

You Can Help!

Did you know it takes the equivalent of \$300 a month for a young man to attend Bible College? Did you know it takes about the same to support a local preacher?

Most of our young students have families they are responsible for. Most of our preachers not only have families to provide for but are preaching for congregations whose members are so impoverished that it is impossible for them to contribute toward a preacher's salary.

Please consider making a monthly contribution to support a student or preacher. (Either in full or in part—we understand that \$300 a month can be a significant commitment.) Perhaps your congregation, your Sunday school class or Bible study group would consider fully supporting a young man. Or, maybe you have a large, extended family—this would be a great family project. Imagine your family putting a young man through Bible college and continuing his support as he goes out into the field—how many lives that would touch! Of course, we welcome your support in any amount.

Call our field representative, 513.335.4474, for more information about supporting a Bible college student or preacher.

Remember us in your prayers

- Pray for our protection from extremists.
- Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters.
- Pray for the means to provide relief for Indian Christians who have fled their homes.
- Pray for the government of India as it fights terrorism.
- Pray for Jay and Ernest as they travel, visiting their supporting congregations.

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Notes from India

Bethlehem Bible College

Our young men enjoy being in the classroom to study the Biblical subjects. Systematic Bible study courses are rare so they just grab the opportunity.



Like young men anywhere, they also enjoy sports and have scheduled time to be outside playing cricket, volleyball, or football (soccer). They also enjoy track events like long jump, high jump, and foot races.



It is a privilege to be able to teach and train these young Christian men. It is a real joy to see them serve as preachers in city, town, and village churches.



Several of our staff families live on campus. We hold regular organized activities for our ladies and children. Romola leads a weekly



ladies' Bible study (assisted by Numreta). The children play together and enjoy performing Biblical dramas.

Persecution Every Day

Because of the persecution by extremist groups, the church in India is going through a very rough time. Even though the field is ripe, we have to be careful about so many things because of the anti-Christian activities of extremists. Most of the time, they follow us everywhere we go. Travel on the treacherous roads is always a challenge. However, when our team reaches the village churches, the small congregations are so happy to see us and enjoy our fellowship. Whether they meet in a small church building, a house, or under the trees, they so need words of encouragement during these difficult times.



We witness God's grace upon the work all the time. He continues to protect our families and our mission team. No matter how difficult the times are, the Lord uses us for the growth of

His Kingdom. We were able to complete the church building at Dindori and have started another building at Manpur.



Notes from the family

Our family is doing well. By God's grace, Jay and Romola continue to enjoy good health. Jay teaches at the Bible college full-time. Romola teaches part-time and helps with the office work. Ernest manages the Bible college, teaches part-time, and makes many trips to the field to encourage the Christians in outlying villages and towns. Jay goes on occasion, but most of the time, it is Ernest and his team who keep in touch with the churches that the Bible College helped start.

God has blessed Jay and Romola with another grandson. Mother and baby are doing well. We are thankful for everyone's prayers. God is good!

Coming Soon!

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For more information about Mid-India Christian Services projects, or sponsoring a widow, a child, a Bible college student or preacher, please contact our field representatives at:

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