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Revive & Restore

Arukash

A Moment of Reflection

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR GODS PROVIDENCE

As we come into the last few days of 2023, it is an excellent time to reflect and thank God for his providence in the previous twelve months and to sharpen our focus for 2024. Before we enter the new year, I pray that the Lord will restore and revive us. God himself exemplified restoration when he rested on the seventh day after creating everything we see around us. Restoring biological systems is non-negotiable, mandating at least a few hours of sleep every night for everything that breathes. While restoring ("Sholam") brings the person back to strength, reviving brings them back to life ("Arukash").

Why is God interested in restoring and reviving us? Yes, it is for our well-being, but there is also another significant purpose, as described in Exodus 3:8 – to "rescue" the lost. Moses was in a terrible place when God met him in the desert. The prince of Egypt was now a shepherd, a job detestable to the Egyptians. He had lost the use of all his education, power, and influence, and during that time, God decided to restore and revive him. God wanted to rescue the Israelites who were slaves in Egypt. Even in his lowest point, the discernment in Moses's heart led him to climb Mt. Horeb, the mountain of God. Do we discern the Lord's voice when he intends to restore and revive us?

In the encounter with God on Mt. Horeb, standing before the burning bush, God first restored Moses's authority. The staff in Moses's hand until then represented the authority of the world that had become useless and now was used for herding sheep. God asked him to let go and gave him a new authority to hold the serpent by the tail (Ex 4:7). When one pulls a serpent by the tail, it arrests its advance. This was symbolic of the new authority that Jesus vested in his disciples (Luke 10:19) - to trample serpents and overcome the powers of the enemy. Do we feel the authority that the Lord has entrusted to us? If not, can we submit to him so that he can restore us?

God then restored Moses's hands or the fruit of his labor. Moses had lost everything he had built using his worldly hands - the leprous hand represented his pathetic state. Leprosy was incurable in those days and was a shameful disease, often blamed because of sin. Leprosy also spreads throughout the body, not unlike the situation with Moses. He had lost the work of his hands and now the disease had spread to his heart, bringing in discouragement and depression. His response to the divine mandate was muffled and a far cry from his days in Egypt where he enthusiastically tried to execute the same mandate in his way. Can we submit to the Lord and ask him to restore the work of our hands before we step into the new year?

Restoration alone was insufficient; God also revived Moses to accomplish the divine mandate. God's message was clear – it may look like Moses was an ordinary person at that point, akin to the water in the Nile, which was plenty and undistinguishable. But the Lord turned that ordinary-looking water into blood, representing new life. As Moses started executing God's plan, there was a divine transformation; he was a different person infused with a new life. As he started pouring out into the lives of the Israelites, the Lord revived him to do extraordinary miracles. It is written that the Lord made him a God to the people around him. Having his authority and hands restored and his spirit revived, Moses rose to become the most celebrated leader in the history of the world. Before we enter the new year, the Lord wants to revive our spirit and prepare us to accomplish his mandate in 2024. Can we submit to God so that he can "Restore" and "Revive" us to "Rescue" the lost as mandated by the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20)?

It was my incredible joy to spend three days (Dec 14th – 17th) with 57 Faithcity B'school alumni from 10 different states in India as part of a Power Conference arranged to restore and revive them. Arukash 2023 was kicked off at Faithcity Center and included anointed sessions to recharge and sharpen the alumni so that they can accelerate the Lord's work. I also had the privilege to meet each of them individually and listen to their stories: one has grown to pastor a church of 600 members, and another who came to the B'School without knowing how to read and write now has two churches. Many went back and completed their secular studies, including one preparing for the current civil service examination. Many are doing good jobs during the day and spreading the Gospel at night and during weekends, modeling the tent-making ministry of Apostle Paul. Many were persecuted but considered it their joy to suffer for the Lord. I pray that the new anointing on them will accomplish great things for the Lord in the coming months and years. *I can't wait for Arukash 2024!*

