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BACKGROUND

How do you serve in GCI? I serve as the lead pastor for GCI, north India and assist the Mission Director in the Asian region. **Who has invested in you to support you in your ministry?** Predominantly Mary, my wife, who provided the encouragement and assistance every time I needed it and Mr. Rod Mathews as my supervisor and Mission Director for Asia.

How has your ministry had an impact on who you are? On who God is to you? The journey of our legalistic past into the grace of Christ made me realize of our infallibility and propensity for mistakes and the need to remain humble. To know that “His mercies are new every morning” and that He will “never leave or forsake” makes God, the God of Biblical revelations, truly a God of love.

What are some stand out memories from your time in GCI? The annual festival gatherings and recently, the GCI denominational conferences have been times of valuable and wholesome fellowship, especially for pastors who remain isolated from regular collegial interaction.

What are some of your reasons for choosing to participate with GCI in ministry? The honesty to confess error and the emphasis on “growing in grace and knowledge” makes GCI the best place to continue to learn and professionally develop.



Get to Know Daniel



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A must-see attraction where I live is the 120 year old Falaknuma Palace of the erstwhile Nizam of Hyderabad. Some even visit for a sit-down meal inside.

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My idea of fun evening consists of enjoying a glass of craft IPA with Mary in one of the many micro-breweries in Hyderabad, along with a piece of tandoori chicken - makes a warm afternoon invigorating.

3.

One of my greatest accomplishments is the reciprocal love I have received from my wife and children. I hope it is a testimony to the unconditional love, with all its shortcomings, I have modelled for them.



FAVORITE SCRIPTURE? THEME SONG FOR YOUR LIFE? OR LIFE MOTTO/WORDS TO LIVE BY?

The saying “there is none so blind as those who refuse to see” helps me not to be so opinionated.

WHAT ENERGIZES YOU?

A scintillating and mind-stretching theological discussion.

WHAT DOES HOPE LOOK LIKE FOR YOU IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?

That His kingdom has come and will come in all its fullness - in His good time.

EVERYONE WHO KNOW YOU KNOWS YOU LOVE:

Rassam (a concoction made from tamarind, tomato and pepper)!

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