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# Interview with Pari

**How many years has it been since you first said "yes" to serving God with your life? What has encouraged you to persevere and what has been the anchor of your joy through life's struggles and through the disapproval from family?**

» It has been almost 27 years since I stepped into missions with Operation Mobilization (OM). I remember really wrestling with God for a whole year cause I was reluctant to go into missions and let go of my career. Yet looking back, that period of praying, asking God



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questions, reading the Word and talking with mature believers helped me know God's call on my life. So over the years in the good and the tough seasons, knowing God has called and that this is his work helps me persevere and not quit.

**God is my anchor. Despite the many years of ministry, some of my family are still disapproving and that is hard and sometimes painful. But my identity is based on who God says I am. So I have to keep turning to God and remind myself that in God I am enough.**

**You are a missionary but currently based in your home country. How have people received that? What struggles do people take for granted since you're "home"?**

» The work of missions requires not only the front liners who do the evangelism, church planting, etc. Those ministries cannot take place without a team of workers doing finance, personnel and mobilizing. To develop the ministry and the workers, we need training, coaching, mentoring, financial development, people care and leadership. Yet most of these functions in missions are behind the scenes and often not spoken about and much less recognized. Also many of the matters that I handle are confidential and sensitive and need to be covered in prayer, yet cannot be spoken about.

My roles in OM has me away from home a lot. Hence I am not able to be present at church or even relate to the church family consistently. So the challenge is a sense of belonging and of being 'sent' by the church.

**You've invested a lot in teens and young adults, and that's something many of your age struggle with. Would you have any encouragement or advice for those desiring to mentor younger people or break the 'generation gaps'?**

» Simply love them, listen, encourage and affirm the next generation. Don't judge. Be open to learn from each other. We older ones can learn much from the younger ones. Be transparent, allow them to see how we navigate life (the highs and lows) with God. They don't need to 'know' more about how, they need to see it in action up close.

Also I don't see the next gen as the future of the church because they are already the church of today. Along with us the older ones, together we are the church today. I think this is important to wrestle with before our interaction can be genuine.

To overcome the generation gap all generations should try to practice the above. It can't be one sided. Mentoring is a two way relationship, not top down, rather side by side.

The mentor is one who has walked the Jesus follower journey a bit further, and has a bit more history with God. The mentee, has a desire to grow in his or her journey. As they journey together the Holy Spirit works. Both learn and grow together.



**Answered by Parimalam Balasubramaniam**

Pari works for Operation Mobilization (OM) and serves on the FBC Missions team





## Special Announcement

Dear members of FBC, here are some upcoming important dates to note:

### 1. AOL MEETING

**22 October 2023, 10.30 am**

(PHYSICAL after 1st service)

- Approve Board Nomination

### 2. FBC ROS AGM

**29 October 2023, 1.30pm**

(PHYSICAL only)

- Financial report
- Election of Office Bearers

### 3. FBC (E) AGM

**29 October 2023, 2.15pm**

(PHYSICAL + ZOOM)

- Financial report
- Constitution amendment
- Election of Office Bearers



## Prayer Spotlight

# Prayer for Pari and her Colleagues in OM

### 1. Praying for God's protection over them and their families

We thank you for Pari and her colleagues in OM and for their obedience to heed the call of God upon their lives as workers in the mission field. We plead you will keep them safe from accidents and illness. Shield them against the fiery darts of the enemy by the strengthening of their faith.

### 2. Walking in Intimacy and Hearing the Voice of the Good Shepherd

We pray that they will only hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and that the voice of the enemy which brings condemnation and confusion be silenced in Jesus' name! Father, we also ask that they will have a fresh encounter with You and their intimacy with You will go even deeper.

### 3. Renewal of their minds

Lord, we ask that You will grant them discernment of Your good, pleasing and perfect will through the renewal of their minds by the Holy Spirit.

### 4. Boldness and Wisdom

Give them boldness and wisdom to walk in Your will in their lives, in the field and administration, so that they will always be in full alignment with You.

