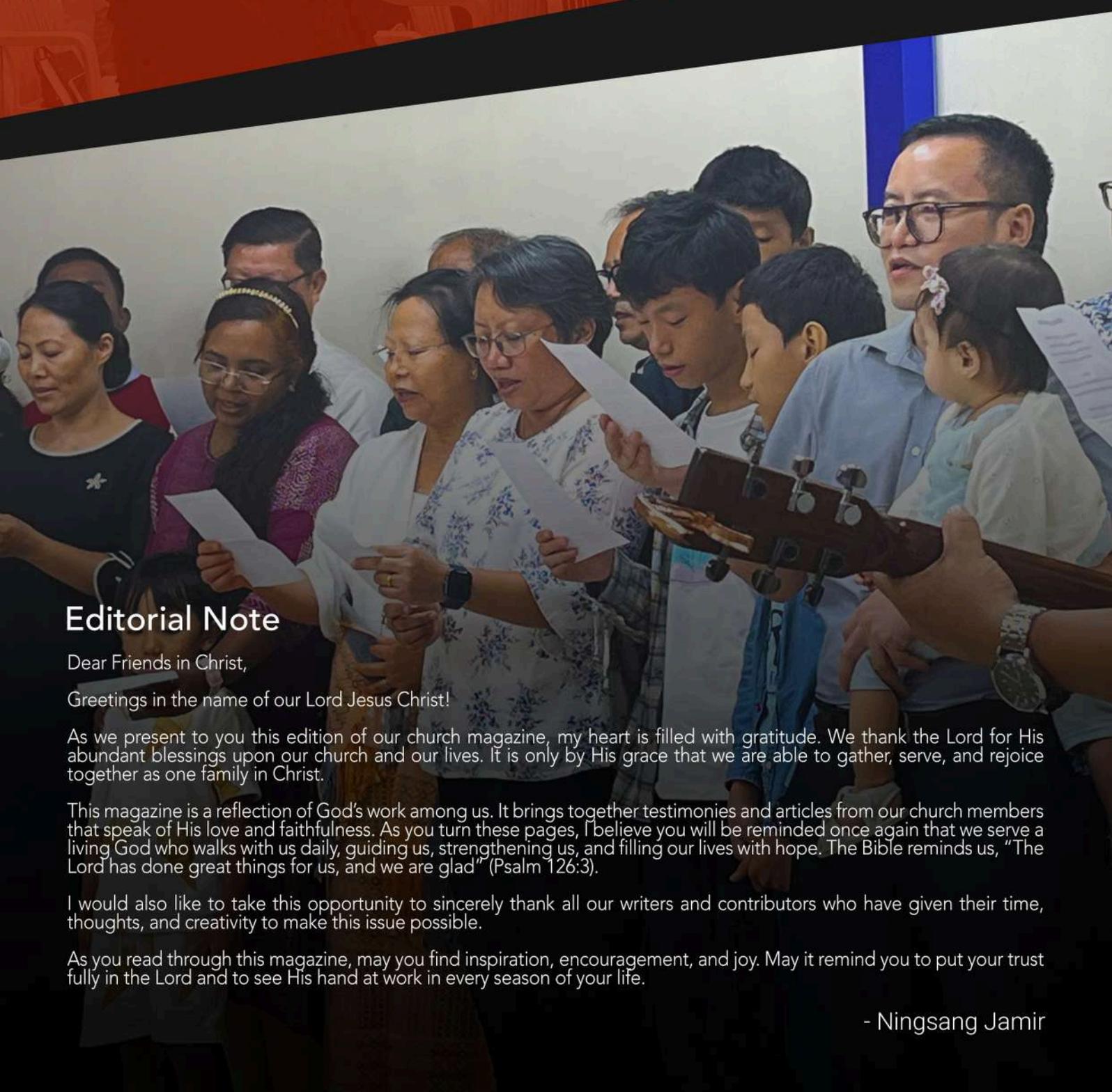


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## Editorial Note

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we present to you this edition of our church magazine, my heart is filled with gratitude. We thank the Lord for His abundant blessings upon our church and our lives. It is only by His grace that we are able to gather, serve, and rejoice together as one family in Christ.

