

Sai Krishna Gomatam - Résumé

Purpose

To glorify God in all that I do; To be rooted and established in love and to comprehend, together with all the Lord's holy people, how wide, high, long and deep the love of Christ is (Eph.3: 17-18); To proclaim Christ, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, in order to present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me (Col.1: 28-29).

Brief Personal Testimony

I grew up in a Hindu Brahmin family in India. I occasionally practiced priesthood in a local Hindu temple in my hometown during my childhood. At age sixteen I faced an existential crisis in my life due to which I decided to end my life. By the grace of God, I did not succeed. During that time, there was a girl standing in front of my college, distributing fliers. The fliers contained an invitation to an evangelistic meeting. I decided to show up at this meeting. It was conducted by a group of students. They invited a campus missionary from the Union of Evangelical Students of India (Indian counterpart of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship) to speak in this meeting. He quoted the noted French philosopher and mathematician, Blaise Pascal and talked about God as the answer to the existential struggles of mankind. I was deeply touched by the message and committed my life to Christ. But after the initial enthusiasm faded, I reverted to a syncretistic blend of Hinduism and Christianity. After a year, I realized the unlivable condition of this new made-up religion. I felt hopeless and suicidal. The Lord spoke to me during this time through Scripture and brought me to repentance. I committed my life to Christ. The Lord helped me to be His first witness on my new college campus. Within a year, the Lord regenerated fifteen Hindu students and helped us grow together in Him. The Lord took me to another campus for my Masters degree in Computer Applications. I was the first witness in the entire department during my Masters too. The Lord redeemed two of my three Hindu roommates and helped us grow together and witness to many fellow students. Union of Evangelical Students of India trained us in doctrines and spiritual disciplines and helped us grow in Christ. My mentors at UESI encouraged me to pursue theological studies, but I did not have resources that time to fund that education, so I took a job as a Software Engineer. In God's sovereign arrangement, I married the girl, Jones, who invited me to my first evangelistic meeting. The Lord blessed our marriage and gave us two wonderful daughters, Shiloah and Zoe. The Lord blessed me in my job and brought me to Denver to lead a big team at a very early age. I realized, like never before, my need for transformation during this period. In 2012, after working for more than seven years as a Software Engineer, the Holy Spirit nudged us to pursue theological studies at Denver Seminary. We followed His lead, quit my job and joined the Seminary. God provided us an opportunity to serve at Galilee Baptist Church to build His people. We have been serving the Lord in various capacities at Galilee ever since.

Education

Currently pursuing PhD Program in Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Archaeology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois.

Master of Divinity with honors from
Denver Seminary

May 2016

Master of Computer Applications
Andhra University, India

May 2004

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with distinction from
Acharya Nagarjuna University, India

May 2001

Ministry interests

Exegeting the culture for the gospel, communicating the gospel and God's word to the pluralistic and post-modern mindsets, equipping the saints to speak the truth in love and live out the gospel in a challenging environment, apologetics, dialoging with both the leaders and lay people from other religions especially Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and atheism based on the materialistic/naturalistic framework, bible study, small groups.

Experience

Pastor in Residence, Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado

April 2017- March 2018.

- Assist in the oversight of Discipleship and Evangelism with the Congregational Life Team.
 - Develop and host quarterly workshops on marriage, spiritual renewal etc.,
 - Develop and lead quarterly community outreach events
 - Lead and teach weekly Indian Discipleship group
 - Host and lead monthly Denver Life Forum, which equips Indian Christian community
 - Attend and contribute to monthly Congregational Life Team meetings.
- Assist in the coordination of Adult Spiritual Formation program, adult Christian education and its evangelical components
 - Assist in the operation of yearly chautauqua @ creek initiative by Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church
 - Attend and contribute to monthly Adult Spiritual Formation meetings
- Teaching responsibility in Adult Spiritual Formation program and International Ministry's Global Fellowship and Teaching English as a Second Language program
 - Teach weekly Sunday Bible Study through the year and Common Grounds Bible Study in the summer.
- Assist in liturgy of worship service on a regular basis
- Contact visitors and seek to reach out to people on Sunday mornings
- Build relationships with new members
- Lead ministry team meetings

Discipleship Coordinator, Out-reach Director at Galilee Baptist Church (Denver, Colorado)

Volunteer from 2012-2016 and Paid Employee from September 2016- April 2017.

