

GENESIS

Indian Pentecostal Assemblies



HISTORY

“The just shall live by faith” is the voice that guided my father Rev. Dr. Job Gnanaprakasam to start Indian Pentecostal Assemblies in 1976 in a small underground hall of a shopping complex near gandhipuram bus stand. A handful of believers gathered together in a rented hall for Rs. 150/- a month and started a small church. Pastor David Prakasam completed his two years theological training from A.O.G Bible college in UK and joined his parents in his church ministry in Aug,76. With the little income they had from the church, Rev. Job also started two branch churches one in pollachi and one in mettupalayam. Who can despise the beginning of small things!

In 1978, Rev. Job with the help of some of his friends who loaned him money for interest purchased a home which had a vacant shed to run the church. So, with the help of Pastor. David Prakasams friends the car shed was converted to a prayer shed and the Coimbatore church started to grow from a handful of believers to a few hundreds. In 1980, the Lord gave a powerful promise to the leaders from Rev 3:7, 8. “I have set before you an open door and no one can shut it”. In the same year Rev, Goran Duveskog and Rev. Per Arne Evenson from Tros Gnistan

Mission visited Coimbatore, led by the Holy spirit and entered into a covenantal relationship with its leaders to be partners together in building the kingdom of God. As the years went by, the Lord added other partners from England, Holland, and US.

Dr. Job G had a dream that IPA was like a power house with its lights spreading to many places. True to the dream God began to give many branches for IPA. The Lord gave a vision to Pastor. David Prakasam to start a Bible college and train many young men and women to plant churches across India. Pastor. David Prakasam and his wife Ketzia pioneered the bible college and trained hundreds of pastors and leaders who began to go and plant churches all across south India. They also started sending missionaries to north India since 1984. In the 1990's the Lord gave them a vision to train leaders in north to reach the north. So the bible school in Chandigarh was started in the early 90's and churches began to be established in many states of North India. In the year 2000, the Lord sent our first international missionary to Nepal and he succeeded in planting his first church there. As a result, we also started a bible school in Nepal and started to plant churches in Nepal

and Bhutan.

Our second International missionary from our Bible College was from srilanka and we started srilankan churches also. Dr. Job had given my younger brother, Pastor Peter Prakasam, the responsibility of the church from 1982 to 1987 where after he wanted to pioneer a church in Kovaipudur. In 2010, Pastor Peter received the vision to strengthen the church planting, he started the Discipleship courses wherever he went and he also established a training centre in Hisar, training disciples and planting churches. Pastor Andrew Prakasham, also my younger brother started his own ministry called share in Asia and through that, he started helping to build many church buildings for IPA Pastors all across the country.

Today by the grace of God IPA has grown from 4 churches to over 700 churches in three nations, 20 states and 18 languages all across India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan. Now we are by faith reaching out to Myanmar and Bangladesh. Our vision in to plant 2020 churches by 2020, a church in every district, a church in every panchayat headquarters, a church for every people group, fulfilling the great commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ as declared in Matthew 28:18.