



# SHILOH 2023



## Annual Students' Mission Conference



**Yet in all these  
things we are  
more than Conquerors  
through HIM  
who loved us.**

Romans 8:37

28th September to 1st October 2023

Scudder Auditorium, CMC Vellore

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# CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE VELLORE

Dear Friends,



Welcome to **SHILOH 2023!!**

This 16th edition of SHILOH 2023 will give you an overview of the breadth of the healthcare needs in and around our country and will enable you to understand your calling. It will equip you to overcome and conquer the challenges in fulfilling your calling and the missional purpose that God has for you.

The Christian Medical College, Vellore was established by Dr Ida Scudder, the granddaughter of Rev Dr John Scudder I, the first Medical Missionary to India. She obeyed the Lord's call on her life, after she experienced the death of 3 young helpless women, which could have been averted, but for the lack of a qualified woman obstetrician. She overcame many challenges through the love of Christ, to be a conquering servant of God. The existence of CMC Vellore as a witness to the healing ministry of Christ for over a century demonstrates God's faithfulness to Dr Ida Scudder's obedience and to that of many faithful stewards who followed.

As we understand, experience, and exhibit the love of Christ, He will call us and then equip us to be the His missional instruments in this world. As it says in Jeremiah 29:11, He has plans to prosper you and to give you a future and a hope. He will certainly make you a blessing to many.

How are we going to respond to the health needs of our country? Do we know the Lord's call for our life? Yes, there are challenges, but our Lord said in John 16:33, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world".

We are so glad you have decided to be part of Shiloh 2023 – be challenged, be equipped, and go forth as overcomers, as conquerors and as more than conquerors. As it says in Romans 8:37, this is possible through Christ and Christ alone. "He who has called you is faithful, and He will do it" – 1 Thessalonians 5:24.

May this SHILOH be a life changing experience for you as you commit/re-dedicate your life to Christ and understand His missional purpose for your life.

Barney Isaac – Coordinator

Naveen Cherian Thomas, Lenny Vasantham, Abi Manesh and Esther Kanthi –  
Co-coordinators

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# SHILOH 2023 Overview

Come! as we embark on this journey, to understand and experience how He equips us to be MORE THAN CONQUERORS.

## *Plenary Sessions* **Expounding the Theme**

***Dr. Muralidar K & Mr. Philip Cherian***

The theme was prayerfully chosen keeping in mind the challenges in the life of students, the challenges faced in mission hospital and the challenges in the life of a Christian. Dr Muralidar K and Mr Philip Cherian, our speakers for the **plenary sessions**, will be expounding on the theme on all the three days. These sessions will end with a quiet time or a hymn which will help you to deeply reflect on the theme.

The Group discussions will enable you to interact with your peers and the faculty as you discuss and process the learnings together during this dedicated time.

The **John Scudder Oration** will challenge you with stories from a couple who obeyed the Lord in serving throughout their lifetime in a mission field in India.

<b>John Scudder Oration</b>	<b><i>Drs. Philip &amp; Anna Alexander</i></b>
<b>CMC from a Missional Lens</b>	<b><i>Dr Lionel Gnanaraj</i></b>
<b>'An Overcomer'</b>	<b><i>Naveen Richard</i></b>
<b>Music Night</b>	<b><i>Benny &amp; Zanbeni Prasad</i></b>

There are other special sessions, about CMC from a missional lens, music by Benny & Zanbeni nad a testimonny time by Naveen Richard



## Life Sessions

**The breakout sessions** are life sessions planned around the theme and would help you to overcome the various challenges you are facing in life with practical solutions with Christ as the centre. They will also equip you to live pure lives, share the good news and to defend your beliefs. The subtitles & speakers of the breakout sessions are as follows:

<b>"How to overcome...."</b>		
<b>Temptations and Addictions</b>		<i>John Kurian</i>
<b>Fear and Anxiety</b>		<i>Shanthi Davidar</i>
<b>Doubt and Unbelief</b>		<i>Charles Premkumar</i>
<b>Failures and Setback</b>		<i>Moses David Raja</i>
<b>Isolation and Loneliness</b>		<i>Kalavathy Moses</i>
<b>Shame and Guilt</b>		<i>Sharmini Samuel</i>

### ***1. How to Overcome Temptations & Addictions - John Kurian***

Battle against temptations and addictions is one of the greatest battles a Christian is called to fight. This is a continuous battle to be fought till the end of our life.

The battle begins in our thought life and what goes on inside of us is of great concern to God. Taking our thoughts captive and making them obedient to God should be a vital practice in the life of every child of God.

The good news is that the Lord Jesus Christ is able and willing to deliver us from the clutches of our addictions and give us victory over temptations in our daily life. He is ready to help us by His Spirit to make us more than conquerors in all these things. He can lead us to a life controlled by the Holy Spirit of God bringing life and joy to our existence.

Let us come together to learn some of the practical steps we can take to overcome temptations and addictions and live victoriously.



