. But Jesus portrayed the entire parable to convey that it is not only essential to perform the right actions but also to have the right attitude toward our blessings.

What is the attitude that Jesus wants us to have toward our blessings? According to the parable, the attitude of a master, i.e., God has called us to be the master of our blessings and not slaves. He doesn't want our blessings to control us but rather for us to control our blessings. Simply put, are we using our blessings to expand the kingdom of God? Are we using them to bless others? Are we using them to Empower, Evangelize and Equip the lost? Let us pray that the Lord will enable us to have the right attitude towards our blessings, not to hoard but to give. In Jesus's words, freely ye have received, freely give. Amen.



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Evangelization of Garo Hills



First church in the Soil of Garo hills. Rajasimla (North Garo Hills District, Meghalaya)

A Garo man named Omed Momin, who served as a subedar in the British forces, and his nephew Ramke Momin, accepted Christ. They were baptized by the Reverend Miles Bronson in Guwahati's Sukreswar ghat by the Brahmaputra river. Soon, Omed resigned from his job and returned to his village in Watrepara. But he was chased out of his village because the villagers followed the animist religion called Songsarek. He settled in another area and continued the work of the Lord.

During the early part of 1868 despite inclement weather and malaria infestation in Garo hills, another missionary Rev. Stoddard and his wife visited Garo Hills and baptized quite a few. Eventually, in 1872 - 73 the entire Garo hills converted to Christianity through the work of Rev. Philips and his wife, who opened a missionary headquarters at Tura, Meghalaya, which still exists and functions today. Today most of the Garos are Christians by birth. However, as the generations turned, the devotion to God and the adherence to Biblical principles faltered. One of the charters of A.chik Mission is to restore the Garos to Christ and educate them in Christian living.



Memorial stone with names of the first 37 Garo's who accepted Christianity

David Scott served the East India Company on the northern and eastern frontier of the Bengal Presidency from 1802 to 1831 as Northeast Frontier and Commissioner of Assam. He became prominent through his handling of relations with Bhutan and Tibet during the Nepal War of 1814. Scott was concerned about Garo Hills, Khasi Hills, and Assam and during his years of service, there was rapid British territorial expansion in the Northeastern region. As early as 1822 AD, David Scot suggested that instead of the military expedition in Garo hills, Christian missionaries must undertake the work to 'tame' the Garo's who were a threat to peace and tranquility. After the successful venture of the American Baptist Mission at Goalpara, Meghalaya, on February 8, 1863,

Missionary Highlights

Journey Towards HIS Calling



Rajesh Thomas, was born and raised in Kuwait in a family following Orthodox Christian tradition. In 2014, Rajesh got saved by His grace and obeyed the Lord in water baptism. With a heart for ministry, he joined YWAM in 2015, where he got the opportunity to lead many Christian programs in schools, colleges, hospitals, slum areas, churches, orphanages, and even mosques in many South Asian countries.

One of his highlights during those years was the opportunity to testify in Rev. Reinhard Bonnke's church in Indonesia. In 2019, he attended Faith City Church for the first time, leading to a turning point in his life. He wanted to stay connected with the church and under the guidance of Pastor P R Baby, he started working at Faithcity Center in Karukutty. After getting trained in Kerala, in 2022 he moved to Meghalaya to work among the Garo tribes, to fulfill the great vision of Pastor P R Baby for Northeastern India. Rajesh was instrumental in building a new church in Williamnagar, Chidekgre. The church was dedicated on 9th April 2023 by Dr. Giby Raphael, Associate Pastor of Faithcity Church. Recently, under the co-leadership of Rajesh, a team of people traveled from Meghalaya to Faithcity Center in Kochi to be trained in biblical principles. 01 May 2023 Rajesh married Susan George at a ceremony in Mumbai. Susan grew up in Mumbai, in the Marthoma faith community. She started serving the Lord in her youth and obeyed the Lord in water baptism in 2014.

Susan has a heart for the youth and was actively involved in teaching Sunday school, VBS, choir and other youth programs. By profession, she is a Special Educator and a Dyslexia Therapist, certified in the United States. In 2019, with a deep desire to serve the Lord, Susan started an interdenominational youth ministry in Mumbai called Redeemed In Christ (RIC) with Dr. Angel Elsa Varughese (Oman). Though the meetings had a humble beginning, they soon spread to Kerala and other parts of the country and the world, and today the Zoom meetings reach youths in many countries. Rajesh and Susan are passionate about ministering to the youth and empowering and uplifting women from their deplorable conditions.

PENTECOSTAL CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND
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Education, vocational training, charity work, Community development, training material production, seminars, health care, caring for the under privileged

Goverened by family, friends, and well wishers of Pastor. P.R. Baby

P. R. Baby, the Pastor with Empathy



Pastor P.R. Baby had a deep desire to save the young generation from the rampant modern-day epidemic of drug and alcohol addiction. His experiences with substance abuse before he got saved during his college days as an engineering student at Kothamangalam Engineering College fueled his empathetic desire to make a difference among the youth. The youth of today have an aversion to getting preached at. The traditional methods of instruction have many limitations for the youth. They are more attuned to creative mediums for instruction that often blur the line between education and entertainment. Pastor P.R. Baby and the leaders of Faithcity church devised an ingenious way to convey the message to the youth at scale. They called the program the “Kings Caravan” with a mission to - Reach the unreached.

