

12TH GRADUATION—THE SCHOOL FOR BLIND AND DEAF



In 1993 a young man, K. Shunmugam; who was enrolled in the Dindigul Bible Institute, asked if we could begin a school for the blind; we did, and made him the principal. The school eventually located in the town of Pudukkottai. Due to the work of Shunmugam and his wife, Elizabeth, the school succeeded in training many blind and later those who are deaf. Unfortunately brother Shunmugam had an untimely death, May 20, 2014; since that time I have asked Peter Wilson's brother, Nelson, to help, but his time is limited as he has a full time job. He is married to the daughter of Shunmugam and Elizabeth. She helps her mother in the school. Due to the church needing a preacher recently the parents of Peter and Nelson have joined the staff.

Pictured above are all students (35) and staff (10) and children (6). The first picture shows Nelson standing in the back row on the right. The four brothers, who graduated on the 17th, are to his right in that back row. The four young sisters who graduated are dressed in dark blue saris in the front row. There have been 107 to graduate in the 23 years since the school opened. They are scattered among the many churches of Christ in South India that have blind in them.

By the grace of our God and Father and your continued help and prayers we have more that 800 in intensive Bible training. Your continuous help in this cause is truly a joy to the spirit; I say that as Paul did, "*not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account*" (Phil. 4:17). Please continue to pray for us. In Christian love,
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On March 4th the young men at CBI sat down to write verses from the scriptures, which they have learned during the two years they have been in the Bible school. Some wrote for ten hours and others for a longer time. All who participated wrote 200 verses or more, but the seven you see above excelled almost beyond belief.

As you will note, the seven wrote 600 or more verses each; the young brother in the middle, Jegan Arichandran, wrote 910. He comes to the school from the orphan home next door, called the *House of God's Love* (Dav Anbu Illam). The young brother to his left is Raja Manikkam, he wrote 805 verses, he too comes from DAI.

This home for the homeless is the work of Don and Cathy Iverson with the aid of many faithful native Christians. You may perceive the quality of education in the word of God their children receive.

COIMBATORE BIBLE SCHOOL SRS. REVELATION CLASS OF 2016



On March 29th Laura drove me to Nashville to catch a United Airlines flight to Newark, NJ and from there about 7:45 p.m. (EDT) I boarded another UA flight for Mumbai, India (formerly known as Bombay) which presently has a population of a little over 20,000,000. The distance from the U.S. is around 7,500 miles. The scheduled time for the trip is 15.5 hours. Since India's time is 9.5 hours ahead of the U.S. EDT, our flight landed in the evening on the 31th. I spent the night in the hotel which is housed in the airport itself.

The next day I flew to Guwahati, some 1,300 miles from Mumbai and the capital of the Indian state of Assam. It is here that the Northeast Bible Institute (NBI) (English medium) meets in a village that lies eight miles south of the airport. Scott Richards, who is a co-worker in the school and hails from Acworth, GA., and our office manager, Ramesh Vellaian, met me.

On Friday morning the 1st, Scott, Surya Anbuchillian, a young evangelist, and I made a six hour trip further north to the town of Diphu, where we have another Bible school. This school was spun off from NBI three years ago as a separate school using the Karbi language as medium. The principal of this school is Joysingh about whom you have read much in past issues of this newsletter. On Friday afternoon several of us went to

look at a piece of land with the possibility that we might purchase it for a home for orphans in that area.

Besides the visit to Diphu we drove something like another hundred miles to the city of Dimapur in the state of Nagaland. We spent the better part of two days there making contacts and worshipped with the church in that city on the Lord's day morning. After worship we drove back to the school at NBI, arriving about 9:30 p.m. A father/son team, Mark and Luke Taylor from the Alkire Road church near Columbus, OH were there, having arrived the day before. They are scheduled to teach at NBI this month.

REVELATION CLASS: On Tuesday April 5th I left for the state of Tamil Nadu in south India and after a stopover in Mumbai I arrived where I am now, Chettipalayam, which is the small village where the Coimbatore Bible Institute meets. The picture above shows the forty young people that are scheduled to graduate on April 30th. The occasion for the picture was the annual class on the book of Revelation, which I teach each year in the month of April. Peter and Mercy (the women's principal) are seated on the left in the front row and Stan Perveen, who is principal of the men's section sits next to me on the right. Stan, if you remember, is the son of the late Lillie and Araldass, our first principals at CBI.

CHONDRO ENGTI

This young man is a farmer by trade. He was one of four to graduate from the Karbi Bible Institute last May (2015), where brother Joysingh is principal. Chondro is zealous in evangelism and he sends a report of his work. Here is an excerpt from his most recent report: 3/14/16:

"Me and brother Bidyasing met one young woman. She is from Catholic Church in Hamren. We preached to her and she really understand that Catholic are just like worshipping idols, so after she knew well she was baptized and her name is Artness Beypi. She 18 yrs old. Please kindly remember her in your prayer so that she may grow more in spiritual life."

Here Chondro is shown baptizing a young newlywed couple. His name is Babu Tisso and hers is Monitka Terangpi.



This picture shows Chondro, Babu and Monitka with another couple and a young girl who were also baptized at this time. The above tells of fruit of the gospel being won by one whom you helped to train in one of our Bible schools.