## **2. Fear and Anxiety - Shanthi Davidar**

- 1) What do fear and anxiety signify?....a deep conflict? , a common human reaction to uncertainty and danger? , a response to sin? a behaviour pattern? flesh?
- 2) How are we called to respond to these things? Coping or overcoming?
- 3) What is God's solution/ provision for anxiety and fear?
- 4) Is lack of anxiety, the hallmark of a believer?

## **3. Doubt and Unbelief - Charles Premkumar**

1. Can a Christian have doubts? What about the doubting Thomas' around? Jesus didn't rebuke Apostle Thomas, did he?
2. When do doubts turn into unbelief? How much is too much? Is there a tipping point?
3. How can a Christian overcome his doubts? Is it possible to move back from unbelief to authentic belief?

## **4. Failures and Setbacks - Moses David Raja**

How to define a failure? What is a setback? Are these inevitable in our lives? Are failures and setbacks only in certain part of our lives like studies, career, etc. and are they confined only till a certain age? Can I always be a victor? When I am a Christian will I still fail? What are the effects of failure and setback in our lives? Is there a good future after a bad failure?...and many such question would be discussed in this session. So come prepared with your answers to these questions and your own questions to make this session a meaningful one.

## **5. Isolation and Loneliness - Kalavathy Moses**

In this age of extensive and seamless connectivity and access to people across the globe, we tend to assume that we are surrounded by people and loneliness or isolation can just not be. Ironically its not true and its a paradox that loneliness plagues the society and people of all age groups.

Loneliness hurts. Period. We would like to share our joys and sorrows and apprehensions and anxieties in a genuine and deeper way with no necessity for pretence. Man is meant for socialising and connecting, but not in the way the current social media trends define.

Why and when do we feel lonely? Is it a season of loneliness or is it a perennial prevailing sense surrounding us? Is there somebody who can love me as I am, warts and all and fill the space?

## **6. Shame and Guilt - Sharmini Samuel**

UNTANGLING the Fear : Fret : Facts & Faith around SHAME & GUILT

1. SHAME ... a game to fame...
2. FAKED PEACE... all is well ...
3. A GUILT FREE society – is it true freedom ?
4. My past mistakes – CAN IT BE RE WRITTEN ?
5. DEFENDING SELF in a decaying society !
6. CLARITY in a culture of confusion !

# The Speakers



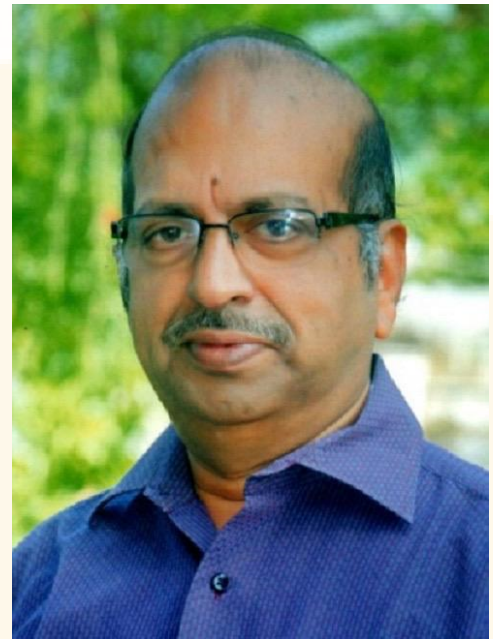
## PLENARY SESSIONS

### Dr. Muralidar K.

*Overcoming real life temptations - Money*

*Overcoming Sufferings in Life*

*Overcoming Obstacles to Missionary Life*



Dr. Muralidar met the Lord in the year 1966 when he was a second year Medical Student at JIPMER, Pondicherry. He committed to set apart portion of his time in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ along with his medical profession. Following his MD Medicine studies at JIPMER, he worked in Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology at Trivandrum, Kerala. While he was about to join for DM Cardiology, he understood God's calling on his life and moved to Benziger Hospital at Kollam and was involved with the ministry along with medical work. In 1978 he joined Tribal Mission and has continued on. In 1990, he became the Director, Bethany Medical Centre, Anaikatty and has continued there for the last 35 years. It is a 60 bedded Secondary care hospital, and has a high school and a tribal hostel for last 25 yrs. He has been General Secretary of the Tribal Mission since 1978 and President, Intercollegiate Prayer Fellowship since 1981

These many years of continuous preaching has taken him to the length and breadth of this country, meeting thousands of people, encouraging hundreds of believers to get involved in God's work, and sharing gospel to the elite as well as to the poor tribal people.