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Arukash 2023 Power Conference was graced by esteemed individuals such as Rev. Benny John, the Regional Overseer of the Church of God (FG) in Kolkata, Pr. Y. Reji, the Administrative Assistant of the Church of God (FG) in Kerala, Pr. Babu John, the Senior Pastor of Faithcity, Pr. M.I. Eapen from Bangalore, Dr. Giby Raphael, Associate Pastor at Faithcity, Dr. P.J. George from Prayagraj, Capt. Tity Mathews from Pune and Mr. Jacob Mohan, who ministered in various sessions. The influential leaders with decades of ministry experience in North India shared their insights, wisdom, and experiences. The power-packed sessions restored and revived the B'School alumni and current students, 77 in all, fostering a sense of unity and urgency among the participants. The attendees also got opportunities to share their stories, including their plans and vision for the Lord's kingdom. In one of the last conference sessions, they all rededicated themselves to the Lord's work. The Arukash 2023 Power Conference and Faithcity B' School Alumni meeting was a resounding success, freshly anointing all those who participated. In their own words, they are now pumped up and recharged, ready to go back and accelerate the Lord's work. God willing, we will be conducting Arukash as an annual event.

A Cherished Mentor and our Beloved Late Pastor Remembered

As I pen this encomium I find it difficult to attune to the fact that my beloved Pastor and spiritual mentor is not around. On a Monday evening in Nov 2010, Late Raymol aunty, a stranger at that point of time, dialled to inquire of my encounter with Jesus that she had heard of, from someone. She concluded with an invite to A J Hall to meet Pr. Baby. I responded with, "No, thank you." She said, "I will pray, you won't regret it." Like Gideon I asked Jesus, "If you want me to meet this man of God, tomorrow, at precisely 1 pm, a specific person must call and say," let's go to AJ Hall." It happened, verbatim! We arrived that evening at AJ Hall, the message was very unusual and power filled. At the end of it Late Raymol aunty coaxed us into the counselling room to meet Pastor.

As the initial greetings and introductions concluded, the conversation unfolded into varied topics like technology, to Corporate Training and what not." I wondered, "are you a Pastor, you are so unique, you don't seem to have those spiritual cliché's?" Suddenly, Pastor looked at my elder son and said, "Why are you here? Pack your bags, you are to be working abroad." I confirmed, "Holy Spirit has revealed this, but we see roadblocks all the way." He also said to me, "You will be at Faith City and also teach the mission students in the Bible College." I remarked, "Me?" He stated, "Yes, you will". All three of these things spoken, transpired smoothly. Within two weeks we were at Faith City, he also gifted me a Hindi bible and said, I will need it. Today, my elder son has qualified in Masters in the field of Engineering and is well settled in the US, the country which seemed impossible to go to at that point. We are members of Faith City church since then, I have trained many batches in Communicative English in the Bible College and even choreographed events on Watch night services with these students.

When Pastor asked us to meet for counselling for the first time, like an expert at it, he acknowledged that God had revealed we were broken and traumatised, as if he had the best camera "eye AF" eyes. I had an encounter with Jesus Christ on attempt of suicide in my home on 1st Sept 2001, so there was no human involvement in our encounter with Jesus. Our church experiences weren't great and so the euphoria of meeting believers had waned, our expectations were nil from church or church leaders. Pastor Baby instantly adopted us, three broken people, he gave us some spiritual exercises and a hand written "prescription of God's word", which always gave us radical deliverances. When we first visited Faith City, he took our feedback, I answered, "I would be a misfit, there is a huge cultural difference and I am not good at Malayalam." Pastor had a convincing response, that I was looking at Jesus not at people and Holy Spirit is the one who teaches languages, and "I am with you, you don't have to worry, I will take care". We continued going there, no regrets at all, church was joyous, our life changed forever.

True to every alphabet, comma, full stop, Pr. Baby stood by us in all our situations like a rock. He taught us to eat, drink, sleep the word of God, rooting us deeply in the word. He could be anywhere in the world, that didn't deter him in communicating to us and checking on our well-being. His schedule was so hectic but, he made time for us to resolve our every challenge. The word 'No' did not exist in his dictionary and he had solutions for every problem, both spiritual and practical. He wouldn't take a, "I can't do it Pastor", impediments were spring boards for him. He was a tough coach, literally pushed me into the water, swimming was the only option, but my battle was his too. He was always at the victory line to tell me, "See didn't I tell you, you could do this?" and call me "deflated balloon" with his sweet smile.



