

CENTENARY CONVENTION

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DESIRED PROJECTS

- An apartment complex with independent flats to shelter deserving retired pastors or the families of the pastors who lost their lives during their service.
- Group insurance scheme for ministers.
- Special financial assistance scheme for widows of deserving ministers.
- Renovation of the bungalow built in 1927 by Robert F. Cook.
- To plant 100 mission stations.
- To conduct chain Prayers till the centennial convention.
- Conduct One thousand public – open air meetings across Kerala.
- Publication of a historical memoir (Centennial Souvenir) containing the 100 - year history of the Church of God.
- To begin D T P training centers, and tailoring schools in different zones.
- To conduct free medical camps at various places in Kerala.



The original residence of Robert F Cook built in 1927, awaiting renovation.



Three dimensional picture of
the planned residence for Pastors



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CHURCH OF GOD IN INDIA THROUGH THE HISTORY



Kerala is a small state in the Southern tip of India. It has a population of 34.8 million people and 368 unreached people groups. Tradition says that St Thomas the Apostle of Christ Jesus came to Kerala in AD 52. Since then many missionaries came to India.



This is a journey of dedication and commitment, of a young man named Robert F Cook who sought divine intervention and heard the voice of the Lord clearly to go to India with the gospel. With the uncompromising commitment, little did The Cook family hesitate to leave the comfortable life in the United States and ventured to the third world country.

In 1923, they reached South India with a passionate vision to preach the word, to heal the sick and to set the captives free. Severe oppositions, difficult circumstances, troublesome climates, financial crises, sicknesses and even the death of his beloved wife Anna and his mother did not stop his zeal. He travelled through rough roads in bullock cart, bicycles and by foot across the far and wide of Travancore. These tremendous efforts made a transition in the ecclesiastical history resulting in the emergence of Pentecostal movement of Travancore. He preached to literate and to illiterate, to the rich and to the poor, to sick and demon possessed, to the marginalized and to the destitute. He established orphanages for neglected children and accommodated the socially marginalized people. We the church of God Kerala State holds our



head high in carrying on the passion envisioned by Robert F Cook in fulfilling the Nazareth Manifesto of our Lord, the holistic mission. In the sandy beds of Arattupuzha, this visionary leader set a fire of revival at a camp in 1923 which deserves to be written in the golden letters of Pentecostal history. It now bears the prestigious name as the vanguard of Pentecostal conventions. A humble beginning has now reached The Centennial. Millions, have been blessed beyond measure, thousands were baptized, ten thousands committed to serve the Lord far and wide of the country and beyond.

In the centennial year, we gratefully remember the great efforts and contributions of these anointed men namely Rev. Spencer May and his wife who were the preachers of the first convention held in December 1923. We respectfully remember great men of God, Late. Rev. T.M. Varghese, Late. Rev. U. Thomas, Late. Rev. P. C. Chacko, Late. Rev. A. V. Abraham, Late. Rev. M.V. Chacko, Late. Rev. PAV Sam, Late. Rev. V.C. Itty, Rev. K. C. John, Rev. M. Kunjappu and Rev. P.J. James, who led the Church of God Kerala State and carried on the light so far. The role played by our convention has been crucial in molding hundreds of renowned preachers across the globe. From a tiny seed, Church of God in India, Kerala State sprang as a big tree and now rejoices in the Lord with 1300 churches and 1500 full time ministers who sacrifice their lives for the Lord in the United States, United Kingdom, Europe, Near East, Far East and Middle East.



BIBLE COLLEGES

Church of God in India, Kerala state now operates 3 Bible colleges namely Mount Zion Bible Seminary at Mulakkuzha, Bethel Ladies Bible College, Kumbanad and Mount Paran Bible College in Kannur. These Bible colleges were influential in molding and sending pastors and missionaries who are passionate for the gospel of Christ the crucified.

CARING HANDS



Our services to the society are not limited to rebuilding and building churches alone. We have extended our caring hands by providing for the people affected by flood and the covid pandemic. We also count it as our responsibility to care for the children in need. Bearing that desire in mind we run Mount Carmel home for children and take good parental care of dozens of children providing them shelter and best schooling and tutoring.

NEW PROJECTS

At this historic moment of the Centennial Convention, the Church of God in India, Kerala State, endeavors the following projects to be implemented by the January of 2023. As in the past we aim at holistic mission approach which caters to the spiritual needs of believers so also to their physical needs. Our pastors and families are completely dedicated to the service of the Lord.

Many Pastors do not even have a roof over them, when they officially retire at the age of 65. Some pastors even lost their lives during their service to the Lord leaving their dear ones in tears. Many are in trauma, not knowing where they would end up during these times of distress. With an intention to take good care of them we desire to build an apartment complex with independent flats to shelter deserving retired pastors or the families of the pastors who lost their lives during their service. We desire to establish 100 new mission stations and conduct 1000 open air meetings and medical camps far and wide of the state. We thank you for all your support and prayers in the past. Seeking your continued prayers

In HIS service
Pr. C. C. Thomas