Married to Aleyamma who is a Gynaecologist, they are blessed with 4 children Joy Evangelin, Ruth, Rebecca, Joel and 6 grand children



# PLENARY SESSIONS



**Mr. Philip Cherian**

## **OVERCOMING OUR TEMPTATIONS**

**Temptations and Results**  
**What it Does to us**  
**How it Operates in us**  
**Overcoming ..The Example Of Christ**  
**Practical Steps**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S PLAN**

**Understanding God's grand plan for the world**  
**Responding in faith personally**  
**Examples of those who responded to God.**  
**What stops us today.**

## **HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

**In Ability and Power**  
**In Character**  
**In His love and sacrifice**  
**Finding our purpose in Him**

Mr. Philip Cherian worked for about 10 years in the corporate sector with companies , like Greaves and L&T after his Engineering and later Management studies. He then set out to work with young people along with UESI and later, was into radio broadcasting with Trans World Radio, doing programs for young people. In 2006 the work began to start a new organization called 'Formations' with two other friends, with a desire to address emerging needs. He now works mostly in training in areas of need in the Society and Church.



# BREAKOUT SESSIONS



**Mr. John Kurian**

## ***Temptations and Addictions***

Mr. John Kurian is an itinerant Bible preacher & teacher. Born and brought up in a godly home, his father being a sound Bible Teacher and preacher, he came to know the Lord early, during school days. In addition to the training at home and in the local church, his involvement with operation mobilization and Evangelical Union (UESI)

helped his spiritual growth. Following his studies in English Language and Literature – he soon entered into secular jobs working in India and the Middle East for about 10 years in various capacities. All the while, involved in preaching and teaching the Word. It was while working with Prison Fellowship International as Executive Secretary (Asia Pacific Region), he was led of the Lord to resign to enter into a full time teaching and preaching ministry in 1985. Since then he has been travelling extensively within India and around the globe to fulfill his calling. God has opened doors for him to preach the gospel in crusades, teach the word in Christian conferences and seminars in many countries. The Lord has given him a special burden for the youth and families and he commits a considerable amount of time apart to minister in youth and family Conferences.

God has also been using him as part of the teaching ministry of Bible Colleges in India and the Christian Training Institutes in South Korea and Mongolia, to many around the globe through FEBA radio. He has published two of his books, one on 'Christian Family' (co-authored with two other Christian writers) and the second one 'Triumphant life' on victorious Christian living. The second book has come out in Malayalam, Telugu, Oriya, Korean, Nepali and Swahili (East Africa) languages. In addition to this, about 90 of his messages have come out as books in the Korean language.

He makes his home in Kottayam, Kerala, South India with his wife Betty. God has blessed them with 4 daughters and 8 grandchildren.



**Dr. Shanthi Davidar**

## ***Fear and Anxiety***

Shanthi Davidar did her MBBS at the Madras medical College and her post graduation in Psychiatry at the Madurai medical College. She also did her masters in Epidemiology from CMC Vellore.

She has been practicing as consultant Psychiatrist at the CSI Kalyani and CSI Rainy hospitals in Chennai from the year 2000 till date. She is the Founder Director of 'Rapha Unlimited', an organisation that works with marginalised groups, offering



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community interventions and shelter homes: provides school counselling services: and psychiatric treatment and counselling in mental health. As Executive Director of 'The Counsellor's Consortium', she has been training counsellors in marital counseling, school counseling and mental health counseling with accredited courses. A dedicated team works along with her.

Along with her husband, in accordance with God's call on their lives, she has been teaching on Holiness and Holy Spirit in marriage and leading marriages and families in the way of sanctification and deliverance and healing.



## Mr. Charles Premkumar

### *Doubt and Unbelief*

Mr. Charles Premkumar is a Cardio-pulmonary Physical Therapist by training and served in CMC, Vellore as Clinician, Lecturer and Researcher until 2010. Answering a desire to rehabilitate the soul and not just the body he joined RZIM and served there until 2020 as part of the Global Itinerant Speaking and Writing

team. In 2021, he was invited to join Reasons to Believe, a Scientific Apologetics organization (USA) to help with the setting up of RTB's Asia Pacific Wing, as Consultant - Apologetics & Research where he helped set up the APac team.

He was led to start his own Apologetics initiative called "Think CHRIST Apologetics (TCA)" along with likeminded friends in Jan 2023 and their free weekly online programs - Questioners Bible Study (for followers, seekers and sceptics) and Winsome Wednesdays (a customized 40 week curriculum in apologetics) have been a blessing to many! Besides, Charles with his Masters in Psychology also counsels people with Emotional Health issues. He also runs part-time Manual Therapy Practice in Vellore called CSK (Charlie's Spine Clinic) as part of a tent-making effort.

Charles' interests include ~ Church health, Biblical literacy, Contemporary/Cultural issues, Christology, Worldviews Comparative religion and Christian Philosophy/Theology. He enjoys expository preaching and one-on-one Q&A sessions with seekers and skeptics who are curious about/who challenge the Christian Faith.

Charles makes his home in Vellore with his wife Priscilla, a Montessori Consultant/Coach and their 9 year old daughter Mishaelle, Parents from both sides and their exuberant Lab, Toffee!

