

# 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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The church - the called out body of believers - is our focus this month. We are excited about what the Lord is doing in two churches in India. Grace Baptist Church now has its own building. This makes it the first Baptist church we are aware of in the city of Trichy. The other church we are highlighting is being planted among a group of Hindu people. They left an area of strong Christian persecution to find work. Now a faithful pastor, supported by HBC, has begun a ministry among them. We are thankful and trust God to fulfill His Word: "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47b.

### Dedication of Grace Baptist Church

For many years, Pastor Shaju Matthew in Trichy prayed for a church building for the congregation of Grace Baptist Church. They had outgrown their meeting place in the pastor's home. God answered his prayers.



*Grace Baptist Church is the first Baptist church we know of in Trichy, among 3 million people.*

Members of the church along with a few friends contributed the money for the land and building. Church members and students from HBC Bible College built the structure. In January, Dr. Gary Forney, president of All Points Baptist Mission, formally dedicated the church. Dr. Phil Ninan from HBC attended the ceremony.

While HBC supports Pastor Matthew, we did not contribute any funds toward the land or building. HBC's goal is to come alongside ministries and help them become self-supporting. Funding and building this church was a great accomplishment for this growing congregation.

### Praises and Prayer Requests

HBC Bible College completed another successful academic year. Praise God for the visiting pastors and teachers who made a great sacrifice to come and instruct these students for the ministry.

Please pray for a potential campus for the HBC ministries. We are looking at 2 acres of land with a 3,000 square foot building. The price is \$200K. We have raised \$100K.

### New Church for People from Orissa

Our last newsletter gave details on a ministry opportunity God has opened with Hindus from the State of Orissa. About 900 families moved near Thurayur to work in factories. Pastor Samuel, supported by HBC, had been taking 3 buses to get to their village to share the gospel. God graciously provided him with a motorbike through an HBC donor.



Pastor Samuel now has 18 to 20 young people meeting with him each Sunday for a church service. Please pray that God will reach many souls through this ministry.