He brought us back to life, taught to fix our eyes on Jesus, hope for a great future, trust people, and love again. He instilled confidence in us and let us fly under his watchful eyes. But then transforming lives was his forte!! He was up to date of our life happenings until the last moment. My unforgettable moment was assisting Pastor in UCPI, which was held here at CIAL convention centre. I was heading the reception, at the bat of an eyelid he had already given the directive and resolved a serious problem. Radical, bold, a visionary, would not suffice to depict, that made Pr. Baby, our hero. I was always baffled by his high energy levels, intense passion for both Christ and people. His "yes" was "yes" and "no" was "no", a person of integrity, ethics and values. He was a mentor, father figure, Pastor and Gracy aunty, our only family we had. He left indelible marks in our lives. Reminiscing, we are eternally grateful to God for having chosen Pastor Baby, to pick up the pieces of our lives, and rebuild it. We are indebted for the consistent love, care, and commitment Pr. Baby had towards us. Moving on with life without you around is a formidable task, yet we are comforted that one day we will meet you in heaven!!



Lalitha Menon (Shobha) , FCC, Kochi.

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NEW CHAPTER, NEW VEHICLE ❤️❤️❤️ CarAvaN MINISTRY (GOSPEL in WORDS & DEEDS) launched by my spiritual father & my dearest friend Late Rev: P.R.Baby after its successful & blessed ministry in Kerala State reaping 100's of souls. NOW in the form of a new vehicle is been taken to Meghalaya by his son & my dearest brother Pr: Giby Raphael to do the same there..

C A R A V A N , GOSPEL in WORDS & DEEDS



Caravan Version 2.0 was dedicated to the Glory of God by Reverend Benny John, Regional Overseer of the Church of God (FG) in Kolkata. The dedication took place in the presence of Pastor Babu John, Senior Pastor of Faithcity Church in Kochi, and Pastor Giby Raphael, Associate Pastor, along with Youth Pastor Suresh George on December 17, 2023.

Pr. Suresh George
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RISING ABOVE HATRED

Embracing Forgiveness when Faced with Persecution

In Philippians 2: 5-10, we are encouraged to adopt the mindset of Christ Jesus. He, despite being in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped. Instead, he humbled himself by taking on the form of a servant and being born as a human. He went even further, obediently enduring the cross. As a result, God exalted him and bestowed upon him a name above all names. Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

In Luke 23:34, we witness Jesus' incredible forgiveness towards those who crucified him. He pleaded with the Father to forgive them, for they did not comprehend the magnitude of their actions. This act of forgiveness serves as a powerful example for us to love our enemies, bless those who curse us, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who mistreat and persecute us, as stated in Matthew 5: 43-44.

Acts 7:60 recounts the remarkable moment when Stephen, while being stoned, cried out to the Lord, asking Him not to hold this sin against his attackers. Even in the face of death, Stephen displayed a heart of forgiveness and compassion.

Therefore, do not be disheartened by the trials and tribulations that come your way. Instead, embrace them as opportunities for growth in faith and righteousness. Though they may bring sorrow and pain, remember that they serve a purpose in refining your character and building resilience, both individually and within the church. These trials can lead to widespread repentance and ignite powerful revivals. So, rejoice even in the midst of suffering, for these trials refine believers, like gold in the fire, producing the peaceable fruit of righteousness. Through these challenges, you are being strengthened and prepared for the greater purpose that God has ordained for you.

In times of persecution, a natural response is to come together in prayer and repentance, leading to powerful revivals. Conversely, when revivals occur, they often invite persecution.

Persecution serves as a catalyst for unity among believers, igniting a fervent desire to seek solace and strength in prayer. It is during these challenging times that individuals and communities turn their hearts towards God, seeking forgiveness and guidance. This collective repentance creates an atmosphere ripe for revival, where the Holy Spirit moves powerfully, transforming lives and renewing faith. However, it is important to note that revivals themselves can also attract persecution. The sheer magnitude of spiritual awakening and transformation can be unsettling to those who oppose the message of righteousness. As the light of revival shines brightly, it exposes the darkness and challenges the status quo, often leading to resistance and hostility.

Yet, despite the trials and tribulations faced by those who stand for righteousness, there is a promise of blessing. Matthew 5:10 reminds us that those who endure persecution for the sake of God's kingdom will inherit the kingdom of heaven. This assurance provides comfort and encouragement to believers, reminding them that their sacrifice and steadfastness will be rewarded.

