

## THE TENT MAKER

Expanding the Vision of My Father

Part: I

Apostle Paul's tentmaking ministry offers a profound illustration of how vocational work can intersect effectively with spiritual missions. As he disseminated the Christian gospel throughout various cities in the Roman Empire, Paul financially sustained himself by crafting tents. This strategic decision allowed him to maintain independence and alleviate financial

burdens on the communities he served. His approach not only supported his missionary activities but also set a standard for self-sufficiency and **sustainability** in ministry.

My visit to Atari, a small village near the India-Pakistan border in Amritsar, Punjab, highlighted the severe implications of lacking sustainability in ministry. Over 30 churches lay deserted in this

village following the cessation of modest monthly support from the Gospel for Asia organization. This situation reaffirms the proverb: "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish,



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## Wretched Poor And Helpless Worm, On Thy Kind Arms I Fall

Dr. William Carey, often referred to as the "Father of Modern Missions," was an English Christian missionary and one of the founders of the Baptist Missionary Society. His dedication to spreading Christianity in India left a lasting impact on the missionary movement. Following his death in 1834, a fitting tribute was established through an inscription on his tombstone which reads: "**A wretched, poor, and helpless worm, on Thy kind arms I fall.**" This epitaph reflects Carey's humility and reliance on God for strength throughout his missionary endeavors. It serves as a powerful reminder of Carey's unwavering faith and devotion to his calling, inspiring others to emulate his selflessness and commitment to spreading the Gospel. The inscription encapsulates Carey's legacy as a pioneer in cross-cultural evangelism and continues to resonate with those who seek to follow in his footsteps today.

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## FAITH WORTH EMBRACING

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith".

Hebrews 13:7

It has been two years since the passing of Pastor. P R. Baby, but his vision lives on through his dedicated team.

Sustainable community development in Northeast India was a long-held desire of his, one that he prayed for over the course of 20 years. While he was unable to make significant progress on this goal during his lifetime, he was successful in building a strong team to carry out his vision for the region.

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Burial Site of Dr. William Carey

# Goal Setting



## PART: 01

Setting goals is crucial for Christian leaders as it provides clarity, motivation, measurable progress, and a sense of achievement. By humbly surrendering to God and seeking His plans through the Holy Spirit, prayer, and the Bible, leaders can set meaningful goals and make valuable contributions to the world. Trusting in God's guidance gives hope in achieving these goals and fulfilling our unique purposes on Earth.

Jesus was sent to help people have a relationship with God. The goal is for people to know and believe in God, seek his kingdom and righteousness, and follow his teachings in the Bible. By staying connected to Jesus, we can live a fruitful and fulfilling life.



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## SUBMIT YOUR GOALS TO GOD.

“In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.” This quote from Proverbs 16:9 reminds us that while we may make plans, ultimately it is God who guides our steps. It cautions against becoming too fixated on our own plans and urges us to trust in God's guidance.

It's important to be flexible when things don't go as planned. Understand that setbacks are a part of the journey, so be kind to yourself and trust that God is guiding you. By allowing God to work in your life, you will fulfill His purpose and experience His peace.

## “Leading with Purpose

## The Value of Goal-Setting for Christian Leaders

Biblical characters like Noah, Apostle Paul, and Moses set goals with God's direction and strength. They achieved their goals because they knew God had a purpose for their lives. This shows that setting goals with God's guidance is important and effective..

## CHECK YOUR MOTIVES

To ensure our goals align with God's will, we should bring our motives to Him in prayer and examine them through the lens of Scripture. This helps us determine if our goals are motivated by a desire to please God or ourselves. By using prayer and Scripture as a guide, we can ensure our goals are in line with God's plan for us. Jeremiah 29:13 tells us that we will find God when we seek Him wholeheartedly. When we align our goals and desires with God's will, He will guide us on the right path for our lives.

## MOTIVATION AND JOB PERFORMANCE WILL BE HIGHER WHEN FOUR CONDITIONS ARE MET

Research has shown that motivation and job performance are positively impacted when four key conditions are met in the workplace.

- Goals are clear and specific
- Goals should be challenging for the individual,
- People are committed to achieving the goals,
- Leaders provide feedback on their team's progress against the goals.

In conclusion, motivation serves as a cornerstone for enhancing job performance, driving employees to achieve personal and organizational goals. By implementing the above four conditions in the workplace, organizations can create a culture that encourages high levels of motivation and drives employee productivity.

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and you feed him for a lifetime." Emulating Paul's example, sustainability must be prioritized by Christian organizations to ensure the continuity of the Lord's work beyond the lifespans of individuals and institutions.

This month marks the second anniversary of my late father, Pastor P.R. Baby. I deeply admire his foresight when he established Faithcity B'School 17 years ago for underqualified but eager students from northern India. He ingeniously integrated theology with character development and vocational training in a year-long residential program, advocating that natives should evangelize India independently of external support, including tithes. Many graduates are now self-sufficient, engaging in various occupations such as hairdressing, rickshaw driving, and teaching.

