

THE STORY OF DR. JOB AND MOTHER RUTH

LEGACY

they left behind

Rev. Job and Ruth walked into the city of Coimbatore as a young newly married couple, in their early twenties in 1947 to make a conquest for the kingdom of God. With a humble beginning in the parsonage of the Assemblies of God Church of Great Britain, in Coimbatore, they began their ministry with Abraham kind of faith.

No book reads, no tell a tale experiences or role models or foot prints to lead them to follow. They walked through the dreary way with poverty as their only constant companion for 25 long years. Many a time their cinder was never lit for a day or days only to end in a unheard event of miracle. Their pockets never jingled with money. In those days Job had a bicycle on which he traveled miles around the city and wormed his way into the villages to preach the Gospel. Soon the people became familiar with the sight of a man in Indian Jippa (shirt) and dhoti screaming over a megaphone that Jesus is the Lord.

He was sometimes accepted sometimes ignored or harassed but he never stopped preaching at the street corner or rail carriages or inside the bus, after the conductor finished collecting tickets. He was even badgered as 'Loose' in the local terms (which meant being out of one's mind), for such an act of giving altar calls in public transports.

With little means they started churches at key places in the city, as and when God asked him to pioneer a work. No matter how great an established work he had to leave behind, and no matter how great his toil in gathering souls and the wealth he had accumulated for himself, the moment he heard God tell him to quit the place to go to another corner to break a fresh ground for the Gospel, he would do so.



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Photos: 1. Dr. Job giving away groceries to the tribal people 2. helping the lepers with clothes 3. Dr. Job and Pastor David Prakasam ministering in the old church in crosscut road, Coimbatore

They were the pioneers in evangelism in the city which was out and out a heathen land. Job and Ruth carried their little household to the places God showed them. They walked the length and breath of the city starting churches. Today he has five churches in the heart of the city to his credit which even today stand as sky rockets carrying souls uncountable. Finally they camped at the Indian Pentecostal Assemblies (now known as Bethel City Cathedral) and this monumental work sums up all that they stood for in their past. Such work as theirs was rooted on sacrifice and prayer. The miles their feet covered on the dusty roads and dangerous elephant frequented hills speak loudly of their sacrificial toil in the mission field. They never failed to share their food with the hungry, their cottage with the homeless, and the little money they had, with the poor. But soon God changed their scenario from poverty to sufficiency. God brought many of His children from all over the world to Job's house. Some of them helped Job to carry out the church ministry and a few social work such as children's home for the poor and the destitute, Homes for the widows, Lepers, castaways, and prison returned women. The Lord enlarged their territory.

Rev Job had a passionate love for expounding the Word of God, that he preached from the world's pulpit, physically as well as through his prolific writings. These were eagerly read by multitudes of different religions and races. He distinguished himself as an exponent of the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. Job in those days used to walk 15 kms to Narasimhanaickenpalayam and preach every week. He used to take ordinary buses and travel to the south-

ern districts and go to the village churches and stay for 3 days, and pioneered churches and guided them like a father. He travelled much for the gospel and that is one of the reasons for the growth of churches. Many learned people listened to his preachings and resigned their jobs and joined him in the ministry.

If Job was mightily impressing the church goers and educated society with his scholarly writing and preaching to the populous crowd, mother Ruth was wielding a great influence on women - both the literate and partially literate. She started a Bible college for Women, - Women who never came out of the kitchen, who were never relieved from serving the men of the household were taught to serve the Master and to evangelize.

Mother Ruth had a great passion towards the tribal souls who lived in the hills surrounding the Coimbatore city thus completing the evangelization of the entire city for which Job and Ruth were called for.

Rev. Job And Mother Ruth's entry into the city was very humble. Nobody noticed them. No grand welcome was given. No pillow to lay their heads, but their exit was grand. They left the world as the champions of Faith. They climbed the ladder of faith, where every rung was a new step of Ministry. Their faithful children, and all their spiritually begotten children have the responsibility of finishing the good work that they have started. They died like rich farmers who have hidden treasures in the fields hoping their children will plough and trade with them. Rev Job and Mother Ruth have left behind a great legacy enough to last till the coming of The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.