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS



**Mr. Moses David Raja**  
*Failures and Setbacks*

Moses David is a Mechanical engineer by qualification and a Management Systems Consultant and a Valuer by profession. Based in Chennai, he is involved in ministering among families both happening ones and hurting ones. They conduct seminars for families, singles considering marriage and youth

He and his wife Kala and have two children, a son and a daughter.



**Dr. Kalavathy Moses**  
*Isolation and Loneliness*

Kalavathy works as a Senior Consultant in Critical Care Unit at SIMS Hospital, Chennai. During her third year of MBBS she realised her need for the love of the living God and a relationship with Him in a personal way. God has led her step by step to a clearer understanding of Him and His peace and

a realisation of identity in Him. Her journey has been an experience of God's grace and patient guidance. Married to Mr. Moses David, they have two children Joe and Mary. Joe is working after his Masters in political Science and Mary is in her second year Visual Arts.



**Mrs. Sharmini Samuel**  
*Shame and Guilt*

Sharmini Samuel is an alumni of Women's Christian College 1990 batch. She passed out from the department of Nutrition & Dietetics. She also holds a Masters in Hospital Administration from Loyola Institute of Business Administration.

Post her Administrative tenure in one of the hospitals, she initiated her own business & worked in the capacity of

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CEO of Vishvin Associates – a BPO for MNC banks namely Citibank

She currently heads the Donor Development & Relationships Department at Life Focus Society, Chennai.

She is regularly invited to churches, other para organisations, schools & colleges to share the word of God both to encourage & build the body of Christ for practical living on this side of eternity.

She is gifted in sharing from the Word, counselling youth & young married couples.

Sharmini is married to Daniel Osborne & is mother of 2 married sons – Vishal and Vineeth and a doting grandmother too.

## *Mission Presentations*

**Medical Missionary in Nepal** – Tul Bahadur Pun, UMH Tansen, Nepal

**Missionary in a Government Hospital** – Justin Paul, MMC, Chennai

**Missionary in an Academic Christian Institute** – Joseph John, CMC,  
Ludhiana

**Nursing in a Mission Hospital** – Bendanmengla Ao, CIHSR, Dimapur

**Allied Health Professional – on a Missionary Journey** – Paul C Dass,  
Vellore

**Medical Missionary to the Unreached** – Manotosh Elkana, TLM,  
Chandkurl

# Mission Presentations



## **TUL BAHADUR PUN** **Medical Missionary in Nepal**



Tul Bahadur Pun is an Orthopaedic Surgeon at United Mission Hospital In Tansen, Nepal. He did his undergraduate and MS Ortho studies from CMC Vellore.

He is currently also undertaking the role of Medical superintendent. Actively involved in the ministry of NCMDA (Nepal Christian Medical and Dental Association) and ICMDA (South Asia region)

Married to Dr Christina Thapa, Dermatologist who is working along with him. They have one daughter Asha.



## **JOSEPH JOHN** **Missionary in an Academic Christian Institute**

Working as Professor & Head of Clinical Haematology, Haemato-Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab.

He did his MBBS and MD from CMC, Ludhiana and DM from CMC Vellore and later did MBA in hospital administration from BITS Pilani. After his DM he has set up the haematology and stem cell transplant unit in Punjab, CMC, Ludhiana. Currently, the center has an active sibling and matched unrelated donor transplant program for thalassaemia and other haematological disorders.

His other area of interest is Haemophilia care and heads the comprehensive care centre which actively takes part in teaching and training for other haemophilia centres in Punjab. CMC Ludhiana has a DM Clinical Haematology training program since 2019





## PAUL C DASS

### Allied Health Professional on a Missionary Journey

God brought an urge within Paul Dass to help uplift the less privileged sections of society. For the last thirty years, he has attempted to use his God-given talents to do just that.

You can call him an entrepreneur, a craftsman, an artist, an agriculturist, a social worker, a businessman, or pastor; but Paul is more than any of these titles. Trained as a Physiotherapist he never dreamt of how God would turn his life around and give it a completely different purpose! Paul has one message to pass on: "Empower people so that they will empower others. The building of the Kingdom of God is a community affair. Each one of us needs to do our own valuable part". At present, Paul has completed authoring a book on 'Tentmaking' - a one-of-its-kind for the community. It will be published soon. He hopes to translate it into at least 5 Indian languages and make it accessible to the grass root level and field workers as a practical guide for their work.

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## BENDANGMENLA AO

### Nursing in a Mission Hospital

Bendangmenla did her B.sc Nursing from RIPANS (Regional Institute of Paramedical and Nursing Sciences), Mizoram, in 2004. In 2005 she joined

Makunda Christian Hospital in Assam and

understanding the rising need for nurses in far-flung remote areas in the North-east, an ANM School (Auxiliary Nurse & Midwife) was started at Makunda of which she was the Principal. She completed her MSC Nursing in Paediatrics from CMC Vellore and rejoined the hospital at Makunda in 2012 as the Nursing Superintendent.





