

The **NORTHEAST BIBLE INSTITUTE** as noted is ten miles from the Guwahati airport. It is located in a small town called Mirza. Ramesh Vellaian, who is seen at right with his wife, Vinita and their two boys, Benjamin and Joseph, is the general manager. He was named to that office in 2006, after just one year in the school; a year before his graduation. Scott Richards of Ackworth, GA, spends about seven months a year here teaching and is invaluable to the work; he also works to open training schools in other places, like Mumbai; but Ramesh is the go-to person year round at NBI. His age is 32.



Concerning school plans, a project, which we have in mind, is to expand the students' capacity to produce food for the school table; thereby cutting down on food costs. For example we provide each student an egg a day for their tremendous protein value. This means we must buy something like 1,400 eggs a month. Already brother Ramesh oversees the work of the students caring for broilers and the small garden on the property, which allows us to serve the students chicken twice a week and a few vegetables.

It takes about 75 broilers a month; in order to provide chicken twice a week for the school table. Yet, we need to expand this work; thus we have leased some ground where we can grow more vegetables and add the project of caring for laying hens and growing fish in a pond on the property. Presently Bryan Pitts of Woodbury, Tennessee, a gospel preacher and carpenter, is due here in September to teach I & II Timothy and the eldership; and to build a model house for 40 to 50 layers. I say model for we hope that our students will want to adopt such in their home place. India has an extreme problem of unemployment; improved agricultural skills can open doors for our students to earn a living. A real important aim in this work is to help our students learn skills for growing vegetables, broilers and layers, because India has a real food deficit.

The students are tilling the ground to replant it to corn and okra, after harvesting the outstanding corn crop first week in May. Two broiler pens are seen at the right.



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BILLY SIMMONS OF JEFFERSON, GA WITH GREEK CLASS IN ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL



The brother seated in the middle on the front row in this picture is Billy Simmons of Jefferson, GA. Annually brother Simmons comes to Assam in NE India to teach New Testament Greek for two months, May and June. As you will note, about half his class is made up of young Christian women. They are in fact very enthusiastic about taking the course and take it, not because we require it, but because they want to. The course is intense as it is taught 4.5 hours a day five days a week for the two months, that is a total of 176 hours of class time. I tell the students that Greek can supply a treasure trove of illustrations, but one of the most important reasons to know Greek is to stop the mouths of false teachers, who twist it to deceive the people. The church at Buford, GA contributes to brother Simmons' mission effort.

THE 23RD GRADUATION OF THE TAMIL NADU BIBLE INSTITUTE

"ANGIE GREENE CAMPUS"



Fresh news along with a brief summary of things reported before: The Tamil Nadu Bible Institute (TNBI) for college age men and women in India's most southern state, Tamil Nadu, began in 1991, and held its first graduation in 1993. In the twenty-three years since that time 1,139 have graduated, which includes the forty shown above. These young people are taught the scriptures and how to apply them four hours a day, five days a week for two years. Each day they write three memory verses. In the afternoons and evenings they study computers, tailoring, take tutoring to prepare for their GED, or if they have their high school diploma when they come to us they may study by correspondence the first two years toward their bachelor's degree.

In the picture above the sisters in the blue saris are the staff for the women's section; Cathy Iverson, who serves as a guest teacher at times, sits in the middle. Mercy Wilson, the women's school principal, sits at Cathy's left. Don Iverson stands on the left of the top row, and

Stan Perveen, the principal for the boy's section stands just above and to Don's left. Jagan Arichandran, who stands second from the left of Stan was the one whom we reported last month had written 910 verses of scripture over a twelve hour period in the competition for such on March 4th. He is a product of the orphans' home, which is located next door to the Bible Institute.

The picture to the right shows Don exhorting the graduates and guests, just under 500, who came for the graduation on April 30th. Peter Wilson, Mercy's husband was translating into Tamil for him. Don along with Cathy began the orphans' home in 2002. The Iverson's work is also under the oversight of the Crossville elders.



GRADUATION OF 7 FROM THE KARBI BIBLE INSTITUTE

After graduation on April 30th at Chettipalayam, the next evening, May 1st, I took a flight to the capital of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, where I spent the night. From there the following morning at 5:10, I flew about 1,800, miles northeast to the capital of the state of Assam, Guwahati. The Northeast Bible Institute (NBI) is located just ten miles southwest of the airport. There I spent two days and on the evening of the 3rd took a train 135 miles northeast to the town of Diphu, where the Karbi Bible Institute meets in the district called East Karbi Anglong. Joysingh Enghi began the Karbi school in April 2013, and is the principal. Last year six brothers graduated and this year four others did so; along with three sisters. These young women are the first women to graduate from the school. Joysingh has already held his selection class for new students for the coming year; twenty-two qualified, which means an enrollment of 38 for 2016-17.

On Thursday May 5th Joysingh took me to an area two hours outside Diphu, called Hidipi. The area consists of jungle with scrub trees and bush land. There was no church in the area, but about 20 people came together in one home. As they are extremely poor I took some time, with Joysingh translating to encourage them in improved agriculture; especially in growing vegetables. It rather amazes me how very few households have even a small kitchen garden, let alone a robust field of corn or potatoes. Most of the farming is planting rice; vegetables when used are bought from a village market.

Afterwards, I spent about 90 minutes speaking of the kingdom of Christ being foretold by the prophets, John and the Christ (Isaiah 2:2-4; Daniel 2:44; Matthew 3:2; 16:18-19), which began on Pentecost (Acts 2). The five seen in the picture made the good confession and were baptized in a nearby creek by Joseph Terang. The church now meets in the house of the new brother.

