

## IPAS FUTURE PROJECTS IN PALAKKAD

- ◆ Tailoring Centers
- ◆ Annual medical Camps
- ◆ Providing Sources for Self employment
- ◆ Providing free education for school children

### Evangelism

Love is the most important tool when it comes to sharing the Gospel. Another tool might be the way a message is conveyed. If believers shout from the rooftops condemning people, unbelievers will probably not listen. However, words that love yet still convey the truth about the message of Christ might encourage people to do more listening. God is the One who works on people's hearts through Biblical evangelism. He is the One that can soften them toward Himself. Christian must remember to live

## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS MISSION WORK

- Pray daily for our mission fields
- Visit our mission fields
- Become a partner
- Become a volunteer in mission field activities

life in a way that so honors the Lord, using evangelizing as a means to show God's love to others. Biblical evangelism can take on many forms, but the most important technique is living in a Christ like manner. Believers need to let that gentle spirit that the Lord has given them speak volumes to those who notice something different in them. "Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life no man cometh unto the Father, but by me'" (John 14:6).

## MISSION REPORT FROM SEATTLE

To spread the gospel around our local area, Evg. Mathews John distributed tracts, displayed roadside banners and visited Spanish and Fiji families. Please pray for his ministry.

### MORE INFORMATION

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## INDIA PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY OF SEATTLE MISSION FIELD NEWS

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### Jesus calls us to reach with the gospel

More than one billion people live in India and this country is the world's largest Hindu nation, the second largest Muslim nation. Most people in India don't know God's GOOD NEWS for them!

**But God is at work in India today. Jesus Christ loves India. Millions of people in India are open to Jesus Christ as never before.**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people".  
Mathew 9.35

Yes, on the model of Jesus' ministry, IPAS also is doing the gospel work in an exemplary manner.

IPAS passion is to fulfill the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20

### IPAS Mission

The Mission of India Pentecostal Assembly of Seattle is to impact the lives of spiritually dying people through the process of personal transformation with the love and power of the LORD Jesus Christ and to equip them to become effective disciples and turning the Harvest field into Harvest Force there by transforming the communities.

## MEDICAL CAMP

**DECEMBER 2010  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need volunteer Doctors, Dentists, Nurses and other medical professionals. If you are interested,  
For more information, contact  
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# Know about Palakkad

## HISTORY

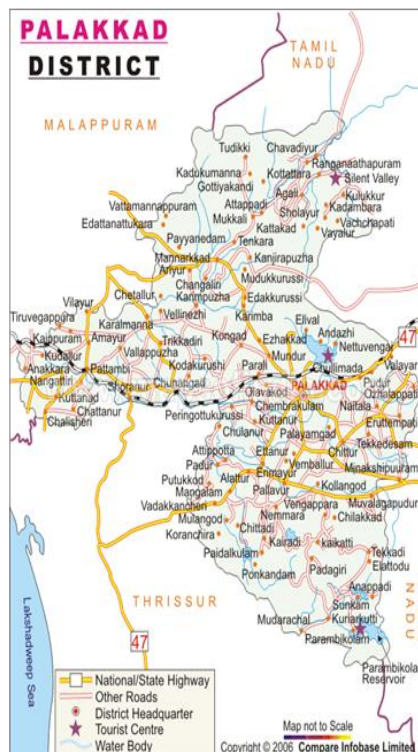
Palakkad is the land of Palmyrahs and Paddy fields. Along with Kuttanadu, Palakkad is major paddy growing area of the State. It is often called as the "gateway of Kerala". The Sahya Ranges bordering the region and the 32 to 40 km. long gap in the mountains exert a dominant influence on the climate of the region. This gap is known as 'Palakkad Gap'. In the past, this land was known as Palkkattussery. Etymologists trace the word Palakkad from Palanilam meaning the dry area. Palakkad has a long history dating back to the paleolithic period which was substantiated by a number of megalithic relics discovered from this region. It also housed the Capitals of two kingdoms such as Palakkad and Kollengode, which were in prominence till a century back.

## Religion and custom

Hinduism is the predominant religion in the district. Nearly 76 percent of the population belongs to the Hindu community. All the subcastes of Hindu community are well represented in the district. The *Vellodis* and *Nedungadis*, two sections of the Nair community, peculiar to Malabar area, are represented in this district also. Sections of the Hindu community, peculiar to this district are *Muthuvan*, *Mannadiar*, *Guptan* and *Tharakan*.

Vishnu and Siva are popularly worshipped. *Kshethrams* and *Ambalams* are dedicated to these major deities. The *Kavus* and *Kovils* are dedicated to deities like Ayyappan, Subrahmonyan, Bhadrakali, Hanuman and even malignant demons.

Snake worship has been widely prevalent in these part. The worship of ancestors is also practised by Hindus. Offerings are made to departed souls on new moon *Sankranthidays*. . Muslims are the second largest community. A particular section of the Muslim community whose mother tongue is Tamil, are known as *Ravuthars*. These people came here as traders and soldiers. They belong to the *Hanafi* sect of Islam Most of them reside in Alathur, Chittur, and Palakkad taluks. The way of life of this particular section is much influenced by the Tamil culture, especially in marriage customs and food habits.



# MISSION FIELD REPORT

As our Lord commanded us to go forth and preach the gospel to all the nations, IPAS has decided to start a mission station in Kerala, India. IPAS Mission Board authorized Pastor P.L. Mathew to start mission work in rural area of Palakkad District in a place where neither Christians live nor any mission work has taken place. He visited the Palakkad District in May 2009 and stayed there for some weeks to study the villages. He arranged meetings in a Church hall of an Independent Church at Kalladikod in Palakkad Dist. During these meetings, he donated school supplies (bags, books, umbrella, pencils etc.) to 125 children those living in poverty, about three hundred people attended these meeting and received the word of the God.

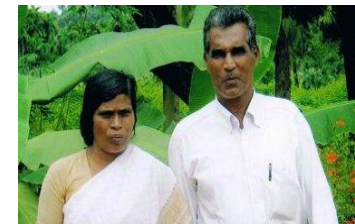
## About Mission stations and evangelists

As Pastor P L. Mathew was not familiar with this area, he sought the cooperation of Pastor K.T. Thomas, the pastor of an Independent Church. Seven evangelists showed interest to join our mission work, but only two evangelists were selected. With the help of local people, pastor rented two houses in two separate villages for our evangelists and provided necessary furniture. He also conducted initial training for these evangelists. If God willing, pastor and family will to move to India permanently and will provide leadership to this work.

## IPAS FIELD MINISTERS



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