

Summer presents an opportunity to reach children and youth who are out of school with the gospel of Jesus Christ. VBS and youth camps were held in India to share the love of God through teaching, activities, and songs. Heritage Baptist Bible College students received hands on experience helping in various ministries. Many traveled to their home states to minister there. Jesus said we must work while it is still day. "The night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4b). It is already dusk in some parts of India where religious freedom is being threatened. As we support national pastors through HBC, we are helping them continue their work while the opportunities still abound.

### Summer Ministries in India

A youth camp was held in the city of Madurai and 95 young people attended. Madurai is known as the Temple City of India. The camp helped bring attention to the ministry of Pastor Antony Swami whom we support. His one year old church meets in his home. A lot of interest was shown in the church ministry. We also have an extension of our Bible college there. Two youths expressed an interest in attending.



*VBS in Trichy*

Pastor Shaju Matthew's church in Trichy held a VBS, and 90 children attended. Some of them continue to attend his Sunday school. We trust we will see the fruits of this ministry in the years ahead.

Pastor Shibu's church had 69 attendees at a youth camp. Most were from Hindu villages where house visitation is not welcome. They heard the gospel and learned about Pastor's ESL classes and church.

Students from Heritage Baptist Bible College are serving the Lord this summer in different states in India. We praise the Lord that 6 people have been saved so far through these ministries.

### Land Purchase Update

We have been looking to purchase property for a campus for the HBC supported ministries. The properties we previously considered did not work out because of legal issues. We are now looking at a piece of land near Trichy that costs \$260,000.

We have already raised nearly \$200,000. By faith we are moving forward, and attorneys are reviewing the legal documents for this property. If everything is in order, we will pay the \$200,000 and request 3 months to pay the rest. Land owners in India will usually not accept longer than 3 months for payment. Please pray for God's will in this matter and for the additional \$60,000 needed.

### Praises and Prayer Requests

Praise God for the many sacrificial gifts made toward the land project and for everyone's prayers. Thank you to those who are providing counsel and legal expertise. We are humbled by the overwhelming support and encouragement of so many.

Thank you to the dedicated workers who participated in the summer ministries, and thank God for the fruit that resulted.

Please pray for:

- the new Bible college academic year starting July 2<sup>nd</sup>, a good enrollment and safe travels for the students.
- Pastor James Spears, Rev. Mike Donelson, and Dr. Phil Ninan will travel to India in July to teach at the college and visit the ministries there.
- \$60,000 needed for the land purchase.