Rooted in prayer and building upon my father's legacy, we aim to enhance his vision to equip one million Indian citizens with the means to earn a decent living. Our surveys across several Indian states indicate that although land acquisition is not a barrier, the primary occupation - agriculture - is not financially viable for many. This is due to limited margins, greedy middlemen and layers away from end customers, limited knowledge of value-added processes, including branding and marketing, and lack of access to lucrative markets.

We plan to empower farmers with training in high tech farming and improved irrigation and teach them the economics of land use. By direct marketing, removing middlemen and commission agents, we aim to ensure farmers receive fair market prices. Our initiative will process and brand these products, sharing the stories of the people behind them, and exclusively export them to churches in the United States and Europe. High-quality products championed by a mission-driven cause are poised to excel in export markets. Profits will be redistributed back to the producers as annual bonuses, supplemented by micro-finance to minimize barriers to entry.

My father embraced a counterintuitive principle: "Do nothing and let the Lord take the first step." Inspired by his approach, I am pleased to report significant progress in our

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**"Elevate a Million" project. While focusing on agriculture, we also plan to expand into vocations like robotics, call centers, and small businesses to achieve our divine goal of providing a decent job to a million Indian citizens.**



**Pastor. P R. Baby**  
1952 - 2022

## Faith worth Embracing Cont... Page:01

Pastor Baby consistently demonstrated unwavering faith in Jehovah Jireh, firmly believing that provision would always follow vision. **I was fortunate to witness his faith in action numerous times. Whenever he received a vision from God and formulated a project accordingly, he never once asked for funds to carry it out. Instead, he relied completely on God's provision.** Through this steadfast faith, he was able to build all projects and infrastructure of Faithcity Church, allowing God to work miracles for the fulfillment of his visions. Having strong faith in Jesus means trusting in His power and willingness to provide for all our needs, both physical and spiritual.

The Bible reminds us in Philippians 4:19 that "God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." This verse assures believers that God's provision is abundant and limitless.

Strong faith also requires surrender and gratitude, recognizing that God's timing and ways are higher than our own. Jesus taught us to pray for "daily bread" (Matthew 6:11), a reminder to depend on Him every day for our needs rather than worrying about the future. This dependence builds a relationship of trust, where we experience His faithfulness and provision firsthand.



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## Gasa English Medium School (GEMS)

The Meghalaya Mission Team visited Gasa English Medium School on October 25, 2024, to observe the ongoing infrastructure development and other activities. They engaged in discussions with the teachers and management team to explore opportunities for further improvement.



The Annual Day Celebration of Gasa English Medium School took place on November 6, 2024. The esteemed guest of honor was Sri. Vibhor Agarwal, IAS Deputy Commissioner of East Garo Hills. The Chief Guest of the function was Dr. Jacob K Mathai, Chairman of Kings Educational Trust in Kollam, Kerala. The event featured a variety of cultural and skill programs showcasing the talents of the school's students.

The Annual Sports Week commenced on October 22, 2024, at Gasa English Medium School. The event kicked off with a vibrant march past by the students, followed by a series of exciting sports competitions. The winners were honored with trophies as a token of their outstanding achievements.



A one-day seminar on Artificial Intelligence and Robotics was held at A.B. Mission Compound in Tura, Meghalaya. The event was graced by the presence of Sri. Jagdish Chelani, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of West Garo Hills, as the chief guest. The technical sessions were expertly led by Dr. Giby Rahael, CEO of Revobots LLC based in the USA.



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A Level One training program was held in Tikrikila, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya state from October 11th to October 13th, 2024. The sessions were conducted by esteemed leaders including Pr. Rakbat D Momin, Pr. Hardinson A Sangma, Pr. Wilson G Momin, Evg. Riksan Marak, and Evg. Kerin C Marak. A total of fifteen individuals from Tikrikila village actively participated in the training program, gaining valuable knowledge and skills to enhance their spiritual development.



The Growth Mindset is a comprehensive approach to cultivating the mindset of individuals to become exemplary citizens who work towards the advancement of society, while upholding democratic values. Good citizens exhibit accountability for their actions, abide by laws, respect the rights of others.



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## *Arukash 2024* To Restore & Revive

## POWER Conference



The Arukash 2024 conference, a powerful gathering for the 30 esteemed alumni of Faithcity B' School, took place from November 5th to 7th, 2024 at the Church of God (FG) in India, Central Eastern Region, Kolkata. The conference was inaugurated by Regional Overseer Rev. Benny John and featured sessions led by esteemed individuals such as Rev. Benny John, Dr. Giby Raphael, Pr. John Zechariah, Pr. Blesson Mathew, Pr. Shibu T Mathew, Pr. Babu N George, and Dr. P J. George. Alumni from various batches of Faithcity B' School from states such as Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Maharashtra attended the conference. The event concluded with a closing message from Rev. Benny John on November 7th, 2024.

