

## **Duke Jonathan Goforth Jeyaraj**

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**DATE OF BIRTH:** 31 October 1974

### **LIFE GOAL**

To be a donkey who captivately carries Jesus and His Word to the Google Generation in the one life I have.

To work in a world-class Bible College as an adjunct faculty who will teach online courses to students across the world and train them for the Christian Ministry.

### **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

ICSE (Tenth) in Ida Scudder School - Vellore Town's most famous School in South India - with 77% in 1990

ISC (Twelfth) in Ida Scudder School, Vellore with 66% in 1992

B. Tech Agricultural Engineering in Allahabad Agricultural Institute of Allahabad University – Asia's first Agricultural College now called Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (SHIATS) - with 68% in 1996. Entered the college in 1993 and graduated in 1997 (as the academic session for all students was delayed because of communal strife in the area where my college was located).

M. A. Christianity in Mysore University with 67% in 2001

Masters in Divinity Gold Medal in Southern Asia Bible College, Center for Global Leadership Development, Bangalore in 2001

Doctor of Ministry (2009-2014) in Southern Asia Bible College, Center for Global Leadership Development, Bangalore in 2014. The Project for this course was on Strategies for Making Disciples of Modern Young Working Professional among India's Google Generation, World Wide.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

House captain and Table Tennis Captain in School.

Over 50 contributions published in magazines and newspapers of national repute under the "Letters to the Editor" column. Recently *Outlook*, *The Week* and *Sportstar* - the reputed sports magazine of *The Hindu* group of publications - carried my letters. I began writing first at school for my school magazine.

My letter to *The Sunday Indian* was selected for a Rs.3000/- cash award.

Won quiz competitions in school and was quizmaster both at School and College.

Stood third in an elocution contest at a national-level cultural festival in Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur. I was the graduation speaker in college.

Have given talks to select students of High Schools like Bishop Cotton Boys School, Bangalore and in colleges like Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, Madras Christian College, Chennai, Lady Doak College, Madurai, St. Aloysius College, Jabalpur and Christian Medical College, Vellore based on invitations on practical youth issues. I was invited to speak on finding purpose in life at the Cybergateway premises in Hitech City, Hyderabad, for an open-air audience by a church youth group. I was summoned as a speaker to a crowd of over 1000 modern youth representing 54 corporate companies and 147 colleges in Wesley College Grounds, Secunderabad in November 2005.

Served as Sports commentator in college (Allahabad Agricultural Institute/Now, Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences).

Have written four books for young people on their day-to-day life issues which have published in the 'photocopy spiral-bound format'. Hundreds of copies of these books sold.

Published a book that brought Bible Teaching on Sex, Love, Marriage, Porn and More via Indian Christian Book Publisher named Word of Christ. This book has run two editions (2010, 2018).

Also published two other books - Daniel in Dell and Goodnews for the Google Generation (Published by G4 Mission Publishers).

Edited a youth magazine (The Days Of Your Youth) named for over 20 years and wrote the lead article for it almost every time.

Served as a very popular Student Body President of a college with students from over 18 Indian States.

Valedictorian twice (M. Div. 2001, D. Min. 2014) in Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Youth Counselor and College Lecturer with the Central Assemblies of God - one of the leading churches in New Delhi - for eleven months (April 1, 2001 to March 21, 2002). The job involved creative communication of old-fashioned Bible Truths to the most modern youth in a captivating way.

Contributing Editor of *Arrows* and traveling Youth Speaker to colleges and churches with Blessing Youth Mission for three years based at Trivandrum and Jabalpur (July 1, 2002 to July 1, 2005). I have been editing and writing for this magazine (though the name for this magazine has changed) from January 1994. This means I have a writing/editing experience of over 25 years. I continue to write as I enjoy doing it.

Customer Support Executive in 24/7 Customer, Hyderabad, from January 2006 to December 2006 in the Echostar Billing Process.

Worked as Customer Service Executive in HSBC's Global Resourcing Centre in Road No. 10, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad in the Autofinance Department (Collections – Outbound) from December 2006 – November 2008 (nearly two years).