This magazine is a reflection of God's work among us. It brings together testimonies and articles from our church members that speak of His love and faithfulness. As you turn these pages, I believe you will be reminded once again that we serve a living God who walks with us daily, guiding us, strengthening us, and filling our lives with hope. The Bible reminds us, "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad" (Psalm 126:3).

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our writers and contributors who have given their time, thoughts, and creativity to make this issue possible.

As you read through this magazine, may you find inspiration, encouragement, and joy. May it remind you to put your trust fully in the Lord and to see His hand at work in every season of your life.

- Ningsang Jamir

# PASTOR'S DESK

## FROM THE CAVE TO THE CROWN

1 Samuel 22:1-2

*1David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there. 2All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their commander. About four hundred men were with him.*

### INTRODUCTION

Have you ever felt like running away? Maybe not just from problems, but from life itself, expectations, pressures, failures, or fear? There are times when life feels so heavy that we wonder, "God, where are You in this?"

That is exactly where we find David in 1 Samuel 22. The man who killed Goliath, the man anointed to be king, is not in a palace but in a cave called Adullam. He is afraid, lonely, and broken. Yet in that very cave, God begins to shape him into the king He wants him to be.

We all go through similar moments, our own caves, times of loss, fear, and confusion. But remember this: your cave is not your conclusion. God uses these seasons to prepare you for something greater.

### 1. THE CAVE IS A PLACE OF BROKENNESS AND REALITY (V.1)

David had run for his life. He was in a dark cave, not a palace. It was a lonely place, but in that place, he turned to God. It is believed that Psalm 142 was written in this cave: "I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy."

When we are in that place of brokenness, we can either complain or, like David, pour our hearts out to God. Let our caves become places of prayer, not despair.

### 2. THE CAVE BECAME A PLACE FOR THE BROKEN (V.2)

The cave did not just hold David. Soon, about 400 men came to him, men who were in distress, in debt, and discouraged. Broken people gathered around a broken leader.

It's a picture of a community in brokenness. The outcasts come together and find hope in a leader who is also hurting.

The church is meant to be a kind of "Adullam," a place where the weary, bitter, and rejected can come and find healing. Our church is not a place for perfect people; it is a hospital for sinners, the wounded, and the hurting.

Just as the cave of Adullam became a place of hope and purpose, our lives, our homes, our churches, and our communities should be places where people find healing and encouragement.





### 3. THE CAVE IS GOD'S TRAINING GROUND (V.2B)

God did not waste David's cave season. It was in the cave that his leadership was tested and his faith deepened. Those 400 broken men later became David's mighty warriors (2 Samuel 23).

Similarly, your cave is not wasted either. It is where God shapes character and prepares you for what is ahead. Like David, your cave is not your final chapter. It's a preparation ground for your future purpose.

### 4. FROM THE CAVE TO THE CROSS

The Cave of Adullam was a place where broken people gathered, those in debt, in distress, and bitter in soul. They came to David, a man after God's own heart, who himself was suffering.

But there is a greater David, Jesus Christ, the Son of David, who did not just hide in a cave. He went to the Cross of Calvary for us.

David's cave became a place of healing and hope for a few hundred people. But the Cross became the place of redemption and rest for all mankind.

Just as the people brought their pain to David in the cave, we are called to bring our burdens to Jesus at the Cross. Jesus invites us, "*Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*" (Matthew 11:28)

#### Three Key Parallels:

#### 1. David's cave gathered the hurting; the Cross gathers the sinner.

At the Cross, Jesus says: "Father, forgive them..." It's not a dark cave, but it was a dark Friday when He bore our sins.

#### 2. David offered leadership; Jesus offers salvation.

David led them into victory; Jesus leads us into eternal life.

#### 3. David's cave turned outcasts into warriors; Jesus turns sinners into saints.

The cave formed an army. The Cross forms the Church: redeemed, restored, and empowered.

### CONCLUSION

Maybe you are in a cave right now, hurt, afraid, or confused. But God is with you. The cave is not the end of your story. It is the beginning of something greater.

So come out of the cave. Run to the Cross. Lay down your fears and burdens. And rise with a new identity in Christ.

Because Jesus does not just meet us in the cave, He leads us from the cave to the Cross and from the Cross to a new life.

