

Raising well trained Christian leaders within the 10/40 Window is one of the goals of HBC. In areas where Americans are not welcome, the task of spreading Christianity remains in the hands of nationals. We are privileged to have a small part in providing biblically sound education to young men and women whom God is calling to minister in their native lands. According to Open Doors ministry, “India experienced a dramatic rise in Christian persecution, moving from No. 15 in 2017 (on the World Watch List) to No. 11 this year. Radical Hinduism and Indian nationalism are driving factors in the increasing levels of unrest and instability Christians face.” We are thankful for the opportunities we have in southeast India to train and support nationals. But as Jesus warned, “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. (John 9:4).”

Growth of HBC Bible College & Seminary

Enrollment in HBC Bible College and Seminary almost doubled this year. We have 38 undergraduate students, 2 masters students, and 16 pastors taking block classes for a master’s degree. Students attend from 8 states in India, and 2 are from other countries. HBC rented a 3-story building to accommodate the increased enrollment. It provides classrooms, a library, and a dorm for the male students. HBC rents a separate dorm for the female students.

In July, Dr. Philip Ninan and Rev. Mike Donelson from HBC, and Pastor James Spears of Calvary Baptist Church in Pottstown, PA spent two weeks in India. Pastor Spears taught Dispensationalism to the master’s students, and Rev. Donelson taught Ecclesiology to the undergraduates. We are looking forward to a 2020 graduation for several students.



Rev. Donelson baptized four new Christian converts while in India

Land Purchase Update

Over the last few years, we have looked at several properties to purchase for an HBC campus. The 10 acre property mentioned in the June newsletter is still under consideration. We are waiting for the owner to produce documents showing the land ownership for the last 50 years. We need this so no one later claims title to the land. In the meantime, we continue to look at other properties. Please pray for wisdom to find the right property with no encumbrances.

Praises and Prayer Requests

We are thankful for the much-needed water purifier that Pastor Spears’ church purchased for the college. With other generous donations, we purchased 12 bunk beds for the college and 30 chairs for the chapel. For Pastor Shaju Matthew’s church, we purchased 2 four-chair dining tables and a refrigerator.

Please pray about supporting a college student for \$50 a month (this covers room & board, education, study materials, etc.).

Closing of HBC Academy

When HBC Academy opened in June 2015 with 63 students, our goal was to provide a good Christian education for Grade 1 to 3 students. The costs of running the school were high, and only half of the students were able to contribute towards their education. In the meantime, two other tuition-free schools opened in the area offering free milk, lunch, and other amenities. Parents send their children to the school that offers the most. This year due to decreased enrollment and after much prayer, we decided to close HBC Academy. When we have a permanent HBC campus, we plan to open another elementary school.