The above two roles I did as a 'tent-making missionary' (as I founded Grabbing the Google Generation from Gehenna Mission). I quit my job with HSBC Global Resourcing in November 2008 and have been fulltime with this organization ever since.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS IN HSBC**

Was the second person in my training batch negotiate a "Check over the Phone" (GPS) payment.

Have won Customer Compliment certificate.

Gave a talk to my teammates on the topic, "Finding Motivation for Relentless Repetition" – a talk that was well-appreciated. The text of this originally prepared talk is also attached with this CV.

Was Master of Ceremonies for Autofinance State of the Nation in September 2007.

Stood second in my present team in terms of dollars collected per hour, within five months of joining it.

Won the "Call of Fame" award in the month of October 2007.

Got M-plus rating for my performance in August 2007.

### **COMPUTER APPLICATION SKILLS**

I type all my articles and write ups on the computer at a brisk pace (with speed upto 49 words per minute with 100% accuracy). In fact I have a Junior Level Typing Course certificate from the Tamil Nadu Government.

Have overseen magazine page layout work in DTP Centres involving the use of Adobe Pagemaker and Photoshop software for over 20 years.

Have conducted Open Forums Via Applications like Zoom.

Run a Youtube Channel from 2008 – a channel with over 1300 messages of mine/sermon clips of mine with a grand total of over 500,000 hits. I have edited many of the videos on my channel using applications like Windows Movie Maker and Youtube Editor.

### **STRENGTHS**

Creative writing

Ability to see an issue/event analytically and write a brief response/report about it that will make people go, “He is dead right!” , “That is what exactly happened!”

Ice-cool temperament

Being no stranger to working under pressure and smiling through the storm!

Being a team man who has lead people right from School days

## **SPECIAL INTERESTS**

Sweating to hold youth spellbound with talks that wrap Bible life truths around modern day events

Cricket-watching and analysis

Writing articles, poems and letters to editors of magazines

Blood donation

Scholarly Research on Biblical Subjects.

## **MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

Duke Jeyaraj, born to missionary parents from South India (His dad, Bro. A. Jeyaraj was one of the founders of Blessing Youth Mission), was saved at the age of 11 (in a Blessing Youth Mission program in the CSI Ranipet which Bro. A. Lionel addressed). He committed for full-time ministry at the age of 13 in a Blessing Youth Camp (following Bro. R. Stanley’s challenge). Since the age of 16 he has been preaching (his first sermon was in Ida Scudder School – Vellore). During his Agricultural Engineering Course (B. Tech.) in the Allahabad Agricultural Deemed University he actively witnessed for Christ by leading Bible Studies in the college hostel and going for tract distribution in the city with like-minded friends. After completing this course, Duke worked in Chennai briefly. During this time, Duke (who was 23 years at that time) was invited to speak to a group of Sri Lankan Tamil Youth by their pastor who read one of Duke’s articles published in a leading Christian magazine (Blessing Magazine). Since then, God has opened the doors for Duke to speak in various settings across different Church Denominations in over 20 Indian States (Punjab was the most recent new State he preached in) and in a few other countries. Church of South India, Church of North India, Society for Propagation of the Gospel, Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist, Assemblies of God, Mennonite Brethren, Bakth Singh Assembly and other independent, non-denominational Pentecostal and non-Pentecostal churches, etc – these are some of the church denominations that have had Duke speak in their meetings. Duke also gets invited across organisational barriers. He has spoken in events organised by organisations such as Friends Missionary Prayer Band, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, Jesus Calls, Youth For Christ, Inter Collegiate Prayer Fellowship, Indian Evangelical Mission, Indian Evangelical Team, Compassion International, Evangelical Medical Fellowship India, Operation Mobilisation, India Missions Association, Metropolitan Mission, Far East Broadcasting Association, Evangelical Union, etc.