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# KING'S CARAVAN. 2.0



Drug use among youths in the Northeastern states of India has emerged as a significant social and public health concern. Factors such as proximity to international drug trafficking routes, porous borders, and socio-economic challenges have exacerbated the problem in this region. States like Manipur, Nagaland, and Mizoram report high prevalence rates, with substances like heroin, cannabis, and prescription drugs being commonly abused. A drug awareness campaign is a vital initiative focused on educating individuals, particularly the youth, about the perils of substance abuse and advocating for a drug-free lifestyle. These campaigns typically involve community outreach programs, workshops in educational institutions, and the utilization of mass media to spread awareness about the detrimental effects of drugs on health, relationships, and society.

Faithcity A.chik Foundation and P R. Foundation recently launched a truck equipped with a mobile stage and sound system to conduct drug awareness campaigns in the Northeastern States of India. Throughout October and November 2024, numerous outdoor meetings were organized by youth groups in Siliguri, West Bengal, and Arunachal Pradesh. This initiative aims to empower individuals with knowledge and resources to make informed decisions and lead healthy, drug-free lives. By engaging with communities and utilizing various platforms for outreach, we strive to create a positive impact and promote a culture of awareness and prevention.

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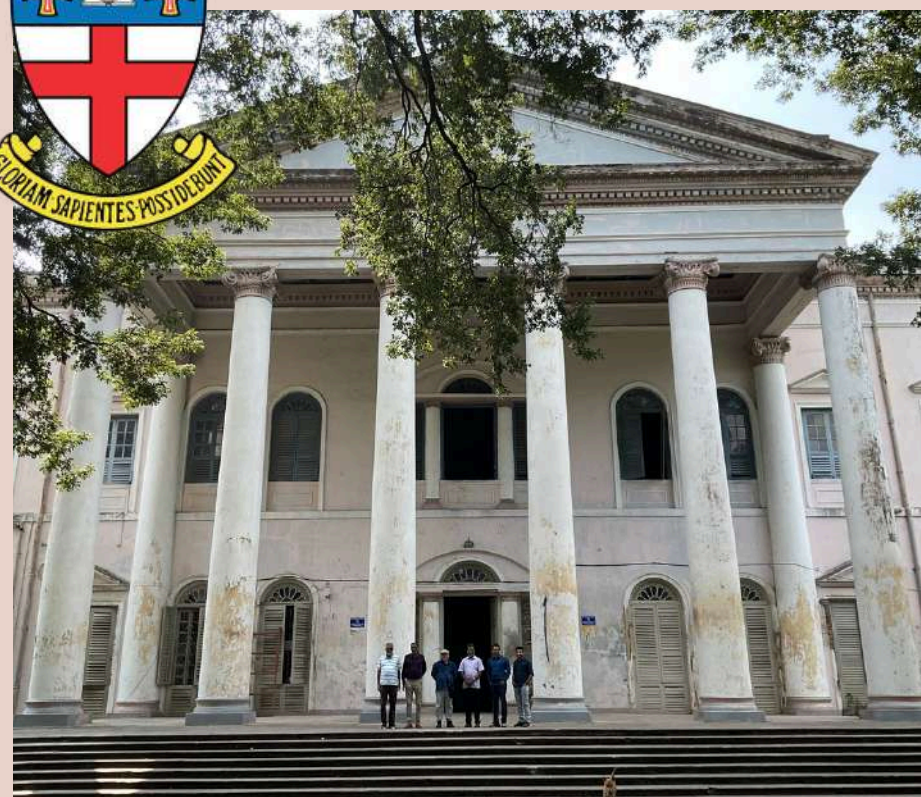


## Serampore College

Serampore College, located in the historic town of Serampore near Kolkata, is one of India's oldest and most prestigious educational institutions. Established in 1818 by Danish missionaries led by William Carey, Joshua Marshman, and William Ward, the college holds a unique legacy as the first institution in India authorized to confer degrees in theology and other disciplines. **The university status for Serampore College was approved by the King of Denmark, Frederick VI, in 1827.** He granted a Royal Charter to the college, empowering it to confer degrees in theology and other disciplines. This royal charter made Serampore College the first institution in India with degree-awarding authority, laying the foundation for the Senate of Serampore College (University), which continues to oversee theological education across India. The charter remains a significant milestone in the history of Indian higher education. The campus, nestled by the Hooghly River, boasts a serene environment and colonial-era architecture that reflects its rich heritage. The college offers a diverse range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and theological programs, fostering academic excellence and social service. Its contributions to higher education and community development make it a vital landmark in the educational history of India.



**Gloriam Sapientes Possidebunt**  
"The wise will possess glory"



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