In Christ,

*Hamyam Phom*



# Meet the Team

I am deeply grateful to God and to NCF Mumbai for the privilege of serving in His ministry. While this responsibility surpasses my own abilities, I trust in His grace to carry it out faithfully. With humility, dedication, and integrity, I commit to serving the church, working alongside the team, and growing together in spiritual wisdom and unity.



**Injeile Pame**  
General Secretary

Serving God is honestly the best thing anyone can do, and I feel truly blessed to have this opportunity through NCFM. My desire is to be used by God in the smallest, quietest ways that matter to Him and to simply be available and obedient to whatever God wants to do through me.



**Prashannata Rai**  
Assistant General Secretary

I receive this role as a sacred trust, thankful for the opportunity to serve God and His people. Worship is my response to who God is and all He has done; it is both my offering and my joy. By His grace, I will use the gifts He has given me to build up the church and bring glory to Christ, as we're called to in 1 Peter 4:10.



**Kenneth Jezreel**  
Worship Leader



**Clifton Vaz**  
Finance Core Leader

God's calling often arrives unexpectedly. With gratitude to the Lord, the NCF family, and elders, I humbly accept this divine opportunity to serve His Kingdom. As 1 Peter 4:10 urges, I pledge to steward my gifts faithfully, serving others with a heart aligned to His purpose. This sacred trust is an honor, and I pray for wisdom to fulfill it with devotion. Together, may we advance His grace in every way.

I want to thank our almighty God and NCFM for giving me this opportunity to serve the church and his people. It is also such a joy to reach the ones far away and have a wonderful time of fellowship and worship even outside the church. May the Lord continue to help each and every one of us. Amen.



**Likhumkyu E Anar**  
Outreach & Evangelism  
core leader



**Dr. Grace Nesaraj**  
Prayer coordinator

I thank God for the opportunity to serve him as a prayer coordinator this year as well. The Lord Jesus has encouraged me to strengthen others who are going through difficulty, to look to Him through prayer. I count it as a Joy to serve The Saviour. Amen



**Moasenla Longkumer**  
Hospitality Core Leader

In the hospitality ministry, we commit ourselves to God by building discipleship with one another. Many people come to church carrying heavy hearts and burdens, but through simple acts of kindness such as a warm greeting, a gentle word, or a cup of coffee, we can reflect the love of Christ. These small gestures create a welcoming space and become a source of encouragement and healing. I am grateful for the privilege of serving God and His people.



Core Leader Orientation



**Vishodu Shaozae**  
Media & Networking  
Core Leader

I first picked up design while serving this church, and what started as a small way to contribute has grown into a calling. In my time here, I have grown both creatively and spiritually. Thank you NCF for creating a space where gifts are discovered, nurtured, and used for His glory.

My heart is full of gratitude to NCF Mumbai for welcoming me to the Sunday school team. It is a genuine privilege to be able to serve and contribute to our church family in this meaningful way.



**Meyisenla Lemtur**  
Sunday School Core leader  
(Senior group)

I'm deeply grateful to God and NCF for the opportunity to serve as a Sunday school teacher. Being part of Sunday school brings me immense joy and helps me grow in faith. I'm excited to work with the kids, guiding them on their spiritual journey and nurturing their love for Christ. Thank you for this chance to serve, and I'm looking forward to working with you all.



**Deepa Lama**  
Sunday School Core Leader (Junior group)

1 PETER 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace



**Yanben Oving**  
Maintenance  
Core Leader

When our Pastor asked me to be the Maintenance Core Leader, I felt unsure, new to the city, unfamiliar with the system, but his words encouraged me: "God does not look for perfection, only for a willing heart."

It reminded me of a prayer I once made during a hard season. Today, I am grateful to serve, not because I am perfect, but because I am willing.

I have decided to accept the calling from God to serve as an Usher in the church as I want to work for the kingdom of God and Nurture my faith ,to draw closer to God and experience His Guidance and Provision.



**Hoshenu Neikha**  
Ushering Core  
Leader



**Alila T. Yimchunger**  
Working Youth Core Leader

Joining NCFM has been one of the most transformative experiences of my life. As a youth member, these past two years have not only strengthened my faith but also reshaped me as a person. I came seeking fellowship, and I found family. Though I'm a working individual and often feel I haven't contributed as much as I'd like to, NCFM has always welcomed me with warmth, encouragement, and grace. Being part of the youth has taught me the beauty of serving and growing together in Christ. Every experience has drawn me closer to God. As I continue in this journey, I hope to give more of my time, and more service to God and to this beautiful community.



