



MINISTRY NEWS

LARGE GIFT RECEIVED !!

I recently made a trip to Texas to meet with potential teachers for our Linguistics Institute in India. The Lord really blessed that meeting - more on that later.

I was invited to be part of a Mission Conference while in Texas and presented our ministry and an overview of all three of our major projects: The **Mali Project**, the **Restricted Nations Project** and the **India Project**.

At the close of the conference, the pastor called me up on the platform and presented me with a check for **\$25,000.00** toward our Restricted Nations Project. We are still rejoicing! This will help us put Scriptures in closed Muslim Countries in the Middle East and North Africa.

REGIONAL MEETING - MARCH 24, 2010

If you are anywhere near the north central Ohio region, please plan to attend our next regional meeting.

Westside Baptist Church

3720 W. 4th Street, Mansfield, OH 44903

March 24th, 9:00 am to 12 noon

Lunch will be provided following the meeting. This meeting will encourage you and help you strategize for greater impact through your missions efforts. Please email or call for more information.

INDIA PROJECT UPDATE

Our 3rd Annual Pastor's Conference in February was a great success. The Lord truly blessed. We spoke to about 600 pastors and college students. Our team of 7 preachers and teachers held 33 preaching and teaching sessions over three days.

We also held a brief dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new printing press. We gratefully acknowledge the vision of Dr. Charles Keen to make the installation of this press a reality. We will soon be printing Gospels of John on this press.

If you wish to be part of our 2012 Conference, please let me know as soon as possible. The team is already forming and we have a limited number of slots. The travel dates will be **January 27 - February 3, 2012**.

The 2013 meeting will be huge. I have been invited to be the keynote speaker for a five night Evangelistic Crusade to be held on Wednesday through Sunday before our Pastor's Conference begins on Tuesday. We will be

preaching to anywhere from 3,000 - 5,000 people. Most of these will be Hindus. Please pray for this meeting.

LINGUISTICS INSTITUTE TO LAUNCH!!

We are excited about what the Lord has done through our efforts to launch a training program for Bible translators in India. We currently have 8 students enrolled for this coming school year which starts on June 22nd. Next year's enrollment is already approaching 20 students.

In a remarkable chain of events, the Lord has put all the puzzle pieces together. We will have three different teachers. Two of them will be there for six weeks each and our primary teacher, Michele Bass, will be there for six months, concluding the school year on March 10, 2012.

Through our partnership with South India Baptist Bible College, we will offer a Certificate of Linguistics for the completion of one year's studies and a Master of Arts in Linguistics for those who complete the second year's studies along with practical on-the-field projects.

Specific Requests

1. Churches to sponsor a student at \$1200.00 each

We have committed to helping with the cost of textbooks for all the students and with the cost of tuition for the first five students. The low cost of \$1200.00 will sponsor one student's expenses for the entire school year.

2. Safety and health for our teachers

Please pray for safety and physical strength for our teachers. The linguistics major is a strenuous and difficult field of study. It will require much preparation time as well the physical and mental demands of teaching.

EMILY NEWS

On our return trip from Texas, we spent 14 hours in the car. Emily was talking about heaven and asked if God had already built her house in heaven or will He have to build it after she gets there. We reminded her of John 14:1-2 which tells us our home is already there.

She then wanted to know if God knew what she likes and if He would build it in her favorite colors. She asked, "Do you think God knows that I like polka-dots and that pink and purple are my favorite colors?"

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