



# Mission Update

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## STARTING STRONG IN 2024

### Powerful Tactics to Kickstart a Successful Year in 2024



**Satya Nadella, the current CEO of Microsoft, recently the most valuable company in the world, attributed his company's turnaround to changing its culture from "know it all to learn it all." A posture of lifelong learning and discipline (derived from the root word – to learn) is common among all successful people in the world.**

The Bible also instructs all God's children to adopt discipline and knowledge in life. Hebrews 12:11 says that for the moment, all discipline may seem painful rather than pleasant, but later, it will yield the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

As we look forward to a list of things we want to accomplish this year, it would be worthwhile to look at how God himself accomplished his tasks. The Bible starts with these principles in Genesis chapter 1, where God used seven principles to accomplish the monumental task of creating the world and everything in it in seven days. God had a specific order for his work, and we can learn much from that.

**1. Attack hard things first.** One can argue about the difficulty levels of each day's creation, but one thing is certain: the Lord fixed the universe before he fixed the tiny earth. The Lord created the "light" and synchronization of the different galaxies, solar systems, stars, and planets on day one. Picking the hard things first is a common secular principle demonstrated by the experiment of filling a jar with stones and sand. The only way to pack all the stones and the sand in the jar is to fill the stones before the sand. I pray that in 2024, the Lord will help us to address the hard things without fear.

**2. Perfect, not the enemy of good.** Interestingly, the Lord created the plants before he created the sun and the moon. As a result, the day's duration differed from today, i.e., it was not perfect but good enough. This principle is commonly followed in entrepreneurship, where it is important to be agile and not wait forever until one achieves perfection before releasing the product. I pray that in 2024, the Lord will enable us to do what we can each day without worrying much about the next day.

**3. Break big tasks into smaller chunks.** I don't believe it took the Lord a whole day to accomplish the tasks for each day. We also do not see that the Lord, though perfectly capable, did not cram all tasks into one day. He split them into sensible chunks and accomplished them over seven perfect days. I pray that in 2024, the Lord will give us the wisdom to break difficult tasks into bite-sized chunks.

**4. Solicit periodic feedback.** After each day, the Lord reviewed his work and saw it was good. Closing the loop regularly is important to stay focused and execute on the bigger picture. Accountability can improve one's chances of success by over 50%. I pray that in 2024, the Lord will give us the courage to solicit feedback and review our work regularly.

**5. Celebrate milestones regularly.** The Lord could have waited until all creation was done to celebrate on the seventh day. But we read that he celebrated each day by reviewing and proclaiming that the day's work was good. It is key that we celebrate the smaller milestones periodically. I pray that in 2024, the Lord will give us time to celebrate often.

**6. Employ a variety of techniques.** The Lord created the first five days using words but used his hands to create man on the sixth day. Often, we fall into the trap of employing the techniques we are familiar with for every task, but each task needs a review of its technique. I pray that in 2024, the Lord will give us the wisdom to employ the technique befitting the task.

**7. Treat the seventh day as holy.** The Lord rested on the seventh day and proclaimed it holy. The Lord led by example first before he gave the Israelites the command to set apart the seventh day for worship. In 2024, I pray that the Lord will help us prioritize Sundays and, despite all our busyness, commit to attending church on all Sundays.

As Paul instructs his prodigy Timothy (2 Timothy 1:7), I pray that the Holy Spirit will enable us to start strong and adopt power, love, and discipline in everything we do as we start a new year. I pray that the Lord will enable us to accomplish great things for him and check all the boxes on our list for the year. I wish you all a happy new year, and I am excited to hear and see what the Lord will accomplish through you in **2024!**



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# Transcending Boundaries

## Recognizing the Infinite Value of a Soul

In 1 Corinthians 9:19-22, the apostle Paul states, "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak, I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some."

These words hold great significance in Achayan's life. He possessed a remarkable ability to empathize with the weaknesses of others, treating everyone equally regardless of their social status. He fearlessly immersed himself in any situation, no matter how challenging, to guide individuals towards the kingdom of God. Even if they repeatedly make mistakes, he forgives them, offers guidance, and corrects them, regardless of the personal cost. His sole purpose was to lead them to eternal salvation. Unfortunately, this behavior has attracted criticism from others, but Achayan understands that the value of a soul surpasses the entire world.