King’s Caravan program conveys the message against addiction through live drama enacted by the youth of Faithcity church. The live drama engages the audience meaningfully while conveying deep-rooted messages against drugs and alcohol. Songs, testimonies, and short sermons typically followed the drama. Pastor Baby and the team also realized that to reach the population effectively one must go to them rather than have them come to us. Also, to do the programs at scale, i.e., in all cities and villages of Kerala, they needed a place to host the program with minimal effort. Considering all these requirements, they built something unique – they modified a motor truck to include a mobile stage that can be driven around and parked anywhere.

Any place that the truck parks can be converted to a program venue within minutes. Today, under the leadership of Pastor Suresh George, the Kings Caravan has completed 300 programs across the length and breadth of Kerala. The impromptu programs have impacted many.

Kerala has been dealing with an unprecedented rise in drugs and alcohol addiction cases. According to the latest statistics, in 2022, almost 300 percent more cases were reported than in 2016. What is more concerning is that more and more children are falling into the trap of drug addiction and being used by drug gangs to sell contraband. According to a survey conducted earlier this month by the Kerala police, among

drug users under 21, 40 percent were children under 18. Most drugs are reportedly procured from the vicinity of the schools, from bakeries, medical shops, fancy stores, snack joints, and street vendors looking to make more profit. Students are also accessing drugs on the dark net. Teenage girls are also increasingly becoming drug addicts because their boyfriends lure them. Girls are also sexually exploited. Once they get hooked on the drugs, their boyfriends exploit them because the girls are desperate for more drugs. The King’s Caravan program is Faithcity Church’s timely initiative against the addiction epidemic. God willing, the A.chik mission plans to start a similar program among the Garo tribe in Meghalaya.



Faithcity Churches In Garo Hills, Meghalaya

Faithcity A.chik Revival Fellowship, Rorgiripal, Baghmara, South Garo Hill District, Meghalaya. Inaugurated on 14th November 2021. The worship hall was dedicated to the Glory of God by Bro. John Alex, Meghalaya Mission Coordinator.



Faithcity A.chik Revival Fellowship, Rongreng Chidekgre, East Garo Hill District. The worship hall was dedicated to the Glory of God by Dr. Giby Raphael, Associate Pastor, Faithcity Church, Kochi on 09th April 2023.

Construction of Faithcity A.chik Revival Fellowship, Moradum, East Garo Hill District in progress and, if God willing the dedication of this worship hall will be conducted in July 2023



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The Team Behind Faithcity Meghalaya Mission





Garos tribe
Meghalaya's Second largest tribe



Starting of residential Charis program in the Garo region

Proposed youth retreat music programme and at Willamnagar in January 2024



1. Distribution of audio bible in Garo language
2. Starting of "Kings Caravan" program in the Garo region
3. Building of churches in villages

Proposed Revival conference, youth retreat & Alumni get-together of faithcity B' School.



14 to 17 December 2023



For the medical camp by the end of July 2023 in Garo Hills

Faithcity B' School Changed my destiny



PRAVIN SURESH BHOWATE
12th Batch (2018 - 19)
Faithcity B' School

My name is Pravin Suresh Bhowate and I was born and brought up in Nagpur of Maharashtra State in India. My life was miserable, I was confused, depressed, and was worried my future was blank. I couldn't complete my studies and discontinued it. I met one of my friend and was surprised to see the changes in his life. When I enquired, he told me that he had completed a course in Kerala and introduced me to Faithcity B' School, Kochi and to Pastor P R Baby. They had gladly accepted me to enroll me for the vocational training course conducted by them. I was the gloomiest student in my batch during the early days of my study. I didn't know anything about Bible nor had any personal experience with Jesus Christ. I couldn't speak Hindi fluently because I studied in Marathi medium. All my classmates were happy, and I really wanted to have the joy that I was seen in my friends. I started praying and reading Bible, and understanding word of God, I could feel the change in my life. Jesus Christ gave me wisdom and understanding and today I can speak three languages. I had completed my course in Faithcity B' School, went back to my villages with joy in my heart. I had completed my studies that I had discontinued earlier and completed my graduation. Now I am serving the Lord Jesus Christ, running a small church in my village along with a job in Reliance company. My heart filled with the gratitude towards Faithcity B' School for changing my destiny.

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WARI CHORA

Wari Chora is a beautiful village located in the South Garo Hills district of Meghalaya (Near Baghmara), India. This remote village is surrounded by lush green forests, steep cliffs, crystal clear rivers, and beautiful hills that make it a perfect destination for nature lovers and adventure enthusiasts. The best time to visit Meghalaya is between the months of April and June. Temperatures range from 16°C and 31°C during that time.



Depression Emotion Conflict
Anxiety Stress Anger
Peer Pressure Loneliness
Unhappy Bullying
Despair Sadness
Worried Denial

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YOUTH VISION
Leading to GOD's Plan



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