

As we near the end of 2017, we are reminded of how quickly time passes. We each have a brief opportunity in this life to serve the Lord with our time, talents, and treasures. A well known poem says, "Only one life, twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last." It's good to reflect on what we are doing today that will impact eternity. HBC is committed to supporting ministries that are making an eternal impact. We are thankful for all God is accomplishing and for those who pray for and support this ministry.

Ministering to the Oriya-speaking people

God has opened an exciting ministry opportunity near the Heritage Academy in Thurayur. About 900 Hindu families live there who are from the State of Orissa. Orissa, one of the 29 states of India, is located in the eastern region. It is an extremely poor area. To find jobs, people come to Tamil Nadu State in southern India. Most of the people work in factories.

The people from Orissa speak the Oriya language. No evangelistic work was being done among them until HBC began supporting Pastor Samuel Jena. He has a Masters of Divinity degree from a Baptist College. He is from Orissa and has a heart for his people. His goal is to start a church among the Oriya-speaking people.

Orissa is known for Christian persecution, but once people are out of their state they seem open to the



Reverend Mike Donelson & Pastor Samuel Jena

gospel. Pastor Jena's first approach was to start a spoken English class. Nine students are attending. Please pray for this ministry. We are eager to see what God will do through this work.

Heritage College and Seminary Training



Pastor Vincent Sawyer from Victory Baptist church in Florida completed two weeks training the college and seminary students in Trichy. Seminary students will have additional requirements to complete.

Praise and Prayer Requests

Praise God for the exciting events planned for 2018. In January the annual Pastor's Conference will be held in Trichy. A pastor has volunteered to fill in at the conference and teach. A church in Pennsylvania is underwriting Dr. Ninan's trip there. Professors and pastors are scheduling dates for 2018 to teach at the college and seminary. Also, there is much interest in starting extension classes in other cities in India.

Please pray for:

- Funds to purchase property in India to bring several ministries together. An individual will match the first \$50,000 raised. We have raised \$25,000 toward that goal. Please pray that we would receive the additional \$25,000 this year.
- Motorbikes for two pastors - \$1,500 each
- A water filter for the Bible college - \$700