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FIRST FRUITS



This has been the day that many thousands waited to come to a reality! The days leading up to the day of graduation has been extremely chaotic, exhausting and stressful. Radicals instigated the police, intelligence and immigration officials against us and they followed us pretty much everywhere we traveled. We literally had radicals, police, intelligence and immigration folks in the audience during the graduation.

You can understand the gravity of the event when my Dad received a call from the police chief to talk about the detailed happenings of the exercise. He narrated events as if he was with us.

After the graduation, we were called in for a meeting with the intelligence, police and immigration officers. During the meeting they asked us to lay low as there are a <u>million eyes</u> on us. They wanted to help us, without they themselves getting in trouble with the government.

WOMEN GRADUATES

Five women not only devoted themselves to the work of the Lord, they committed themselves to



attend the regular classes to better prepare themselves to minister among women and children!

These women are planning not only to minister within the local congregation, but also to be teachers in our brand new women's program that we are launching from this year.

GRADUATION GUESTS



Because of the events that took place the night before, graduation exercise was delayed by almost an hour.

Hundreds gathered to share in this great joy that the Lord has provided for this work! Many other hundreds watched the graduation exercise through Facebook Live!

Dr. Owen, whom everyone of us in India wished was in person, addressed and gave charge to the graduates through Skype! He was extremely gracious as he had to do that middle of the night in the US!

Our other honored guests for this precious occasion are the brethren from the US!

MEN ON BOARD FOR TEACHER TRAINING



We are thrilled to announce that 7 of the top students who graduated from our Preacher Training Program have been chosen to further go through rigorous training, mentoring and teaching to be teachers in our Training Program!

These men proved themselves to be exceptional in academics, ministry, evangelism in a well-rounded manner.



As a token of our appreciation for their diligent work, each one of them received motorcycles to help them with the work.

These men will also be traveling great distances

periodically to encourage other graduates and closely coordinate various follow up efforts!

Those of you, who know the work firsthand understand this, that I have been going at this pace **for the past 6 years without any break, days off, or any vacation**. It is past time for me to get this help to share my burden of training others to be teachers in our Preacher Training Program! Please pray for these men and the impact they will have on the work here.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE GRADUATES

There are 75 individuals who walked across the stage to receive diplomas that day!

47 full-time students 23 part-timers 5 women

They are currently ministering in 15 districts of India There are 8 different languages among them as their first languages!

There are those with PhDs, lawyers, engineers, pharmacists, former Hindu priests, former Islamic Imams among these graduates!

This group of graduates baptized **7,418** into Christ while at school during these past three years! That is an average of 2,500 baptisms per year!

Dear brethren, You partake in the glory that awaits all these 7,418 souls and many more the for the years to come!

This work is not possible without your fervent prayers, standing by our side in thick and thin along with the partnership we have with you!

Please join us in prayer and partner with us, sponsor a student or a teacher as we prepare to welcome another group into our program! Given our limited resources in light of the over a thousand men on the waiting list, the process of selection is going to be extremely difficult.

I repeat here what I said during the graduation, "If we have all the resources we could to train preachers, we will easily have a class of one thousand!"

But please know that every single individual we are training amounts to highest level! Heaven awaits that disclosure and all the souls who are brought into the Kingdom because of your partnership and our Preacher Training Program! Thank you for partnering with us in changing the eternal destinies of many souls!

Yours in Christ,

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