If a person is absent from the church meeting on Sunday, it is a significant concern. He will either call them after worship or visit their house. A trusted believer will be sent to investigate the matter if these attempts fail. Regardless of the issue, it will be resolved, and the person will be advised not to repeat their absence. He knows the place each of them sits in the congregation. Achayan even knew hundreds of children in the Church by their first and pet names. He is also involved in every aspect of the families in Faithcity church. He guides children's studies, helps them choose courses after high school, provides advice on studying abroad, work, business, financial matters, health concerns, and spiritual issues. He dedicates his time to address each matter individually, whether it requires spiritual or material attention. In the meantime, he will personally reach out to the absent person and inquire about their absence.

The Bible reading, prayer, and fasting are the ultimate solutions to any problem. Just as a doctor prescribes medicine to a patient, Achayan prescribes these spiritual practices to address the issues of individuals and families. Many believers have shared that they approached Achayan with their problems, feeling like they were carrying mountains. However, their burdens seem to vanish after speaking with him and praying. Achayan always had a solution for every issue.

If someone makes a mistake or has differences of opinion, he will confront them directly and honestly. Even if he initially gets angry, eventually, he will forgive and love them again. Our church is a diverse community, with members from various parts of the world who often call for prayer. If he cannot speak when they call, he will call them back before bed at night. Most of the time, he tends to stay up late at night. When I requested him to put his phone on silent mode, he always reminded me that only people with urgency call in the middle of the night. So how can I sleep turning off the phone?

"As Colossians 1:24 states, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, filling up what is lacking in Christ's sufferings in my flesh for his body, the church." This verse holds great significance in Achayan's life. His primary concern was about the health of the church and his ministry, rest got the least priority.

During our childhood, our parents were our primary confidants. However, after marriage, I shared all my thoughts and concerns with my husband.



I relied on Achayan for everything, whether health, finances, or any other matters. We would sit together, discuss, and pray, seeking solutions and guidance from God. Similarly, when making important decisions regarding our children's lives, they would seek Achayan's guidance. Not having that guidance now is a significant loss in our lives. However, God has been teaching me to turn to Him with my issues, to depend on Him fully these days, and to seek counsel from Him, as Isaiah 54:5 suggests. Our Lord never forgets, and he is faithful; I continue to trust in him.

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## The Path to Success

### My Story with Faithcity B School

I am grateful for the holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ. My name is Amol Bhosle, and I hail from Aurangabad, Maharashtra. I thank God for His goodness. In 2018, I had the privilege of coming to Faithcity B'School. Initially, I intended to bring my six brothers to Bible school, but the Lord had a different plan. He led me to stay and study at the B'School myself.

During my time at Faithcity, I found immense joy in studying the Bible. However, one day, I was struck with severe stomach pain that caused me great distress. Fearful that I might be suffering from a serious illness, I felt helpless and scared, as my parents were away and unable to provide the care I needed. Pastor P. R. Baby and the believers of Faithcity stepped in and took care of me during this difficult time. They not only provided physical care but also prayed fervently for my healing. I am especially grateful to Pastor Babu N George for his care and unwavering support. He stayed with me three days in the hospital until my pain was manageable.

After completing my course at Faithcity B'school, I returned to my village in Aurangabad, Maharashtra, and embarked on a ministry journey with God's grace. I began visiting nearby villages, distributing tracts, and praying for those in need. God started working in miraculous ways in our village, as people began gathering for prayer. Presently, we have a congregation of thirty individuals seeking the Lord's guidance.



The Lord has been good to me. I have had the opportunity to preach the good news to thousands of people, distributing Bibles and tracts along the way.

Despite facing persecution in our ministry, God continues to watch over us. To sustain myself, I have taken up driving an auto-rickshaw while simultaneously serving the Lord. I am blessed with a loving wife who actively supports me in the Lord's ministry, and together, we have been blessed with a son and a daughter.



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# LOST LIVES, LOST DREAMS



## Unraveling the Devastating Impact of Drug Use in Northeast India

The drug use problem in Northeast India has reached critical levels, posing a major threat to the well-being and development of the region. However, with the right approach and concerted efforts from the government and society, it is possible to overcome this issue. Firstly, awareness campaigns need to be conducted to educate the public about the dangers of drug use and its consequences. These campaigns should target schools, colleges, and communities to reach the youth, who are most vulnerable to falling into the trap of drug addiction.

