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# THE JOHNS

"..... not ashamed of the Gospel of Jessus Christ....." Romans 1:16  
Training leaders & Equipping saints for the work of ministry  
in **NORTH INDIA**



**And JESUS answered them, "Have faith in God". Mark 11:22**



**"Expect Great things from God  
and Attempt Great things for  
God"**

**William Carey, missionary to India**

**Our goal is to train  
303 Church Planters  
and plant 303  
Churches by 2030**

**Shalom!**

Greetings from the Johns and from North India Baptist Seminary!

Molly and I have just returned from India after spending four months in India. Our time in India was busy and full of ministry activities.

We experienced so much love and hospitality from our people while visiting churches. Molly and I had an opportunity to visit four churches on this trip. I was able to preach in all four churches. The verse that kept us going and striving and laboring is found in Colossians 1:28-29

***Whom we preach, warning every man,  
and teaching every man in all wisdom;  
that we may present every man perfect  
in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also  
labour, striving according to his  
working, which worketh in me mightily.***

This update includes our ministry time in India from June to September.

**North India Ministries Update**

**NIBS Report**

Molly and I traveled to India in the first week of June. The purpose was to conduct a retreat for pastors and their families to encourage them in ministry and provide a strategy for the response of MBS churches to the threat of persecution from militant Hindu groups.



The Catholic center, where housing and classroom space have been rented in recent years, was unavailable. Due to political restrictions on foreign visitors on many campuses in many states. We could not avail the campus in June. As most of our classes are taught by teachers from the USA, we had to cancel them.

But God provided us with a new campus in the state of Punjab. We were able to conduct fall modules. Dr Dodson and I have taught three modules. We are thankful to God for providing us the campus.

### AN INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON NIBS BUILDING PLAN

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As you may recall, fundraising for the North India Baptist Seminary reached the point where a small tract of land was purchased in the month of December 2022. This was in the city of Chandigarh in the state of Punjab. (Punjab is the only state without an anti-conversion law, thus it is considered a safer area for a Christian ministry to be established.) Through additional gifts, the financial goal was reached in April 2023 which would enable NIBS to erect their first building. We were able to secure the necessary building permits and find a contractor. This was done, but the contractor desired to wait until October to begin in order to avoid the rainy season and gave a projected completion date of 18 months from then.

#### Update on Building Project

In the meantime, plans were made for the September seminary module. While we were in India we came to know about the campus, which was built in 2016 by the Church of the Nazarene. Molly and I had the privilege to visit the campus even before we had our classes there.



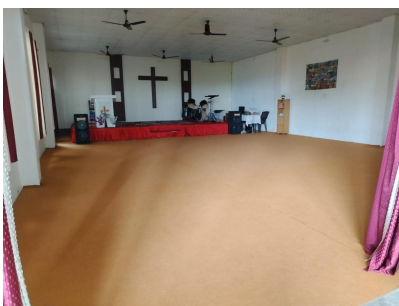
This property in Patiala Punjab (about one and a half hours from Chandigarh) was not only available for the modules but was also for sale. This is a Church of the Nazarene property with a tract of land almost twice the size of the NIBS-owned tract and a building already on it! In addition, there is a congregation of 200+ meeting in the church hall which is attached to the building, and the leaders are willing to turn these believers over to the Maranatha Baptist Society of churches! (Not all of these Nazarenes will likely accept bible doctrine taught by Baptists, but there is a possibility that many will. God can do a work in hearts.)



The Director of the campus told us that they are also willing to sell the campus if we are interested. But we thought before we can take any decision on it we should have our classes and see if that campus will suit us. The September module was held here and housed the 48 students and staff.

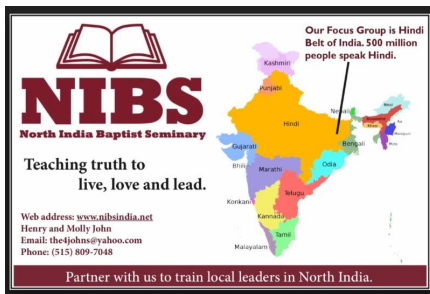


After the classes, our leaders sat down and discussed about the possibility of buying the campus for NIBS. They all are in favor of buying it as this would provide us a campus for NIBS. Dr Dodson also sat in our meeting with the director of the campus. After the meeting, I was able to send pictures and information to our pastor here in the US.



I was able to sit down with our Pastor and mission committee members of our Church and share our plan after arriving here in the US. And this week I discussed it with our field director. He has informed me that BMM has given us approval to purchase the campus for NIBS. We are thankful that God has provided us needed amount to make a purchase.

