

## REV. P. M. THOMAS - A TRIBUTE



Rev. P. M. Thomas, Founder of Kashmir Evangelical Fellowship and Himalayan Evangelical Mission was born in Kerala and became the pioneer indigenous missionary to Kashmir 59 years ago. His grandfather Dr. K. A. Thomas, is one of the Founders of the Marthoma Evangelistic Mission, (the very first indigenous mission in India), committed himself to cross cultural mission.

Rev. Thomas planted the first church in Udhampur, in the unreached hills of Jammu to Bedugaon, Sri Nagar. He was a man of God with courage and perseverance in the midst of opposition, suffering and changes in doing the mission of God in those remote Himalayan hills. As per the record in IMA he established more than 36 mission centers by the year 1994 with 96 missionaries. He has become a role model in strategically doing the ministry in the Himalayan region. He founded Himalayan Evangelical Mission and mobilizes his team to work in the neighboring places sharing the Word of God in the live of Christ.

Rev. Thomas has been closely associated with India Missions Association and in the words of the former General Secretary of IMA, "as the senior most among us he was a pillar of strength to the IMA fraternity..."

We in the IMA family with 294 member missions and partnering churches remain thankful to the Lord for the life and the work of Rev. P. M. Thomas and his vision for the Himalayan region and beyond. At this moment of grief, we assure our prayers to his family members and the entire missional team of late Rev. P. M. Thomas.

With prayers,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Isac Soundararaja".

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On behalf of IMA family.