**Helivi Yeptho**  
Working Youth Core Leader

I am deeply thankful to God for the opportunity to serve as a Core Leader for the NCFM Working Youth. This role is more than a responsibility; it marks a meaningful part of my spiritual journey. I embrace it with sincerity and humility, considering it a privilege to walk in His calling. As I step into this new season, I look forward to growing in faith and serving in ways that honour Him.

Let us give faithfully and serve joyfully. I commit to stewarding every offering so we can grow God's work together. Together, our generosity can change lives and glorify his name.



**Ningsang Jamir**  
Treasurer



**Christy Yeptho**  
Family Fellowship  
Coordinator

As a Family Fellowship Coordinator, I'm truly blessed to be part of this beautiful family in Christ. Though motherhood brought seasons where I longed to give more time to God, He never stopped pouring His love over our home. In every moment, I've felt His presence—faithful, constant, and full of grace. So grateful for this divine connection and journey.



# PASTORAL



Lipokwati Lemtur

Greetings to all,

In our precious times of being together as a community at NCFM, we as a family have received countless blessings.

NCFM is a church that takes the call to "equip the saints" (Ephesians 4:12) seriously, and we have witnessed many young leaders emerge with both competence and commitment to serve in various capacities within the church.

This church has reflected God's heart for the nations by embracing people from diverse backgrounds. NCFM truly believes in and practices the priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:9) becoming a leadership training ground where young believers discover their gifts and find opportunities to express them in the life of the church.

May God continue to bless this community as it grows in worshipping Him in spirit and in truth!



Pastor Hamyan



Khoho Pou



David Nesaraj



Ps. James Lana

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# EDITORIAL



Pastor Hamyan



Wangkheyong Shangkey



Ningsang Jamir



Vishodu Shaozai

# Jackpot Blessings

- Rinzat Lungran

Greeting to you all in Jesus name!

As I sat down to pen this article, I was overwhelmed with the memories of Mumbai where my journey as a mother and wife began. The struggles mentally and physically were real and raw. Nevertheless, His grace superabounds.

"There is no age limit for learning" is what I witnessed during my stay in Mumbai, specially growing together as a church and family in NCFM. So closely knitted as a family in Christ, my heart always brimmed with joy, love and concern over church matters but always believing that God is in control and His name will be glorified no matter what! One of God's abounding love came in when I was given an opportunity to work as a part of Elders team. I honestly never wanted to be a part of the team thinking I am not worthy and not able but my Abba Father had different plans for me. He handpicked me so that I can learn more of His amazing ways associating together with the most 5 noble men of God (Pastor Hamyan, Pastor James, brother Lipok, brother David and brother Reisang) The love and unconditional support I received was massive and heart-warming. Blessings ran overflow! Amidst all the challenges together as a team I thoroughly enjoyed all the blessings we imparted together for the Lord. The platform I received was really extraordinary, a real gem of opportunity, an incredible learning phase of life where money cannot buy. And I give all praise and glory to God.

## TESTIMONY

Just obeying God, accepting to be working for Him has opened so many breakthroughs in my life teaching me that only self is not at all enough to grow, specially spiritually. Giving time for the Lord in any form is never a loss. Deuteronomy 28 (please read) talks about blessing for obedience. This verse has always assured me that our God is a promise keeper. It has opened my heart to have compassion and pray for people in need. Eyes to see God's beautiful creation and ears to hear His calling. It is indeed a delight to hear His voice and absolutely thrilled to be receiving revelation from the Lord.

The only purpose of life here on earth is to fulfil God's mission by being an ambassador of God thus glorifying His name. Despite life's extreme challenges, focussing on God is the only way, the truth and the life. There should be no other choice than to have incredible faith (as small as a mustard seed). Apart from faith we fall into sin unknowingly. He is ever ready to bless us with the 'gift of righteousness' to whoever seek for Him. Let us therefore continue to support, encourage and pray for each other unconditionally without fail.

