



## John Missionary to South Asia



John\* grew up in a traditional Hindu family in Northern India. His father, the first of nine siblings to attend high school, developed an apathy toward the family's worship of numerous gods and idols. Driven by a keen search for truth, he embarked on a spiritual journey that ultimately led him to Jesus Christ. His baptism resulted in persecution and hardship, but he never wavered in his newfound faith in Christ.

John became a follower of Christ in 1985 after his father's pastor shared the Gospel with him during his high school years. He joined his church's evangelistic team and volunteered to assist visiting teams from Operation Mobilization. Through this rural ministry, John felt a distinct call to serve in God's Kingdom. After graduating with a science degree from Meerut University and recognizing the vast need of reaching millions, he sought further training. God opened a way for him to begin theological studies in Kerala, South India, and he later also graduated with a Master of Theology degree from Union Biblical Seminary in Pune.

Beyond teaching in seminaries and serving as a church planter and pastor, John and his wife, Eve, established Karuna, an evangelism and church-planting ministry driven by compassion, in one of South Asia's most unreached regions. Karuna has trained over 120 native evangelists and planted more than 100 house churches. After more than two decades of service, the Lord opened a new door in 2007: a full-tuition scholarship to pursue a doctorate in Missiology at Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky. Following his studies, they moved their family to Canada to answer a call to reach the growing Indian diaspora. They planted a church in Edmonton, Alberta, in 2012 and have served there ever since. They have two adult children who serve as healthcare professionals and church volunteers.

As John considered how best to expand God's Kingdom in South Asia, the Lord connected them with the NAB through a long-time friend. His focus is reaching millions of unreached people, focusing on one group in particular by training and equipping disciples to plant self-multiplying churches. He envisions developing godly servants who will plant churches and perform compassionate deeds for the poor and needy.

John believes God is the author of our mission. We fulfill this mission by following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, empowered daily by the Holy Spirit. He views mission as a vocation rather than a profession, believing that transformed lives are the most effective witness. To him, people matter more than projects; he strives to see and serve everyone as God's image-bearers, capable of responding to the invitation of eternal life through Christ. Guided by love and compassion, he prioritizes unreached people groups over those who have heard the message repeatedly.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for  
those who are in Christ Jesus.  
(Romans 8:1 NIV)

**Birthday: August 13**

**Anniversary: April 29**

\*Because of the sensitive nature of this work, we are not using John's full name or specific country of service.

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