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HERITAGE BAPTIST COALITION

21st Century Missions

...UNTO THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL.

Philippians 1:12

December 11, 2019

Dear Friends,



The announcement of Jesus' birth 2000 years ago, was given by a choir of angels to a group of lowly shepherds. Imagine them hearing, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." After going through almost 400 years of darkness, it is no wonder the shepherds, "Made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child." And now after 50 generations, some are still talking about Christ the Lord in the cities and villages of the world.

When HBC began in India five years ago with two-week module classes, we were only trying to meet the need of some national pastors. They wanted more training while they remained active in their local ministries. Today there are 17 attending seminary classes and 67 attending the college and receiving training to lead churches and mentor new converts. They will pass on the Gospel to the 51st generation who are still in darkness.

You may have heard about some of the on-going governmental opposition toward the minority religions in the area. (See article.) We pray for wisdom as we move forward and trust God. The God of the 1st Century Christian persecution and revival is the same God we serve today. Please consider helping us as much as possible with our ongoing expenses. As long as we are mentoring new men and women, we will need significant monthly support from our likeminded friends.

A few weeks after Christmas, HBC will celebrate our first college graduation. It is only because of you, faithful friends. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial support have made a powerful difference in the 10/40 Window, where many more need to hear the Gospel message of the angels. From all of us at HBC, thank you for making it possible to send out a few shepherds to make Christ known.

Sincerely,

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President, Heritage Baptist Coalition
[Luke 2:17,20](#)

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NEW DELHI — Lawmakers in India on Wednesday passed a fundamental change to its citizenship law to include religion as a criterion for nationality for the first time, deepening concerns that a country founded on secular ideals is becoming a Hindu state that treats Muslims as second-class citizens.

The new legislation creates a path to citizenship for migrants who belong to several South Asian religions but pointedly excludes Islam, the faith practiced by 200 million Indian citizens.

The measure was approved by a majority of the upper house of India's Parliament in a final vote late Wednesday. It is expected to be signed into law by India's ceremonial president within days.