

PREACHING CHRIST AND PLANTING CHURCHES SINCE 1974

GGMessenger



FROM FAITH TO FRUIT

48 years after
Dr. Russelliah's
founding vision,
new ministry wings
take flight!

Planted on the solid Rock of Christ for 48 years, Gilgal Gospel Mission (GGM) is like a mustard seed that grew to flourish. GGM's Indian Missionary Church has 37 built and house churches, and 35 church planting centers. The Indian Theological Seminary trained 550+ students and we raised and educated hundreds of children through the Children's Home and St. Philip's School. These are 4 of 12 vision ministries of the founders, Rev. Dr. Chelliah and Christobel Russelliah.

By God's grace in 2021, Sunil Singh Nallathambi and Thehil Russelliah Singh's 2nd generation of leadership planted 5 more of the ministries.

Pray with us that the Lord completes the vision by adding medical care, community development and village adult education.



PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

With a mission to spread the gospel and support the ministry through prayer, this ministry began during the pandemic. Today 54 Prayer Fellowship groups meet for prayer weekly or monthly, in person or online, throughout India. Groups include staff, missionaries, students, homemakers, youth and men's groups at our churches. Prayer requests are prepared at headquarters to pray for GGM, Christian groups, the nation, world conflicts, and any special requests. We always pray that the word of the Lord would run swiftly and be glorified (II Thess. 3:1). We hope to expand Gilgal Prayer Fellowship to the U.S.! **To include our prayer requests with your family, friends or bible study, use our "contact us" page on the website!**



India's homeless population exceeds 1.8 million people abandoned by family and ignored by society. As the pandemic progressed and a food shortage ensued, people began asking for food instead of money.

URBAN HOMELESS MINISTRY

GGM's Homeless Ministry began July 2021 and, by God's grace, we have continued to prepare and distribute 100 hot meals to individuals in our locality each month. We have also started distributing groceries every two months. It is a special blessing to serve food to vulnerable children.

We always talk and pray with those who are interested. We hope to expand this ministry with a food pantry.



WE THANK GOD AND YOU!

GGM has always been a faith ministry, depending on God for our daily bread. His great grace has carried us through many lean times.

An expanding ministry, inflation, and unexpected repairs have caused a significant strain on the budget. Please join us in prayer that God will provide for our needs.

We would be grateful if you are led to share support with GGM to help us through this time.

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MEDIA MINISTRY



In-person services, bible studies and Sunday schools were cancelled in 2020 due to COVID and we struggled to minister to those in rural areas. But we found that with an online ministry and YouTube we could share the gospel in a dynamic way. VBS, women's conferences, sermons, youth activities, and special program videos have hundreds of views and have expanded our reach beyond what we imagined.

Children report watching Gilgal Kids program for Sunday school. One child said he watched the VBS song videos to learn the miracles of God and he taught his friends. Teens report being encouraged to refocus their lives on God and develop their spiritual life. Some online viewers from other churches even used Gilgal-TV content to share the gospel in their own churches. We are so blessed and excited to use this tool to glorify God.

A Testimony

At GGM's Erode church, the trainer said fellowship and prayer during training help women to have faith in God when their life is hard. Malathi said "The women began bringing people who are sick for prayer. The tailoring skills help ladies meet family needs like sewing marriage clothes and school uniforms".

President's Message



VOCATIONAL TRAINING MINISTRY

So many in India lack financial independence due to lack of education and training. One founding goal was a vocational training center with skill-based classes that lead to small businesses. Last year, we began a vocational training program for women to learn how to sew and start tailoring businesses.

These classes have been such a blessing to the surrounding community and many women have attended classes at our 2 centers. Instructors say the women learn a skill, but also fellowship, pray and ask questions about God and the Bible. We look forward to expanding this program by offering additional skill-based classes in the future.



Greetings from Gilgal Gospel Mission India!

I remember GGM founders, Rev. Dr. Chelliah Russelliah and Christobel K. Russelliah, stressing the significance of faith in their ministerial journey. In tough situations, they leaned on their faith and God always provided. When Thehil and I took up leadership of GGM in July 2020, we knew there would be many times when we too would need to exercise our faith.

Genuine faith produces faithfulness. Jesus was full of faith and, as a result, was faithful to the command of God the Father. At His baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Him, and a voice said, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11). Immediately after this, the Spirit sent Jesus to the wilderness where he was tempted by Satan for forty days.

Often after we receive affirmation from God, we experience trials and temptations. The past two years were an exercise in faith for us as we wait upon God for our daily bread. Many of you experience challenges like the passing of a loved one, illness, or financial difficulties. These situations are opportunities to exercise our faith and become even more faithful to God's plan for our lives. In difficult times, our circumstances can become opportunities for us to grow in faith.

We are so grateful for the path that has brought GGM to this time and for the journey ahead. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. God bless your efforts for the expansion of the Kingdom of God in India. Grace and peace to you!

Media Ministry Continued

Our volunteers, mostly young adult and teenage children of missionaries are instrumental in improving GGM's presence on social media like Facebook and Instagram. **Please like/follow us on Facebook and YouTube to stay in touch with what's happening.** We are grateful for their efforts as they follow in their parent's footsteps to carry the gospel to the unreached and expand our impact beyond physical spaces of the church.



CORE MINISTRIES FLOURISH

For 20 years, GGM ministered in Erode, worshiping in rented homes because we could not build a church. In 2021, by God's grace, we bought land and built a church in the Solar village. In February, the building was dedicated, and the congregation gave thanks and glorified God.

At the Indian Theological Seminary, 34 students joined this year including 1st generation Christians, students from tribal backgrounds, women, and refugees. The Bachelor of Theology will be pursued by 21 students and 13 students will train for the Bachelor of Divinity. The total enrollment is 60. Students are once again very involved in weekend village ministry.

Despite India being in the top 10 of Open Doors Watch List for persecuted Christians, 24 people were baptized and openly confessed their belief in Jesus being the one true God. Baptism comes with an economic and social impact to these believers. We thank God for His calling and their courage.

Ten new church planting centers have been firmly established in villages that had no Christian witness. Thanks to the weekend work of seminary students, God's word is running and being glorified! (2 Thess. 3:1)

Both the February Children's Rallies and summer VBS held at church and church planting centers served around 1,300 children. Songs, skits, memory verses, and fun activities taught about God's children and how He created them to be incredible for Him.



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