- Provided leadership to the church in the areas of outreach, personal evangelism, discipleship, and spiritual growth.
- Developed leaders within the Body, and ensure that they are equipped for ministry.
- Assisted the Senior Pastor in overseeing and supervising church ministry and administrative staff members.
- Assisted the Senior Pastor to ensure qualified and effective preaching in regular worship services and special services by scheduling speakers (outside speakers, staff members, and self); ensured timely payment of guest speakers.
- Assisted the Senior Pastor in planning Sunday morning worship services, including planning the order of service, scheduling special ministry/missionary interviews or highlights, scheduling personnel for the various components of the service, scheduling communion and baptisms, and determining announcements.
- Delivered sermons in the Sunday morning service frequently and regularly during the communion service.

- Conducted and taught various discipleship programs such as Navigators' 2:7 series and the *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* series.
- Conducted the Art of Marriage event to help strengthen the marriages. Also, taught the Art of Marriage small group series.
- Worked alongside elders and ministry staff in developing small groups within the Body to facilitate spiritual growth and accountability.
- Coordinated with elders, ministry staff, and members of the Body for pastoral visits of church family members who are hospitalized or homebound.
- Planned and taught membership classes as needed. Assigned other ministry staff members to assist with the classes, and provided training them to lead future classes.
- Assisted the Senior Pastor in overseeing special events for the church by coordinating with elders, ministry staff, and other church ministries or members; these events included but are not limited to outreach, service, social, and congregational development activities.
- Networked with leaders from other churches and para-church organizations.
- Provided support with the IT and Networking related issues.

IT Help Desk Technician, Work-Study, Denver Seminary (Littleton, Colorado) April 2015-May 2016

- Provided technical assistance to students and faculty at the Seminary on IT related issues.

Project Leader, Onsite Coordinator, Qwest/Century Link (Chennai, India & Denver, USA) 2005-2012

- Responsible for getting the customer bills produced on time by ensuring the billing cycle jobs run on time without any issues.
- Identified the problematic areas in the billing cycle that cause the delay of the cycle and provided solutions to fix them to prevent any delay.
- Scheduled meetings with the Business Clients to understand the business impact and severity of a change request.
- Wrote the requirements and created the Problem Management records (PMRs) and fixing the priorities based on the severity of the business impact
- Created high level designs and communicated them to the offshore team.
- Reviewed low level designs, coding and test results sent by the offshore team.
- Ensured the standards and procedures were followed in documenting the problems and fixes for future reference and metrics.
- Actively participated in MIPS reduction activity in identifying the high CPU consuming jobs on mainframes and enhanced them to reduce the CPU consumption.
- Was recognized as the top performer at offshore for the responsiveness in mission critical situations and also for the work in the proposals like MIPS reduction and Hawaii Telecom.
- Effectively managed the team of 16 at offshore and received appreciations from the Director and Vice President for commitment, responsiveness and excellent coordination.

Ministry among Indians in India and America

Student Ministry Leader, Union of Evangelical Students of India (Indian Counterpart of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship), India 2000-2004

- Choose colleges where there is very little or no Christian witness and personally register for some courses in them or mobilize Christian students to take courses in those institutions to build Christian witnessing.
- Build bridges between campuses and local churches; motivate church going Christians to open their homes for non-Christian or new Christian students.
- Invite non-Christian students who are interested to know about Lord Jesus Christ to one-on-one meetings and lead them to pre-evangelistic and evangelistic bible studies and meetings.
- Organized special events in the campuses for special occasions like Christmas and Easter and use them as platform events to reach out to the non-Christian students.
- Established Pastoral care centers and prayer cells in the campuses to offer help to non-Christian students and to encourage Christian students who experience rejection and persecution in the campuses because of their Christian faith.
- Coordinated and led the evangelistic and believers' Bible studies in the campuses.
- Coordinated Evangelistic, Discipleship and Leadership training camps.

Bible Study Teacher

2012-present

- Teaching weekly bible studies and monthly truth conferences (Denver Evangelical Fellowship conferences) to about fifteen Indian families residing in Denver, Co to equip them with truth in order to empower them to be contributing members of their churches and confident witnesses to their communities.
- Provide ongoing pastoral care and support to twenty Indian families. Some of them are not Christians.
- Preaching and teaching in Indian small groups and churches in various cities in the US.

Contributor to Right Theology Forum, India

- Contributed the following articles for a journal published by an Indian polemic organization called Right Theology Forum.
 - "Caste System According to Hindu Scriptures"
 - "What is biblical anointing? Does the word 'Abhishekam' (Telugu word for anointing) convey the biblical sense of anointing?"
 - Key contributor in the 6-part response video to the two books written to attack the nature of the Old Testament God and Jesus by Hindutva (Hindu Nationalist) fringe groups.