# Mission Presentations



Married to Dr. Samuel Wati who is an Associate Professor at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Nagaland, she moved to Dimapur, Nagaland and joined CIHSR (Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research) in Dimapur in 2012 and has held varied responsibilities of Nursing Superintendent and currently as the vice principal for the BSc Nursing Programme.

Blessed with three children aged 10, 7, and 4 yrs old, she has experienced God's leadings in her life and can today say "He is able".

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**MANOTOSH ELKANA**  
**Medical Missionary to the Unreached**

A Medical Missionary with passion to reach unreached in rural parts of India.

After doing his post graduation as general surgeon in 2002 from Gandhi medical College Bhopal M.P. was in search of opportunity to fulfill his vision of serving God's purpose through his profession, got appointment in 2004 September at The Leprosy Mission Chandkhuri Hospital, Baitalpur, a unit of TLMTI at this rural part of Chattisgarh . Very soon he was given the responsibility of Superintendentship in 2005 since then its 19 Year of serving God's purpose, he also a rewarded reconstructive surgeon and resource person for stat Govt C.G. He has been stat consultant for Central Leprosy Division till 2019. He has been honoured with prestigious awards, Sparsh 2015 by central minister for health Mr J.P. Nadda and in 2019 Healers of India by Apollo hospitals and News 18 ,for his dedicated and transforming services in rural India



## JUSTIN PAUL

### Missionary in a Government Hospital

Justin Paul is the Director and Head of Institute of Cardiology, Madras Medical College. He studied MBBS at Tirunelveli Medical college followed by DM cardiology in 1998 at Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences at Trivandrum. He accepted Christ in his late thirties.

Justin Paul is an avid learner. He started the primary angioplasty program in the public hospitals of Tamil Nadu. Designed and developed the STEMI care program of Tamil Nadu Government covering 20 hubs and 200 spokes at a cost of 100 crores through the offices of state health society and state planning commission. As State Nodal officer of heart attack management program continues to oversee the implementation of the program.

Actively involved in developing the new subspecialty of cardio-obstetrics in India and created the center of excellence for Cardio vascular imaging at Madras Medical College,

Has published various research articles in international and national journals. He is the recipient of Best Doctor award for health care excellence by Govt of Tamil Nadu in 2018 and the Independence Day award for the best doctor for research excellence from Madras Medical College in 2022.



## PG SHILOH

This year's PG Shiloh will be held in the Paul brand building, so that busy postgraduates can attend the Sunday afternoon session after their commitments in the wards. After a delicious lunch we will spend the afternoon with our faculty and discuss practical aspects of the mission call that are relevant to Post graduate trainees with a heart for Missions. Meet our faculty



**Dr Dennis Martin David** was born and raised in Ajmer, Rajasthan. He perused his MBBS, D Ortho, MS Ortho from CMC Vellore and has an MBA Hospital and Health System Management from BITS Pilani.

He and his wife Sharel met when they were in Vellore. He worked at Lady Willington Hospital in Manali and is currently Director of Evangelical Mission Hospital, Tilda with additional charge of Christian Hospital, Mungeli both of which are in Chhattisgarh. This region accounts for some of the worst health statistics in the country

and through the hospital they have been developing various health services to meet the needs of the surrounding region. Dr. Dennis is an active Bible learner and youth mentor. He enjoys spending time with family and friends. Loves baking and cooking whenever time permits.

**Dr. Ajay and Dr. Savita Raju** are serving at the CSI Basel Mission hospital at Gadag, Karnataka. Dr. Ajay completed his MBBS and MS Surgery training from Vellore and served in Gadag for both his MBBS service obligation as well as PG and continued to stay on as their Surgeon for the past 15 years and additionally as the Medical Superintendent for the past four years. His wife Savita did her MBBS from KS Hegde Medical College, Mangalore. She worked in the Department of Respiratory Medicine at CMC Vellore for a year and then went on to work as medical



officer at CSI Basel Mission hospital in Gadag for 2 years. She completed her DNB (General medicine) from Bangalore Baptist hospital and has supported Ajay by looking after the home and as the Physician & intensivist in Gadag for the past 12 years.

Our faculty are no strangers to the difficulties of a busy post-graduate life. They will share their experiences of the joys and challenges of being faithful in the Missions (with the responsibilities of a home to run and administrative responsibilities to shoulder). We are certain their lives and testimonies will encourage those that attend to commit their lives into the hands of the Jesus to lead them to his call for their lives.



# JOHN SCUDDER ORATION

*The John Scudder Oration was instituted in honor of Rev. Dr. John Scudder i, the first Medical missionary from USA who left the country of his birth to work as a missionary in India as both an ordained pastor and a medical doctor. The oration is delivered every year by an eminent medical missionary who has contributed to God's kingdom in India in the field of healthcare.*

Rev. Dr. John Scudder I was born in Freehold, New Jersey, on September 3rd 1793. He graduated in theology from Princeton (1811) and in medicine from the College of Physicians in New York (1815). Right from his childhood, the spirit of benevolence and a selfless spirit were evident.