Secondly, there is a need for better infrastructure and support for rehabilitation centers. These centers should not only focus on detoxification but also provide programs for skill development, counseling, and reintegration into society. This would give recovering drug users a chance to rebuild their lives and contribute positively to their communities. Additionally, government funds should be allocated to provide affordable and accessible treatment options, making it easier for individuals to seek help without financial burden.

Lastly, social stigma surrounding drug use and addiction must be dismantled. Often, those struggling with drug addiction face discrimination and isolation, which further hinders their path to recovery. By creating a supportive and non-judgmental environment, individuals will be more likely to seek help and join rehabilitation programs. Peer support groups should also be encouraged to provide a sense of belonging and solidarity among individuals in recovery.

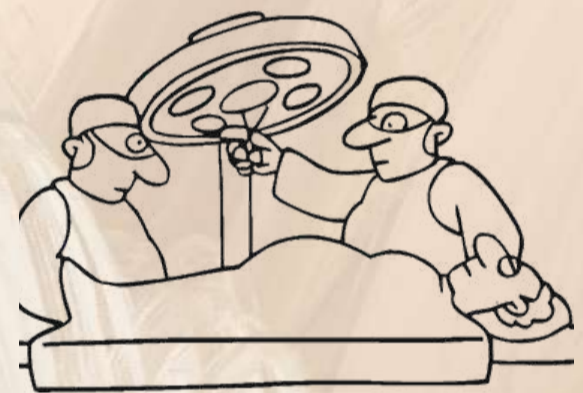


Overcoming the drug use problem in Northeast India requires a multifaceted approach. Through educational campaigns, the establishment of rehabilitation centers, and the elimination of social stigma, individuals struggling with drug addiction can find the support and resources they need to overcome their challenges. The government, society, and individuals need to work together to combat this issue and create a better future for Northeast India.

**Kings Caravan 2.0:** One of the key elements of our campaign is the utilization of a specially designed truck, equipped with a built-in stage. This mobile platform will allow us to reach various locations within the community, ensuring that our message is accessible to all.

## Enhancing Healthcare Access

Medical camps in Garo Hills, Meghalaya play a crucial role in providing healthcare services to underserved populations, especially in remote and rural areas with limited access to medical facilities. These camps offer diagnosis and treatment, as well as raise awareness about preventable diseases and promote proactive healthcare practices. They are essential in bridging the healthcare gap and ensuring equitable access to quality healthcare for all residents in Garo Hills. The limited availability of healthcare facilities in the region makes these camps vital, as they bring healthcare services directly to the communities, saving them the trouble of long travel and ensuring timely care.



Medical camps also serve as platforms for health professionals to educate the community about various health issues, empowering individuals to make informed decisions and adopt preventive measures. Overall, medical camps address immediate healthcare needs while creating a positive impact on the community's health and well-being in Garo Hills. P R. Baby Foundation is planning to conduct few number of medical camps in Garo hills in 2024.

## Igniting Change Volunteering Transforms Rural Areas



Volunteering for rural development in Northeast India has become important for promoting sustainable development and addressing socio-economic disparities in the region. People participate in volunteer activities gain a comprehensive understanding of rural development, enabling them to contribute effectively to community empowerment. One key aspect is the promotion of interest group, which empower women and promote financial inclusion. Volunteering also allows them to improve education and healthcare in remote areas, by organizing campaigns, workshops, and health screenings. Overall, volunteering in Northeast India offers people a chance to make a meaningful difference and develop practical skills for sustainable development. P R. Baby Foundation is planning to organise different volunteering programmes in Garo hills in 2024.

The New School Academic Year is set to commence in Meghalaya State during the first week of February. Our primary goal is to cultivate the leaders of tomorrow by nurturing the innate potential of each student through a World Class Education that is firmly rooted in Principles and Community Values. This endeavor is specifically focused on the indigenous tribe residing in the Garo hills of Meghalaya.

To kickstart this initiative, we have undertaken the necessary repairs of the existing classrooms, ensuring they are fully prepared for the upcoming academic year. Furthermore, we have planned additional infrastructure developments that will be initiated in April of this year.