The wide acclaim and acceptance for Duke in Christendom is seen in the fact that Dr. Sam Kamaleson, the founder of Friends Missionary Prayer Band and former vice-president for World Vision International, has written the foreword for Duke's first book. Rev. D. Mohan, the Assemblies of God General Superintendent of India, wrote an endorsement for Duke's book, *Straight Talk on Sex Love Marriage Porn and More*, released in 2018. As did Rev. Anitha Aidinyantz (educator and minister of Gospel), Rev. Stanley Mehta the Overseer and Senior Pastor of the Gateway Ministries International (Mumbai) and Rev. Dr. Y. D. Jeyaseelan the National Overseer for the Victory Churches International (Delhi).

Duke has also served as an English Translator at one time for Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus' God TV program.

It has been Duke's privilege to speak to college students right in their campus on hot youth issues from the Bible, over the years. Duke has addressed students in Christian Medical College-Vellore, Madras Christian College-Chennai, Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi, National Institute of Technology (REC)-Trichy, Pondicherry Central University, Kurnool Medical College, Lady Doak College-Madurai, Bishop Heber College-Trichy, Karunya University-Coimbatore, etc, at various times on timely topics. Duke has even preached to the students of St. Aloysius College, a Roman Catholic Secular College in Jabalpur at one time.

Duke also has spoken in some schools to teens on subjects like relationships with parents, elders and the opposite gender, on writing exams well, on wise career choice, etc. He was a featured speaker to teens in Mount Carmel Schools, New Delhi.

Duke has the honor of speaking to Corporate Company Employees right inside their office campuses. He had done that in Mindspace IT Park and in CyberGateway IT Park in Hyderabad. He was featured as a speaker in a National-level God@Work Corporate Company Employees Conference in Bangalore. Duke has addressed the believers of one of India's leading IT companies in their National-level meet. Talking about National level meets – Duke has address youth gatherings of the Assemblies of God, the Indian Pentecostal Assembly, Church of South India, Evangelical Medical Fellowship (Shiloh), etc.

During the lockdown of 2020, as Duke spoke in a medical students Christian mission conference, there were over 700 people attending via Zoom.

Duke has briefly worked in Corporate Companies (including the Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) group). While he worked there, he conducted brief break-time fellowship meetings right inside the office premises.

Duke, at various times in his life, has served as a youth pastor, Bible College Teacher, Writer, Editor, Counsellor, Travelling Missionary Revival Preacher, etc.

Every time and where ever Duke speaks, he constantly seeks to call the audience to repent from their sin and trust in Jesus who is the only way, by presenting Bible Truth wrapped around contemporary events the Jesus Luke 13:1-5 way. And the results have been very very encouraging. Hundreds have to Christ following his messages. Duke also expounds the Word of God in a practical way so that at the end of these messages the audiences are challenged for holy living, witnessing and ministry involvement through the local church and para-church organisations. Some young people have joined fulltime ministry having committed their lives for the same after one of Duke's messages. Duke in 28 years of itinerant preaching

has always adhered to pulpit ethics – he has never used the pulpit of a church or a ministry to shoot down its own doctrines and beliefs. Instead, he has always sought to build up, encourage, challenge, motivate the audience and make them more effective and more energetic in their own local churches or other ministries they are already involved in.

Duke has addressed crowds over one thousand on different occasions. While he has done this, he also keeps addressing small groups of people as well.

Duke lives in Hyderabad with his wife, Evan, who is also an itinerant speaker. They have two little children – Dale and Datasha. Duke has the following theological degrees: Masters in Divinity (Gold Medal) and Master of Arts in Christianity. He started his doctorate in ministry (D. Min.) in Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore in 2009 and graduated in 2014 (he, along with one other classmate, was the quickest to graduate) with his project on making disciples of Jesus out of Information Technology Professionals.