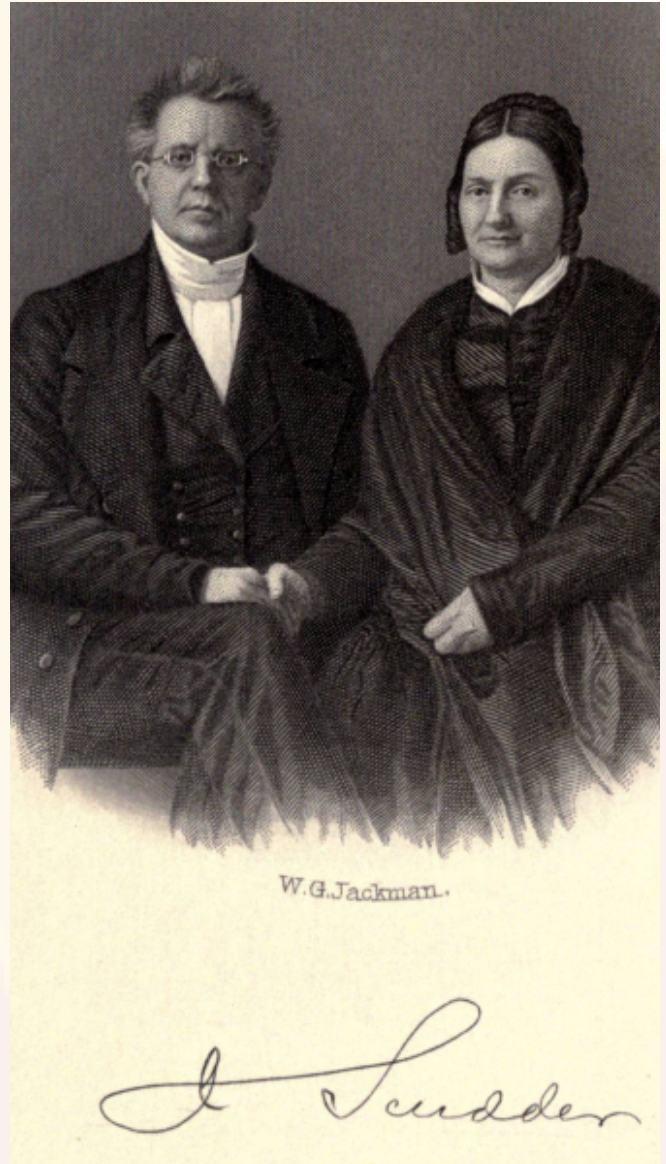
As a busy medical practitioner in New York, he was earning over \$2000/- per year which was a considerable sum at that time.

While visiting a Christian patient, he found a tract lying on the table with a call to go to missions. He borrowed it. Read and reread it. The message penetrated deep into his soul. His first response was that someone should respond and to the call. Almost in an unexpected lightening flash the call appeared to be directed at him. "Come over and help us."

When he shared this call with his wife Harriet, she unreservedly responded by saying, "Where thou goest, I will go." But his father, Joseph Scudder, a reputed lawyer, in his anger, disinherited him for venturing out on this "mad project". Despite this, on June 8, 1819, Dr. John Scudder, then 26 years old, boarded the ship Brig Indus along with his wife and daughter Maria from Boston's Fulton St. Dock to embark on a journey that would significantly alter the eternal destiny of many lives in this part of the world. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission was sending forth probably the world's first medical missionary.

The journey from Boston to Calcutta took four months. While in Calcutta, they met William Carey, considered as the Father of modern missions. Little Maria was stricken with dysentery and died. They then set out to Jaffna, Ceylon, where Dr. John Scudder established his first dispensary in Panditeripo. However, in Ceylon, their second daughter who was born died soon after birth.

Preaching was his first calling. Each morning, when patients gathered in his clinic, he always started by preaching the Gospel and then would provide his medicines. Distributing tracts both written by hand on 'olai' (palm leaf) or printed materials was the principal means of his ministry.





In 1836, he was transferred to Madras. Did Rev. Dr. John Scudder ever dream about a mission venture in Vellore? He beautifully described his experience standing on the top of Vellore's Fort Hill on September 25, 1824. "The view of the plain from this mountain is most charming. I had a most commanding sight of the whole city. It is very large. I also had an excellent view of the villages in the vicinity of Vellore. The tops of trees, which appeared at a distance; the paddy fields, in perfect green or yellow; the white bed of the river, which is nearly dry; the shades cast over a part of the plain by the passing cloud, while the full sunshine was on other parts of them; the fort, with its surrounding water and so forth, presented a scene which beggars all description. Vellore is not entirely surrounded by mountains, but you would be led to make such a supposition had you been where I was. Vellore is an excellent place for missionary labour. It needs a dozen of labourers ..." Probably it was this vision that gave rise to CMC and the college song, "Girded round by her strong ageless mountains..."