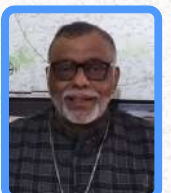
In conclusion, the interplay between persecution and revival is a profound phenomenon. Persecution fuels united prayer and repentance, paving the way for powerful revivals. Conversely, revivals often invite persecution as they challenge the prevailing norms. However, amidst the trials, there is a promise of blessing for those who remain steadfast in their pursuit of righteousness.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake (for the sake of the kingdom of God), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”.
(Mathew: 5:10)

When there is persecution, there will be more united prayer and repentance, resulting in great revivals; also, when there is revival, there will be persecution.



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES




FOR PRAYER



General Convention
February 8th to 11th, 2024
Location: D F Blind School, Kolkata


Church of God (FG) Central Eastern Region,
Satyen Park, Thakurpukur, Kolkata

The recording of all books and chapters of the Garo Audio Bible Old Testament has been completed. Currently, we are in the process of editing.





The translation of the Charis syllabus into the Garo language is currently underway. We are excited to announce that the Charis program will be launched in the Garo hills in February 2024.

Kings Caravan Version 2.0: (Northeast Edition) currently undergoing stage and body building enhancements. We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Kings Caravan program, set to commence in the Northeast region starting March 2024.



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Gasa English Medium School

Our vision is to cultivate the potential of every student by providing them with a world-class education grounded in Christian principles and community values, thus shaping them into the leaders of tomorrow. Our mission is to extend education to the Garo Tribe in Meghalaya and elevate the current literacy rate, which currently stands at a mere 40%. The primary factors contributing to this low literacy rate are the inadequate infrastructure, lack of facilities, and absence of basic amenities such as classrooms, furniture, and toilets. Additionally, the scarcity of trained teachers poses another significant challenge.


We are committed to transforming the educational landscape for the Garo Tribe, empowering them with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in an ever-evolving world. By addressing the pressing issues of infrastructure and facilities, we aim to create an environment conducive to learning, where students can flourish and reach their full potential. To achieve our mission, we will collaborate with local communities, government bodies, and other stakeholders to secure the necessary resources and support. By building modern classrooms equipped with proper furniture and sanitation facilities, we will provide a safe and comfortable space for students to learn and grow.

Furthermore, we recognize the critical role that teachers play in shaping young minds. Therefore, we will invest in training programs to enhance the skills and expertise of educators, ensuring they are equipped to deliver high-quality instruction. By attracting and retaining talented teachers, we can foster a nurturing and inspiring learning environment.

Our efforts extend beyond literacy; we strive to instill Christian principles and community values in our students. By integrating these principles into our curriculum, we aim to develop well-rounded individuals who possess not only academic knowledge but also strong moral character and a sense of responsibility towards their community.

Through our collective dedication and unwavering commitment, we are determined to double the current literacy rate among the Garo Tribe. By providing them with a world-class education rooted in Christian principles and community values, we will empower them to become leaders who will shape a brighter future for themselves and their community.

Sponsoring children is a meaningful way to make a positive impact in their lives. By providing financial support, you help them access education, healthcare, and other essential resources, breaking the cycle of poverty. Through sponsorship, you establish a personal connection with the child and receive updates on their progress, allowing you to see the direct impact of your support. Sponsoring a child is not just about financial assistance but also about fostering hope, encouragement, and empowerment. Reputable organizations run these programs, ensuring that your contributions are used efficiently and transparently. Ultimately, sponsoring a child allows you to play an active role in shaping their future and creating a world where all children have the chance to thrive.



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Nokrek National Park



The Nokrek National Park, situated approximately 2 km from Tura Peak in the West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya, India, is the core area of the Nokrek Biosphere Reserve. In May 2009, UNESCO recognized the Nokrek Biosphere Reserve, including the Nokrek National Park and the Balpakram National Park in South Garo Hills, as a Biosphere Reserve. This region is renowned for its exceptional biodiversity, making it a hotspot in Meghalaya.

Established in 1986, the National Park covers an area of approximately 47.48 square kilometers. It is managed by the Northern Nokrek Range and the Southern Nokrek Range, which fall under the East & West Garo Hills Wildlife Division of the Meghalaya State Forest Department.