Duke, in Feb 2006, started G4 Mission – an inter-denominational, inter-organisational organisation that aims to grab the Google Generation (modern youth) going to Gehenna (Hell) using creative ways. This Mission is run by free will offerings of Indians who believe in its vision. Duke and his wife are now the full-time staff of this ministry. The day-to-day operations of this ministry are practically executed by volunteers who are in different places and in different jobs (Our video volunteer works with Infosys). G4 Mission is governed by an independent Government-registered Trust which includes non-relatives of Duke in it. The accounts of this Trust are submitted to the Government of India annually. Duke publishes a magazine called, “The Days Of Your Youth”, once in two months. This magazine wraps Bible Truth around contemporary events. In November 2010, Duke released a book titled, “No Beating About The Bush Straight Talk On Hushed Up Matters: Contemporary-event wrapped essays on what the Bible has to say about sex, love and marriage, plus more!” after many years of distributing his books in the photocopy spiral bound format. This book was printed by Word of Christ publishers in an undated format in 2018. *Daniel In Dell* and *The Goodnews for the Google Generation* are two of Duke’s other books (out of print now).

For two years Duke has been invited to be judge in an inter-Sunday School preaching event for teens in the city of Hyderabad.

The testimonies of those who have been immensely blessed by Duke’s writing ministry come from across the globe from different countries. Duke believes he is called to be one of the donkeys invited to carry Jesus to the modern generation – a generation he calls ‘Facebook Folk’, ‘Hotmail Herd’, ‘Yahoo Youth’, ‘Google Generation’, etc.

You can meet Duke online at various websites:

[www.dukev.org](http://www.dukev.org) (overall website)

[www.dukewords.com](http://www.dukewords.com) (only articles of Duke on Cult-Awareness, Bible Truth around contemporary events)

[www.purposespot.blogspot.com](http://www.purposespot.blogspot.com) (Gospel Presentation for non-believers by Duke)

[www.g-4mission.blogspot.com](http://www.g-4mission.blogspot.com) (ministry report from 2007 to 2014)

[www.youtube.com/c/visitduke](http://www.youtube.com/c/visitduke) (videos messages)

[www.soundcloud.com/shoutaloud](http://www.soundcloud.com/shoutaloud) (audio message)

<https://www.instagram.com/dukejeyaraj/> (photos and short videos)

## **ARTICLES PUBLISHED**

Duke's writing ministry is also inter-organizational. Light of Life, a leading Christian magazine that goes to about 20,000 folk across the world, has published Duke's Bible-light-shining articles on current topics regularly. "The Sowing Circle" (The Bible Society of India's magazine), "The Sower" (Methodist Church's magazine), "Insight" (Assemblies of God's Bible College Annual Magazine), "AIM" (Evangelical Fellowship of India's magazine), "Blessing" (Blessing Youth Mission's magazine), "Kerith" (the youth magazine of Friends Missionary Prayer Band) and the printed voice of the Indian Evangelical Team – all have carried Duke's articles at various times. The acclaimed Indian Christian Mag, Christian Trends, has carried Duke's articles as well. The links or snapshots of these items are uploaded on Duke's Facebook page.

This is the link for a sample of the different kinds of magazines that Duke has written so far: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/dukebook/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=3258692344142572](https://www.facebook.com/pg/dukebook/photos/?tab=album&album_id=3258692344142572)

For Blessing Magazine, Light of Life Magazine, AIM Magazine, The Days of Your Youth Magazine, and a few other magazine, Duke has written more than one article. Currently (June 2020) Duke writes every month for Aim Magazine.

Or a Google search can bring up links to some of the articles. For example, a search, "Duke Jeyaraj Christian Trends" will bring up Duke's article links on Christian Trends magazine.

At various times, Indian newspapers/news-magazines such as Outlook, India Today, The Week, The Sunday Indian, The Sportstar, Frontline, The Hindu, Deccan Chronicle, etc have carried Duke's hard-hitting comments on sports events and contemporary events.

## **BOOK PUBLISHED VIA KINDLE**

Duke Jeyaraj's Book, **Straight Talk**, available on Kindle via Amazon.com has several endorsements from top Christian Leaders including from Rev. Dr. D. Mohan, the General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God of India and Vice-Chairman of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship and denominational heads.

This book is also available on Google Books.