The lush green College Campus



A century later his granddaughter (Dr. Ida Scudder) went on to fulfil that dream. More importantly, over 40 of his descendants then went on to contribute over a thousand years (1074 years) in serving Christ in India.

Their significant contributions include CMC Vellore, Scudder Memorial Hospital at Ranipet, Voorhees College, Tindivanam High School, a vital role in the formation of the Church of South India, publishing scriptural literature in the local languages, translation of scriptures, Ladies Seminary at Chittoor, Palmaner lace making unit, and an elaborate organization of schools.

Even though Dr Scudder knew that death was advancing, he did not give up his work and continued with his usual zeal. He was in the field every day. He agreed therefore to other's suggestion to take a sea journey and stop his work for some time. He had made his wish known, "I wish to die in India. There I would be buried, side by side with my beloved wife." He believed that India was closer to heaven than America and did not want to make a second journey there. So, he went to Cape of Good Hope.

After preaching in the morning service and taking rest before preaching in the evening service he passed away into glory on January 13, 1855, at Wynburgh, South Africa. Those that stood around him could not but exclaim, "Servant of God, well done! The glorious warfare is past. The battle is fought, the race is run. And thou art crowned at last." Today, we celebrate his past and motivate for the future.

***This year we are pleased to have Dr. Philip & Anna Alexander deliver the Dr. John Scudder Oration 2023.***



# The Events





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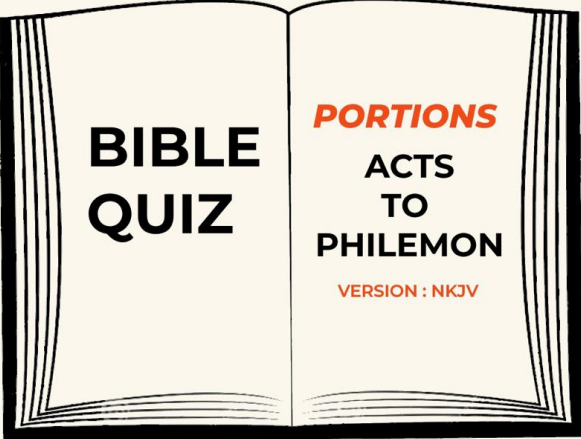
**"AN OVERCOMER"**



**NAVEEN RICHARD**  
COMEDIAN

**30TH SEPT | 10:30 AM**  
**SCUDDER AUDITORIUM**

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**BIBLE QUIZ**


**PORTIONS**  
ACTS  
TO  
PHILEMON  
VERSION : NKJV

OFFLINE REGISTRANTS - 3 PER TEAM  
ONLINE REGISTRANTS - INDIVIDUAL  
**29TH SEPTEMBER**  
**SCUDDER AUDITORIUM**

**Separate Quiz for  
Online Participants**

 **SHILOH 2023**  
ANNUAL STUDENTS' MISSION CONFERENCE 

**DR. JOHN SCUDDER**  
ORATION



**PHILIP AND ANNA ALEXANDER**  
LADY WILLINGDON HOSPITAL, MANALI

**29TH SEPTEMBER**  
**6:30 PM**  
**SCUDDER AUDITORIUM**

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**MUSIC NIGHT**  
WITH



**BENNY AND ZANBENI PRASAD**  
GOSPEL MUSICIANS, INDIA

**30TH SEPT | 07:30 PM**  
**SCUDDER AUDITORIUM**

# Schedule



*Day 1* **28** SEPTEMBER 2023

## **02:00 – 5:00 PM**      **Registration** **(Examination Hall Ground Floor)**

**05:00 – 05:05 PM**    Opening Prayer

**05:05 – 05:10 PM**    Welcome

**05:10 – 05:15 PM**    Introduction / Overview to Shiloh 2023

**05:15 – 05:45 PM**    Praise & Worship

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**05:45 – 06:30 PM**    Evening Plenary – 1      *Philip Cherian*

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**06:30 – 06:45 PM**    Hymn & Prayer

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**06:45 – 07:15 PM**    CMC from a Missional Lens      *Lionel Gnanaraj*

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**07:15 – 08:00 PM**    Dinner

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**08:00 – 09:30 PM**    Movie night      *“Overcomer”*

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Day 2

29 SEPTEMBER 2023



TIME

SESSION

SPEAKER

07:15 – 08:00 AM **Breakfast**

08:00 – 08:05 AM Welcome & Announcements

08:05 – 08:15 AM Recap of Previous Day

08:15 – 08:45 AM Praise & Worship

08:45 – 09:30 AM Morning Plenary – 1 *Muralidar K*

09:30 – 09:40 AM Quiet Reflection

09:40 – 10:00 AM Medical Missionary to the Unreached *Manotosh Elkana  
(TLM, Chandkuri)*