In addition to these efforts, we are also dedicated to implementing Non-Formal Education Programs (NFE) in remote villages, aiming to provide education to children who may otherwise lack access to formal schooling.

By combining our commitment to academic excellence with a deep respect for community values, we strive to create an engaging and enriching educational environment for all students in Meghalaya State.

## Navigating the Future: Strategies for the Upcoming Academic Year 2024



# Sponsoring Garo Children for Education



## An Investment towards Empowerment

The education of children is undeniably one of the most crucial factors in promoting individual and societal development. However, in many underprivileged communities, the lack of resources and opportunities hinders children's access to quality education, perpetuating cycles of poverty and limiting their long-term prospects. In the case of the Garo children, an indigenous tribe located in Northeast India, sponsorship programs emerge as a powerful tool to provide them with a pathway to education and a brighter future. By investing in the education of Garo children, we contribute to their holistic development, empower communities, and foster sustainable progress.

Sponsoring Garo children for their education is an investment in their holistic development. Education provides children not only with academic skills, but also with critical thinking abilities, character building opportunities, and exposure to new ideas. With increased access to quality education, Garo children can develop a broad skill set that empowers them to pursue higher education and secure better employment opportunities in the future. Education also plays a vital role in enhancing their social and emotional well-being, enabling them to become active and engaged citizens who can contribute positively to their communities. Through sponsorship programs, we can ensure access to quality education for Garo children, thereby empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty and reach their full potential.

Sponsoring children for education not only benefits the individual child but also fosters community empowerment. By supporting education initiatives within the Garo community, we create an environment conducive to long-term growth and progress. Educated individuals serve as role models, inspiring others and cultivating a culture of learning within the community. Moreover, by investing in education, we contribute to the overall development of the Garo society, as an educated population becomes more equipped to address social issues, promote sustainable development, and advocate for their rights. Sponsorship programs can uplift entire communities by generating a multiplier effect, where educated individuals positively influence the lives of others, fostering upward mobility and sustainable change.



It also aligns with the principles of sustainable progress. Education is an investment that yields long-term benefits, not only for the children themselves but also for society as a whole. By providing education opportunities to Garo children, we equip them with the tools to actively participate in their nation's economic growth and development. As they acquire knowledge and skills, they become agents of change, initiating innovative solutions to community challenges and contributing to the overall well-being of society. Ultimately, sponsoring the education of Garo children is a sustainable investment that empowers them to break free from the cycle of poverty, leads to community empowerment, and contributes to the progress of society at large.

**Sponsoring Garo children for education is an investment in their holistic development, community empowerment, and sustainable progress. By providing them with access to quality education, we equip them with the skills necessary to navigate the complexities of the modern world, lifting them out of poverty and enabling them to contribute actively to their communities. Through sponsorship programs, we empower Garo children to reach their full potential, building a brighter future for themselves and their society.**

### Join us in making their dreams come true.

- **Volunteering:** Become a volunteer and teach students for a short-term period.
- **Sponsor a student's education:** Support deserving students by covering their fees, uniform costs, and book expenses. These students come from families who cannot afford to provide education for their children.
- **Midday meal program:** Many students are unable to have lunch because they come from remote villages and have to start their journey to school very early. Help us provide them with a nutritious midday meal.
- **Teaching aids:** Assist the school in acquiring additional teaching aids to enhance the effectiveness of education.
- **Toys and play equipment:** Donate reusable toys and play equipment to enrich the students' learning experience.

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## Garo Bamboo House



The Garo tribe builds their homes using bamboo, timber, cane, and dried palm leaves. Each man is responsible for constructing his own dwelling, with help from family and others in the tribe. Younger members learn the skills involved in building the houses, preserving their traditional art form. The tribe carefully selects the materials from surrounding forests, inspecting each piece for quality. They shape the wood and bamboo and treat them to make them flexible. Wooden posts are erected as the foundation, with bamboo used extensively in the construction. Jute ropes and dried palm leaves are used to hold the bamboo together, and bamboo boards reinforce the walls and floors. The tribe's architectural techniques reflect their connection to natural resources and they pass on their knowledge to maintain their cultural heritage.

## PORK KAPPA



One popular dish called Kappa is made in almost every household. It is a simple and tasty dish made with pork and soda, which aids digestion. Despite being light, Kappa is packed with flavors and spiciness.

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