Lastly but not the least, dearly miss family fellowship of NCFM and its yummilicious widespread potluck. Not forgetting the endless talks like we have no home to go back. Alas! It remains sweet memories but you all won me and my family's heart then and now.

Heartfelt gratitude to all the church leaders and all members of NCFM for your immense love. It was a pleasure working with you all. I have learned a lot from you all. In fact, I am still in awe of your abilities and dedication for the Lord. Most importantly I have made amazing trustworthy friends and families for life whom I will cherish forever. I love to call you all a "jackpot blessing". We miss you all.

May the good Lord always bless you, protect you, keep you all safe in his loving arms. Amen!



*Mrs. Rinzat Lungran faithfully served as a member of the Pastoral Team during their family's stay in Mumbai, while her husband, Mr. Theiva, also served as the Treasurer of NCF Mumbai. Together with their daughter, Iklan, they were an integral part of the fellowship. The family is now posted in Dimapur.*

# A Season of Grace: My Three Years in NCF

- Thüjolü Phesao

Praise be to God for this beautiful season for His faithfulness and unfailing love!

Looking back at my three years in NCF, I see nothing but the fingerprints of God's goodness all over my life. These years have been more than just a chapter, they've been a testimony of how God uses people, places, and moments to shape and bless us.

Serving as the Ushering Core Leader has been an incredible honour. Taught me humility, responsibility, and the joy of serving God's people. There were Sundays I missed, moments I fell short in my responsibilities... yet this church never turned away, but instead embraced me with open arms, always joyful at our presence and set a reminder that service is about the heart, not perfection.

NCF family has truly been my home away from home, a place where my heart has found warmth, belonging, and joy. Words fall short to express how deeply grateful I am. From the uplifting Sunday services to the monthly connects, from adventurous treks to the treasured visits to Pastor's home to eating Sis Lima's lovely cooking. Wow! What a blessing



And how can I forget the kindness of the NCF family- opening their homes for a quick cup of tea, lunch and dinner, sharing not just meals, but laughter, stories, and love that nourished my soul. They were living reminders of Acts 2:46-47, where believers "broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts". Truly, this is a glimpse of God's kingdom here on earth.

Three years of my stay in Mumbai has been a season rich with friendships, lessons, adventures, and most importantly a deeper walk with Him.

May this fellowship continue to be a light, a home for the weary, a place where love is seen and felt and our unity be a testimony of God's goodness.  
God bless this family!

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ALUMNER  
COLLEGE

# GENESIS 1:2

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of  
heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are those who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God."*

- Matthew 5:3

# ALUMNI CORNER

My experiences with the NCF family go all the way back to my undergraduate days. It was a time of overwhelming and unpredictable experiences with chaotic life, but God had a plan for me in strengthening and molding me from chaos to a more meaningful life.

(As written in Genesis 1:2)



Throughout those times it was a constant struggle, wrestling with God about my purpose on this earth and during that stage of life NCF acted as a God's messenger reminding me of his plans as well as guiding me to live a Christ centered life through *Matthew 5:3*

Fast forward 2019, coming to Mumbai for my residency was another whole different life journey. In a field of excruciating demand for physical endurance and burnout. NCF services have been a source of promoting a clearer and positive state of mind by restoring my personal relationship with God.

As a human it's not easy to keep physical and spiritual life in balance and you tend to detach from spiritual life but attending the services brought peace and mental calmness, replenishing my physical tiredness to look ahead in life.

So, to me NCF has been a community that brought tranquillity and spiritual nourishment, reminding that people need more than material things to truly live but God's word as a sustenance as written in *Matthew 4:4 Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.* And so the church helped me to reconcile my relationship with God and was very fortunate enough to get baptised in NCF Mumbai church by the pastor.

After leaving Mumbai, the future is inherently uncertain but my years with NCF Mumbai have impacted me so much that I would always cherish and carry it with me throughout my journey.

- Dr. Yanglitsung T Sangtam

*Dr. Yanglitsung T Sangtam is currently pursuing his Super Speciality (MCh) Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at SKIMS Srinagar.*

*He continues to be a great support to the church.*

# CONNECT EXPERIENCE SHARING

WINNERSON  
KHULUSIIMO



This is a chatgptless, deepseekless and ai-less message so please hear me out. (Went through multiple "I am a human" verifications and failed but ain't it humane to fail? Period)

## THE CONNECT

What is it? Why talk about it? Is it even necessary? Here's the answers y'all been looking for and by the end of this, you're going to hate me for giving you this good news for free.. Stay with me now.