*I want to support*  
**North India Baptist Seminary**



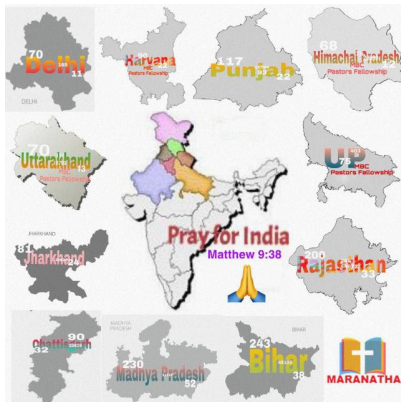
Read more about our building plant

## Church planting reports

Recently, we organized a retreat for our pastors and their wives to discuss the political situation in their respective areas. The main aim of this meeting was to provide them with encouragement, and education on legal options and actions in case their local churches are targeted and vandalized. We also emphasized the ethical and moral responsibility of supporting fellow team members and church planters.



All of our Church planters gathered in Chandigarh with their family. There were about 69 people. We praise God for providing a place and finances to hold our first family retreat in June.



We had men who gave us advice on legal issues. I talked about our Ethical and Moral responsibility in times of opposition and persecution. We had two of our church planters attacked and threatened a few months ago. Their gathering places were vandalized. Many of you have prayed and helped. Most of the Northern states have implemented anti-conversion laws. Therefore it is necessary to have such meetings for our church planters.

## Ministry Opportunities

**We have ministry position openings and volunteer**

**Please pray for our church planters who are fearlessly spreading the message of the love of Christ and hope in states with anti-conversion laws. Your prayers can provide them**

opportunities to teach both  
online and on campus at

## **NIBS.**

If you have skills, some extra time on your hands, and a desire to serve, we hope you'll consider volunteering to assist NIBS.

**We need Professors and teachers to teach at NIBS once a week online.**

1. English
2. Bible and Theology
3. Greek
4. OT Major and Minor prophets.

Send us an email with your resume and contact information.

### **Next On-Campus Classes**

**NIBS On-Campus** classes are scheduled for

- **January 15 - February 5, 2024.**

**with the strength they need to continue**

We currently have 30 church planters serving under the Maranatha Baptist Society. However, we require support for 12 of these church planters. All of our church planters are either graduates or will graduate in January 2024. If the Lord leads you to support our church planting ministry, you can do so by making a contribution of \$30, \$100, or \$300 per month. Each church planter requires \$300 per month to sustain their ministry work. You or your church can support our church planting ministry by adopting one of our national church planters.

- April 15 - May 5, 2024
- October 7- October 25, 2024.

### **Online Classes**

**NIBS Online classes are scheduled for**

- October 16- January 12, 2023
- February 12 - April 12, 2024
- May 13- September 30, 2024.

- Pray that God would provide us with more teachers and volunteers to teach at NIBS

- Pray that God would give us traveling mercies and protection and provide the needed resources and funds.

### **Why Support NIBS? What is unique about North India Baptist Seminary?**

- We are the only Baptist Seminary in North India.
- We are the first bi-lingual Seminary in India. (Classes in both English and Hindi)

- We train only those who want to become Church planters in North India.
- NIBS is a Dispensationalist and Pre-millennialist Seminary.
- NIBS is the first seminary in India to offer theological education through modules.
- NIBS has become the biggest seminary to offer both online and onsite classes in North India.
- **NIBS wants to train 303 national church planters by 2030.**

**Your gift will help equip men and women to shine the light of Jesus in a very dark world. I appreciate your standing with NIBS in this God-glorifying work. When you support North India Baptist Seminary, you give people the opportunity to learn about the Bible and grow in their Christian faith, and you provide free classes that nurture the next generation of church leaders in North India. You plant and build stronger churches in North India.**

**Thank you for your support of the North India Baptist Seminary. Your support provides the means and strength by which we can serve those who are called to plant churches in North India. Your gift of today, your gifts of yesterday, and your gifts of tomorrow will continue to bear fruit for generations to come. The Seminary is able to offer outstanding and sound Biblical doctrine in our teaching. We also provide education and training for men and women who choose to respond to God's call to ministry. This is all because of those who support our mission.**

Contact us for more information!

Pray that God will provide for NIBS



Thank you for praying and supporting us and the ministry in India.

**Serving the Lord thankfully and joyfully,**

**Henry and Molly John**

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