## **DOCTORAL-LEVEL WORK**

Duke Jeyaraj holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore. He was among the first two students of his batch to graduate (2009-2014). His project titled, Developing Strategies To Make Disciples of India's Modern Young Working Professionals Wide Wide, is often shown to current Doctoral Level Students as a model project. Duke personally interviewed over 100 modern young working professionals (including employees of top companies like Google, Microsoft, etc.) in different Indian cities

and those outside India (via phone) as part of this project. The PDF of this project can be made available on request. In this program Duke did courses on Spiritual Formation, Organisational Leadership, Conflict Resolution, Jesus and the Religious Experience of People of Other Faiths, Human Development with a Theological Perspective, Contemporary Pentecostal Charismatic Issues, Kingdom Leadership, Project Writing. Each of these courses were taught for a week by Doctoral Degree holders of repute (include those from the U.S.A).

## **BIBLE COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Central Bible College, New Delhi (2001-02)

Andhra Pradesh Bible College, Hyderabad (2005)

Taught the course Old Testament Survey to Missionaries of Blessing Youth Mission as part of their Bachelors in Missiology course (2003)

Taught the M. Div. Level Students of Southern Asia Bible College at the campus in New Life Assembly of God Campus (Extension Bible School) (2015-2017)

Taught a course/lectured on Internet Evangelism/Internet Ministry to the fulltime M. Div. level students of Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore (2015)

Joined School of Urban Mission Bible College and Theological Seminary, Eldorado Hills, California as Adjunct Faculty in August 2020.

## **LOCAL CHURCH**

A member of New Life Assembly of God led by Rev. Arlene Stubbs since 2006.

Was invited by this church so that I could speak to the Youth, in a conference, in 2002.

Have addressed this church during the Sunday Morning Service, Women Service, Bible College Meeting, several Youth-Teens Meets, etc.

Have been part of this Church's Mission Committee.

I have led in prayer of intercession in the church year-end service, early morning services, etc.

Have travelled to Bhutan and Odisha as part of this church's Mission work/training/open-air preaching.

Have counselled believers from this church at the request of the pastors.

Have been on a Q & A panel during a Women's Conference of this church.

My wife has also ministered in many meetings of this church.

Have written articles for this church's weekly bulletin.



Was in-charge of the Bible College which offered M. Div. by extension for 18 months in this church. Taught several M. Div. Bible Courses during this time and even when someone else was in-charge of this course (on subjects like How To Preach).

Have made announcements on behalf of the Church Committee to the church audience asking them to give liberally towards Christmas Gift For Pastors.

The many messages I have shared in this church pulpit over the years are found in this Youtube playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2z1uBimIneyalnX86tzSd5gwyo6Pvc0s>

## **DENOMINATIONAL RECOGNITION**

Was ordained by the Assemblies of God in October 2018.

Have preached in the National Youth Conference of the Assemblies of God in 2009 and 2012.

Have preached in the South Asia Youth Leaders Summit of the Assemblies of God in 2015.

Have preached in leading Assemblies of God churches in Bangalore (FGAG), Chennai (NLAG), Delhi, Lucknow, etc.

## **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Height: 5 Feet 8.5 inches

Nationality: Indian

Marital Status: Married since July 9, 2001.

Spouse Name: Evangelin Early Star Duke (daughter of an Indian Missionary to Odisha, India, and a trained hospital administrator, now in fulltime ministry with Grabbing the Google Generation from Gehenna Mission with me from its inception, 2006).

Children: Dale, 16 (Son) and Datasha, 12 (Daughter)

Languages Known: English (to speak and write), Tamil (to speak) and a bit of Hindi, Telugu and Malayalam (only to speak).

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## **REFERENCES**

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Rev. Dr. Ivan Satyavrata, Director, Assemblies of God, Kolkota, India (and former President and President Chairman of the Southern Asia Bible College, now Center for Global Leadership Development). He was the president of Southern Asia Bible College, when I was a student of M. Div. 1998-2001).

Rev. Dr. Mike Waldner, USA, Travelling Bible College Teacher on Missions and Evangelism.

Rev. Younus Samuel, Associate Pastor in New Life AG Church, Hyderabad (the one who first invited me to preach in this church in the 2001 when I was a Youth Pastor in New Delhi).

## **DECLARATION**

I hereby affirm the information furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge.

**DUKE JONATHAN GOFORTH JEYARAJ**

**21 October 2020**