There can be times you can't make it to church on Sundays because you're rostered for work, you had to run some errands, you're not feeling well, you had some preplanned plans and you feel like you missed out on your free weekly spiritual gathering subscription and you're deprived of spiritual mana or because you just can't get enough of the Sunday worship service that you want to worship the Lord together even more. Don't worry about it. The Church got you.

*The connect is a social gathering for people who want to worship our Lord Jesus Christ together. It is hosted by NCF with the help of willing disciples in various areas of Mumbai rotationally on weekdays. (Hopefully cover it all one day)*

So don't miss out on this one.

I tell you my fellow mates, this experience is nothing less than magical. It's not like your usual Sunday service. Here we share our stories and help each other through prayers on a deeper and personal level. And the best part of it all? We make sure to have a lot of FUN and make the best out of it.

This connect has helped many build a family like bond with the church and has made it a lot easier for the youths to reach out for spiritual guidance. So please don't shy away and encourage your friends and families to participate regardless of their spiritual scars and flaws. No one is better than the other in God's eye for we all have sinned. This connect will hopefully change the perspective of a spiritual pessimist find HOPE.

At the end of the day, your ultimate mission is to bring in disciples of Christ so don't even ask me why is this necessary. The mission speaks for itself. That's how we roll for Christ. Strap up soldiers, we on a spiritual warfare and we need reinforcements.

*Winnerson Khulisimo served as Outreach and Evangelism Core Leader.*





# Christians and Social Media: A Call to Discernment

- Veasini Shaozae

With over 5.4 billion users globally and around 491 million in India, platforms like Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and WhatsApp shape countless lives every day. For Christians, the key question is: **what are we seeking from it, and how can we use this tool to draw closer to God rather than drift away?**

## Screens and Souls: Navigating Social Media Wisely

The Bible doesn't explicitly mention the internet or social media, yet its teachings guide us in navigating choices and challenges. It is essential to use technology with discernment. The internet, computers, and smartphones are not inherently good or evil; they are tools that reflect the character of the one who uses them. In the hands of believers, they can be powerful: from online sermons and virtual Bible studies to Christian podcasts that nurture faith; resources unimaginable just a few decades ago.

But these platforms are designed to hold our attention, often encouraging endless scrolling, comparison, and discontent. Without discernment, social media can quietly affect our spiritual life, mental health, and relationships, often leaving us with envy, dissatisfaction, and stolen peace.

This calls Christians to pause and reflect on how technology shapes our speech, thoughts, time, and hearts. **The question remains simple but crucial: are we controlling our screens, or are they controlling us?**

## The Bright Side of Social Media

### **Staying Connected**

Social media keeps us in touch with friends, family, and church communities. A post or message can spark conversations, revive connections, and keep us updated on church events, even from afar. It helps us share milestones, prayers, and feel part of a wider community.

### **Growing in Faith**

With Bible apps, podcasts, sermons, and personal testimonies, social media offers tools to grow in faith. Individuals can join online Bible studies, connect with pastors, and learn from believers around the world- all with just a click.

### **Sharing Your Faith**

With Bible apps, podcasts, sermons, and personal testimonies, social media offers tools to grow in faith. Individuals can join online Bible studies, connect with pastors, and learn from believers around the world- all with just a click.

### **Gaining Knowledge**

Beyond entertainment, it can also be a valuable tool for learning and personal growth. Platforms like YouTube host millions of educational videos covering topics ranging from science and finance to language learning and technical skills. Learning is no longer limited to classrooms.

# The Dark Side of Social Media

## Unrealistic Comparisons and Low Self-Esteem

Scrolling through social media can feel like flipping through others' best parts of their lives- celebrations, achievements, trips, while leaving out the struggles and ordinary days. Comparing ourselves to these filtered realities can lead to dissatisfaction and lower self-worth.

## Mental Health Strain

Excessive social media use is linked to higher anxiety and depression, especially in young adults. The pressure for likes and approval can trigger rejection, low self-worth, and social anxiety, often leading to increased sadness and isolation.

