

Charusheela was born into a Christian family on March 27, 1961, in Maharashtra, India. She earned a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Home Science, and also a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) as a schoolteacher. She also studied in a two-year program of Bachelor of Religious Education at the Union Biblical Seminary. She came to personally know the Lord in her late High school years and committed her life to serve the Lord but not sure what that would look like in the future.

She married Samir on December 27, 1988, who was a teacher at the Calcutta Bible College. Samir was from Orissa, India. They were from different cultural backgrounds and even spoke different languages. Despite that, Charusheela, through her sacrificial life, adapted to new situation and church background with Samir in Calcutta. Charusheela resigned from her job after one year with a conviction to help her husband, Samir, in ministry. She wanted to be in the ministry beside her husband. To be in the ministry and to support her family's needs, Charusheela was willing to do any job. At the Bible College, she worked as an Office Clerk and Accountant; later she got opportunity to teach English and Bible Geography. Meanwhile, she encouraged Samir to go for master's degree in theology studies. Through God's provision Samir got a scholarship to study in Philippines for a year. Since support was limited, she took stitching/needle works from the campus store to earn money. She also gave English coaching to college students' children. When Samir was in Serampur College for studies, there was similar situation of fund shortages; Charusheela took a job at the Xerox counter to support the family. In numerous ways, Charusheela stood with Samir throughout their ministry's development.

In 2003, when Charusheela and Samir moved to Uluberia with little Madhumita, their only daughter, Charusheela's first desire was to start a Sunday School (at that time local church had no Sunday School) for little children where Madhumita would learn the Bible. She learned the Bengali language to teach in Sunday School. For Madhumita's education, she prayed for an English Medium School; and the Lord opened first English Medium School in Uluberia, Bharat Academy. As Charusheela came to Uluberia, her heart was burdened when she saw so many children on the street, not going to school. She prayed as to how she could help the children in education, and the Lord gave the Child Development Centre. Along with the CDC, Charusheela prayerfully started an elementary school in the Mission campus, which is the Mission School, with a purpose to build the foundation for children learning.

The other programs initiated and organized by Charusheela are: VBS, Children Rally, Children Camp, Pastors Family Camp, Women Empowerment, and others. Though, for the first fifteen years (2003 – 2019) Charusheela volunteered (not a paid employee of the Mission) yet her management skill, love and care were required by all the departments.

On April 16, 2022, Charusheela went to be with the Lord after a 2-year battle with cancer. We praise God for the time He gave her in love and sacrificial service. Samir, Madhumita, and many others miss her immensely. Her humble but powerful influence and prayers have impacted so many lives in India and the US. Someday, we will rejoice in heaven with her as we praise our Savior for eternity.