

# HBC

HERITAGE BAPTIST COALITION

## HBC is 21<sup>st</sup> Century Missions

...unto the furtherance of the gospel. Philippians 1:12

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**J**esus loves the little children, all the children of the world. The words to this song ring true. Jesus set aside time in His ministry for children. Through stories He planted seeds of faith in their receptive hearts. Their love and acceptance must have been a refreshing change from the unbelieving and skeptical audiences He often faced. Children also have a special place in the heart and ministry of HBC. A look at some of the children's ministries HBC supports in India shows how we are reaching the younger generation for Christ.

### Vacation Bible School

This summer, churches supported by HBC held Vacation Bible School programs at three sites. Pastor John Shibu of Faith Baptist Church held a program in Thurayur. Pastor Shaju Matthew of Grace Baptist Church led two programs in villages near Trichy.



*Children of other faiths learned about Jesus at VBS*

In Puthu Theru, 65 children attended. In Mathur, 78 children attended. Most of the children were Hindu, and a few were Muslim or Roman Catholic. The VBS theme was, "Let the little children come unto me." Fifteen children responded to the invitation and accepted Christ as their Savior.

### Praise and Prayer Requests

A primary need in India is to purchase land and remodel the building so six HBC-supported ministries can move to a single campus. Praise God that a donor has pledged \$50,000 in matching funds. Please pray for this need.

### New School Year

Heritage Baptist Academy opened its doors in August for another school year. This year's attendance is 41. The students are from non-Christian backgrounds, mostly lower caste Hindu children. The school is for children up to fourth grade, and the desire is to expand to 12<sup>th</sup> grade after money is raised for the land purchase.

### HBC Orphanage

A few years ago, a father dropped off two children at the home of Pastor and Mrs Shibu in Thurayur. The father could no longer care for the boys, so Pastor Shibu took them in. Since then, they have taken in three additional children. HBC purchased beds, clothing, and school supplies for the children. They range in age from 5 to 11. The three younger ones attend Heritage Baptist Academy. We pray they will grow up to become pastors/missionaries. You can support an orphan for \$30/month or an academy student for \$40/month.



*Children from the orphanage in school uniforms  
L to R: Mohan Raj, Viknesh, Deepak, Mani, Moses*

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