

**W**hen the Apostle Paul began churches in various cities, he left them in the hands of capable leaders. He later returned to the churches to offer more training, support, and encouragement. Paul told Barnabas, "Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city...and see how they do" (Acts 15:36). At HBC we strive to stay involved in the ministries we support. In addition to financial help, our goal is to come alongside them with prayer, training, and encouragement. In January, Pastor James Proctor and Rev. Mike Donelson traveled to India for this purpose. The highlights of their trip are covered in this and next month's newsletters.

### Preaching and Sharing

On their first Sunday in Trichy, James and Mike preached at Grace Baptist Church which is supported by HBC. Four people accepted Christ as their Savior. What an exciting start to their trip!

Mike also had a special witnessing opportunity when he visited Heritage Baptist Academy. Arriving early, he greeted the parents as they dropped off their children. Some of the mothers accepted his invitation to listen to his message to the school staff.



### *Hindu & Moslem parents & school staff*

Teaching from John 3:16, Mike gave his personal testimony and shared the lifesaving gospel with these Moslem and Hindu women. Some probably had never heard the gospel before. Please pray that the seeds planted here will produce lasting results for the kingdom of God.

### Sewing Institutes

Pastor Shibu has now opened three sewing institutes. The women are grateful for the opportunity to learn a trade that helps them provide for their families. Also, the gospel is shared with them. As a result of the sewing institute, several of the women now attend Pastor Shibu's church.

### Training Leaders

During the first two weeks of their trip, James taught a class on Pastoral Theology at the Heritage Baptist Seminary. His focus was to put Jesus first in all



things. Mike taught a class on Christology to the Bible College students (pictured above). These men are very dedicated to their studies. One came from a life of drinking and drugs, but was saved and now wants to become a pastor. Another is eager to return to his home in northeastern India to start a church there. Another said he is learning valuable lessons in God's Word about how to live the Christian life and get along with others. God's hand on these young men's lives is evident.

### Praises and Prayer Requests

Praise God for a fruitful ministry trip and for the souls that were saved. Thank you to the individuals and churches who helped with the expenses.

Pray for the new converts to stand firm for the Lord in the midst of persecution.

Pray for an urgent need of a second school bus as our school is expanding. A used 15-seat bus costs \$6,000.