10:00 – 10:20 AM Allied Health Professional on a Missionary Journey *Paul C Dass  
(Vellore)*

10:20 – 10:50 AM Bible Quiz Round-1 *Acts to Philemon  
(NKJV)*

10:50 – 11:10 AM **Tea Break**

11:10 – 11:30 AM Missionary in an Academic Christian Institute *Joseph John  
(CMC, Ludhiana)*

11:30 – 12:00 PM Sharing By Partners *EHA & CMAI*

12:00 – 12:30 PM Q & A Session

12:30 – 01:15 PM Group Discussion

01:15 – 02:00 PM **Lunch**

Day 2

**29 SEPTEMBER 2023**



### **BREAKOUT SESSIONS "How to overcome...."**

<b>02:00 PM - 03:00 PM</b>	Temptations and Addictions	<b>John Kurian</b>
	Fear and Anxiety	<b>Shanthi Davidar</b>
	Doubt and Unbelief	<b>Charles Premkumar</b>
	Failures and Setback	<b>Moses David Raja</b>
	Isolation and Loneliness	<b>Kalavathy Moses</b>
	Shame and Guilt	<b>Sharmini Samuel</b>

<b>3:00 – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Free Time/Meet the Leaders(Museum Room)/ Visit the Stalls/College Hill Climb/Visit to CMC town Campus</b>	
<b>05:00 – 05:30 PM</b>	Praise & Worship	
<b>05:30 – 06:15 PM</b>	Evening Plenary-2	<i>Philip Cherian</i>
<b>06:15 – 06:30 PM</b>	Hymn & Prayer	
<b>06:30 – 07:25 PM</b>	Rev.Dr.John Scudder Oration	<i>Philip &amp; Anna Alexander</i>
<b>07:25 – 07:40 PM</b>	Director's Address	
<b>07:40 – 08:30 PM</b>	Dinner	
<b>08:30 – 09:30 PM</b>	Bible Quiz Final Round	

Day 3

30 SEPTEMBER 2023



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08:00 – 08:05 AM	Welcome & Announcements	
08:05 – 08:15 AM	Recap of Previous Day	
08:15 – 08:45 AM	Praise & Worship	
08:45 – 09:30 AM	Morning Plenary – 2	<b>Muralidar K</b>
09:30 – 09:40 AM	Quiet Reflection	
09:40 – 10:00 AM	Nursing in a Mission Hospital	<b>Bendangmenla Ao (CIHSR, Dimapur)</b>
10:00 – 10:20 AM	Missionary in a Government Hospital	<b>Justin Paul (MMC, Chennai)</b>
10:20 – 10:50 AM	An Overcomer	<b>Naveen Richard</b>
10:50 – 11:10 AM	<b>Tea Break</b>	
11:10 – 11:30 AM	Medical Missionary in Nepal	<b>Tul Bahadur Pun (UMH Tansen, Nepal)</b>
11:30 – 12:00 PM	Sharing By Partners	<b>TLM &amp; EMFI</b>
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**06:15 – 06:30 PM**      Hymn & Prayer

**06:30 – 07:30 PM**      Dinner

**07:30 – 09:30 PM**      Music Night      *Benny Prasad*

Day #

**1** OCTOBER 2023



TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
07:15 – 08:00 AM	Breakfast	
08:00 – 10:00 AM	<b>Sunday communion service</b> (includes morning plenary-3 by <b>Dr Muralidar K</b> and Quiet Reflection)	
10:00– 10:20 AM	Tea Break	
10:20 – 11:00 AM	Testimony Time	
11:00 – 12:30 PM	Q & A Session	
12:30 – 01:00 PM	Feedback & Closing	
01:00 – 02:00 PM	Lunch	

*Day #*

**1 OCTOBER 2023**



# POST GRADUATE SHILOH

(Paul Brand Building, CMC Main campus)

**TIME**

**SESSION**

**12:30 – 01:30 PM**

**Lunch**

**01:30 – 01:45 PM**

Praise & Worship

**01:45 – 02:45 PM**

Ajay & Savitha Raju

**02:45 – 03:00 PM**

**Tea Break**

**03:00 – 04:00 PM**

Dennis Martin & Sharel  
Singh

**04:00 – 05:00 PM**

Q & A Session

**All Postgraduates & Interns are Welcome!**

*(Medical, Dental, Nursing, & Allied Health)*

## ***A Blessing...***

### **MAY GOD BLESS YOU**

**with Discomfort,**

*at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships  
so that you may live deep within your heart.*

May God bless you

**with Anger**

*at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.*

May God bless you

**with Tears,**

*to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,  
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and  
to turn their pain to joy.*

And may God bless you

**with enough Foolishness**

*to believe that you can make a difference in the world,  
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done*

*Amen.*

***The Lord bless you and keep you***

***The Lord make His face shine upon you***

***and be gracious to you***

***The Lord turn His face towards***

***you and give you peace***

**Numbers 6: 24-26**