## Spread of Misinformation

Not everything we read or see online is true. False information spreads fast online, shaping opinions before facts are checked. This makes it harder to trust what we see and can mislead individuals and communities alike.

## Addiction and Wasted Time

Platforms are designed to keep us scrolling, making it easy to lose track of time. This distraction pulls us from key tasks, relationships, and goals, often leaving a sense of emptiness or regret. Too much screen time can cause fatigue, eye strain, poor posture, and less physical activity.

## Cyberbullying and Online Conflict

Anonymity online can bring out the worst in people. Cyberbullying and harsh comments are common, causing emotional harm and leading people to withdraw from social interactions, both online and offline.

# Using Social Media Well: The SHIELD Approach

For Christians, it's essential to approach these platforms with discernment, intentionality, and love. The SHIELD approach offers practical steps to navigate online spaces in a way that honors God.

## S – Speak with Love

Let every comment, post, or message reflect Christ's love. **As 1 Corinthians 16:14 reminds us, "Do everything in love."** Even in disagreements, communicate patiently and respectfully. Avoid harsh words, pride, or unnecessary debates.

## H – Hold Your Time with Discernment

Set boundaries for daily social media use and avoid mindless scrolling. Ask yourself: Why am I online? Am I growing, encouraging others, or glorifying God? Using your time intentionally ensures social media becomes a tool for good rather than a distraction.

## I – Inspire Through What You Share

Share content that points others to Christ - Scripture, Testimonies, Prayers, or Encouragement. Every post is an opportunity to glorify God.

## E – Engage Positively by Curating Your Feed

Follow accounts that uplift and educate. Unsubscribe or mute content that fosters envy, anger, or distraction. A thoughtfully curated feed nurtures gratitude, joy, and spiritual growth.

## L – Learn and Grow

Social media offers unparalleled access to skilled mentors, tutorials, and educational content. Pick up new hobbies, learn practical skills, or explore passions - often for free - turning screen time into meaningful growth and personal development.

## D – Disconnect to Reconnect

Step away from screens regularly to spend time with God, family, and friends. Digital breaks refresh your soul and ensure technology supports, rather than replaces, real-life connections.

The challenge isn't whether social media is good or bad - it's how we choose to use it. **Every interaction can either echo the world's noise or reflect God's truth. As Matthew 5:14 reminds us, "You are the light of the world." When we engage with wisdom and grace, social media shifts from distraction to discipleship, from comparison to community. Our calling is clear: to let our light shine.** By living and sharing as Christ's followers - online and offline - we reflect Christ's love into even the darkest spaces.



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# SUNDAY SCHOOL COLUMN

BY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Serving in the children's ministry is an incredible source of joy and continuous learning. We are so grateful for the church's immense support of our Sunday School department.

Our Sunday classrooms are not only filled with Bible teaching but also with practical activities that help the kids understand and apply God's Word. It is a blessing to see our students, who are highly competitive and eager to learn, engage with the lessons. Their curiosity brings the classroom to life with thoughtful questions and discussions about Bible stories.

This spirit of learning extends beyond our walls. Our children actively participate in our church's outreach programs by generously sharing their old toys and clothes with needy children. We also recently enjoyed a wonderful outing to the museum, which was a beautiful day filled with fun, learning, and fellowship.



# PHOTO GALLERY

Observed our **38th Church Foundation Day** on 2nd February 2025, celebrating God's faithfulness.



The men of NCF Mumbai organized a heartwarming programme on 9th February 2025, celebrating **Ladies' Sunday** to honor all the women.



Organized a one-day **Sports Meet** filled with fun games, friendly competition among different groups, and joyful fellowship on 19th February 2025





On 9th March, we observed **Mission Sunday** to encourage all members to actively participate in fulfilling the commands and commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.



From this year, our church has also begun supporting one theological student with a monthly stipend and assisting one church by providing their monthly rent for worship.

The women of NCF Mumbai joyfully organized a special program on **Men's Sunday**, celebrating and honouring all the men for their love, service, and commitment to God, family, and the church.



