

# FRANKLIN PAUPENS

Church Elder / Hyderabad, India

## Background:

**How do you serve in GCI?** Voluntarily serving in various capacities – being on the governing body of the national church (old entity, Worldwide Church of God) and President of the new entity (GCI), elder in the church, prayer co-ordinator and assisting in office matters, administration as well as finance. / **What makes you choose to give your time and energy to this ministry?** I just enjoy doing what I do. Further, it's an expression of my love and gratitude in small ways, because the Bible says "Do good to all men, especially to the house-hold brethren. / **What are some of the reasons for participating in GCI Ministry?** I just enjoy doing what I do. Also, church folks are simple, open-minded and teachable with intellectual honesty and courage to draw right conclusions. Above all, folks are just warm and loving. It's a pleasure to work with such people. / **Who has invested in you to support you in your ministry?** Undoubtedly our resident Pastor, Daniel Zachariah. With his ever-helping nature, he is more than a friend, brother and spiritual mentor. / **What are some stand out memories from your time in GCI?** In the '70s and '80s, as a young man I enjoyed the hard-hitting articles in the "Plain Truth" regarding the concept that man originated from inanimate things and man's ancestors were apes. The magazine went on to further conclusively show how man is the handiwork of a living Creator. Since then to this day, we continue to be totally committed to learning and growing and therefore we have the honesty and courage to look at a subject afresh and make course corrections, if any. That's the reason, why reformation occurred in our church in the 90s. / **Is there something unique about your church services that connects with your local context?** Yes. In GCI, sermons and messages are sound solid biblical teachings from a unique standpoint, Trinitarian. They are challenging and make the bible come alive. Needless to say the inner-human is strengthened.



## Get to Know Franklin



1.

What makes your region different from other places in the world? Hyderabad called the "pearl city" is famous for its food speciality "Biryani" & "Haleem". The picturesque Hussain Sagar lake that connects the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, 400 yrs. Old monuments like Charminar, Golconda fort and Asia's biggest zoological park, the Nehru Zoological park – all go to make this region unique on several counts.

2.

What energizes you?  
The knowledge & understanding of who God is - He is a God of love, a love which is inclusive. Realizing that God's love for me is lavish and unconditional energizes me. I wish others also realize that God loves them too and they are included.

3.

What is one of your greatest accomplishments?  
Being available for consultancy at all times and most of all, rendering support service in all matters, administrative, financial and spiritual.

### FAVOURITE SCRIPTURE?

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23.

### LIFE MOTTO/WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"We live, move and have our being in Him...we are his offspring." Acts 17:28, Paul's words to the pagans.

### WHAT ARE YOU MOST GRATEFUL FOR?

God's amazing grace at work every single day for me in so many ways. He fulfils even my heart's desires. Also, God's continuing grace for our family and our church too.

### LIFE LESSON, YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. Psalm 127:1.

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