

JOSSY CHACKO

A PERSONAL PROFILE



**Founder and President,
Empart Inc**

In Office 1998 - present

Resides Melbourne, Australia

Known for

- Holistic community transformation
- Leadership with an Eastern perspective
- Philanthropy
- Discipleship
- Follower of Jesus

Notable Work Madness!

Jossy Chacko was born in South India, into a farming and business family who for centuries have upheld Christian values and traditions. After climbing the Western materialistic ladder, Jossy discovered that a life solely dedicated to personal success would only bring a lack of meaning and fulfilment. Now, his goal in life is to surrender and yield to the plans and purposes of the One who created us. Since 1998, Jossy has been pursuing this through Empart, an empowering and partnering organisation that is committed to bringing holistic transformation to lives and communities through the raising up of indigenous leaders.

Early Life

Jossy Chacko was born in Kerala, South India. His early years were marred by his father's mental health issues which significantly disrupted family life. This challenge meant that his grandfather was actively involved in raising and guiding him. Jossy adored his grandfather and dreamed of becoming a successful business man just like him.

Encouraged by his grandfather, Jossy left India at the age of 17. He was armed with a one-way ticket, \$20 in his pocket and a big dream to become a business success. Life in Australia started in total disaster with no job, no money and no friends or family. Depressed and on the brink of suicide, Jossy had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Even though he had always known about Jesus, this was the first time he had personally experienced the reality of Jesus. Soon after, he joined a small family logistics company which grew significantly and was later listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. Jossy continued to work with this growing company until he left to start Empart.

IGNITING HOLISTIC TRANSFORMATION

Change of Direction

Jossy was busy chasing success and the western dream of early retirement until 1995. Then, while honeymooning in North India with his Australian wife, Jenni, Jossy's plans were changed forever by an encounter with an eight-year-old homeless boy, Raju.





“If you create a riskless environment you immobilise your leaders... Leaders don’t fail because of lack of information but because of lack of character.”
Jossy Chacko

“Don’t take your talents, gifts and abilities to heaven. Heaven doesn’t need them. Use them here on earth!”
Jossy Chacko

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The newlyweds took this slum boy with them for their three-week honeymoon around India. Raju taught them about his life and what it means to grow up living and begging on the railway stations, with no family or place to call home. This encounter shattered Jossy’s self-focused dream of accumulating wealth, retiring early, buying a hobby farm and raising a family in a quiet country town in Australia.

After learning about Raju’s life experiences, Jossy started to earnestly search for his purpose in life. The words of Jesus, *“to whom much is given much will be expected”* (Luke 12:48) started to bring conviction and clarity. Finally, after three years of soul searching and many setbacks, in 1998 he started Empart from the spare bedroom of their home.

Under Jossy’s visionary leadership, Empart has grown to become a prolific and leading community transformational movement, bringing both spiritual and social transformation to unreached and needy communities. With more than 30,000 communities having been reached, support offices in 9 countries and with more than 10,000 fulltime workers, Empart is well positioned, and on track, to achieve its goal of transforming 100,000 communities by 2030.

Jossy’s convictions compel him to many nations, inspiring business and spiritual leaders to capture a bigger vision.

Jossy is a gifted communicator - his story telling abilities, combined with insight and humour, serve to challenge, inspire, confront and convict listeners. God’s favour is evident in his life and ministry and doors continue to open for him with political, business and religious leaders around the world. He also serves on the board of several business and non-profit organizations.

Jossy and Jenni choose not to take a salary from Empart. They joyfully serve the Lord by faith, knowing God will provide all their needs. They live in Melbourne, Australia, with their 4 children and 2 dogs.

Jossy’s book ‘Madness!’ describes his journey, along with the leadership principles he has been learning. Madness! is available through www.empart.org



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