Mission is the heartbeat of God, the wheel, and an integral part of the church. In fulfilling the commission of Jesus, we organize church outreaches from time to time. Recently, the church conducted **three outreaches** in different places: (1) at the Red Light Area, (2) at a Day Care Centre for slum children, and (3) during a Day Retreat outside Mumbai for teenagers from the Red Light Area. We reached out to them through various activities, songs, drama, and crafts, touching lives and sharing the hope and love of Christ by giving gifts and providing food.



Rejoicing with Akoi and Anuj as they declared new life in Christ through baptism at NCF Mumbai



NCF Mumbai and the Naga Students' Union jointly organized a **One-Day Career Guidance Seminar** on 14th April 2025 for students and working youth in Mumbai, inviting trained experts from various sectors to speak on diverse topics.



NCF Mumbai observed **Good Friday** and **Easter**, remembering the price of love and rejoicing in the power of life through Jesus Christ.



Honouring Moms with Love, **Mother's Day Celebration**, 11th May 2025, organized by NCF fathers.



Core Leaders Sunday cum Installation of New Core Leaders



Day of Orientation cum Planning and Budgeting for the New Leaders.



Father's Day at NCF Mumbai was filled with joy and gratitude on 15th June 2025, as the mothers organized a heartfelt celebration to honor and appreciate all the fathers in our church family.



Empowering Facilitators from different areas of Mumbai through **training on Inductive Bible Study**, 12 July 2025 Mr. Samuel Smith from PRECEPT India was the Resource Person.



Observed Family's Sunday on 20th July.



Celebrating the gift of friendship in Christ, Friendship Sunday at NCF Mumbai



**Church Leaders Workshop cum Fellowship** at NCF Pune, a blessed time of learning, sharing and growing together. Heartfelt thanks to NCF Pune for graciously hosting and preparing our leaders.



Trails, rains, and unforgettable memories! NCF Mumbai conquers Garbett Plateau this monsoon





We rejoice with the families of Mr. & Mrs. James and Christy on the blessing of their daughter Eliana, and Mr. & Mrs. Sagar Rathod and Asune on the gift of their baby boy Arik. Both children were dedicated to the Lord at NCF Mumbai. We thank God for adding new family members to our NCF Mumbai family.



*'Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from Him.'*

Psalm 127:3



Small gatherings, big blessings, CONNECT brings us closer to one another and to God. NCF Mumbai extends heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the hosts for opening their homes and graciously hosting



**GOREGAON**



**THANE**



**ANDHERI**



**KALINA**



**CHEMBUR**



**THANE**



**NAVI MUMBAI**



**SOUTH MUMBAI**



**CHEMBUR**



**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**

## CHURCH EVENTS 2025

### JUNE

- 1 Green Sunday
- 7 Orientation, Planning & Day of Budgeting
- 15 Father's Day

### JULY

- 12 Seminar on Inductive Bible Study For Area Facilitators
- 20 Family Sunday

### AUGUST

- 3 Friendship Sunday
- 9 Workshop for Task Group with NCF Pune
- 15 Monsoon Trekking
- 24 Pastoral Team Sunday

## 2026

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year day
- 3 Day of Fasting & Prayer
- 24 Church Outing Day

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Church Foundation Day
- 8 Ladies' Sunday
- 21 Church Sports Day

### MARCH

- 1 Men's Sunday
- 8 Church Mission Sunday
- 29 Palm Sunday

### SEPTEMBER

- 7 Cultural Sunday
- 21 Working Youth Sunday
- 26-28 All India NCF Conclave in Guwahati

### OCTOBER

- 5 Thanksgiving Sunday
- 12 Pastor's Appreciation Sunday
- 17-20 NCFM Annual Camp

### NOVEMBER

- 2 World Sunday School Day
- 16 Hymnal Sunday
- 21-23 Regional NCF Connect to be hosted by NCF Mumbai

### DECEMBER

- 7 Advent Christmas
- 13 Christmas Outreach
- 20 Half Yearly Audit
- 25 Christmas Day
- 28 Testimonial Sunday

### APRIL

- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 19 CONNECT Sunday

### MAY

- 1-7 NNM Mission Week
- 10 Mother's Day
- 30 Church Leaders Fellowship
- 31 Core Leaders Sunday Cum Consecration of In-Coming Leaders

### JUNE

- 6 Annual Audit
- 7 Green Sunday
- 13 Orientation, Planning & Day of Budgeting
- 21 Father's Day

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