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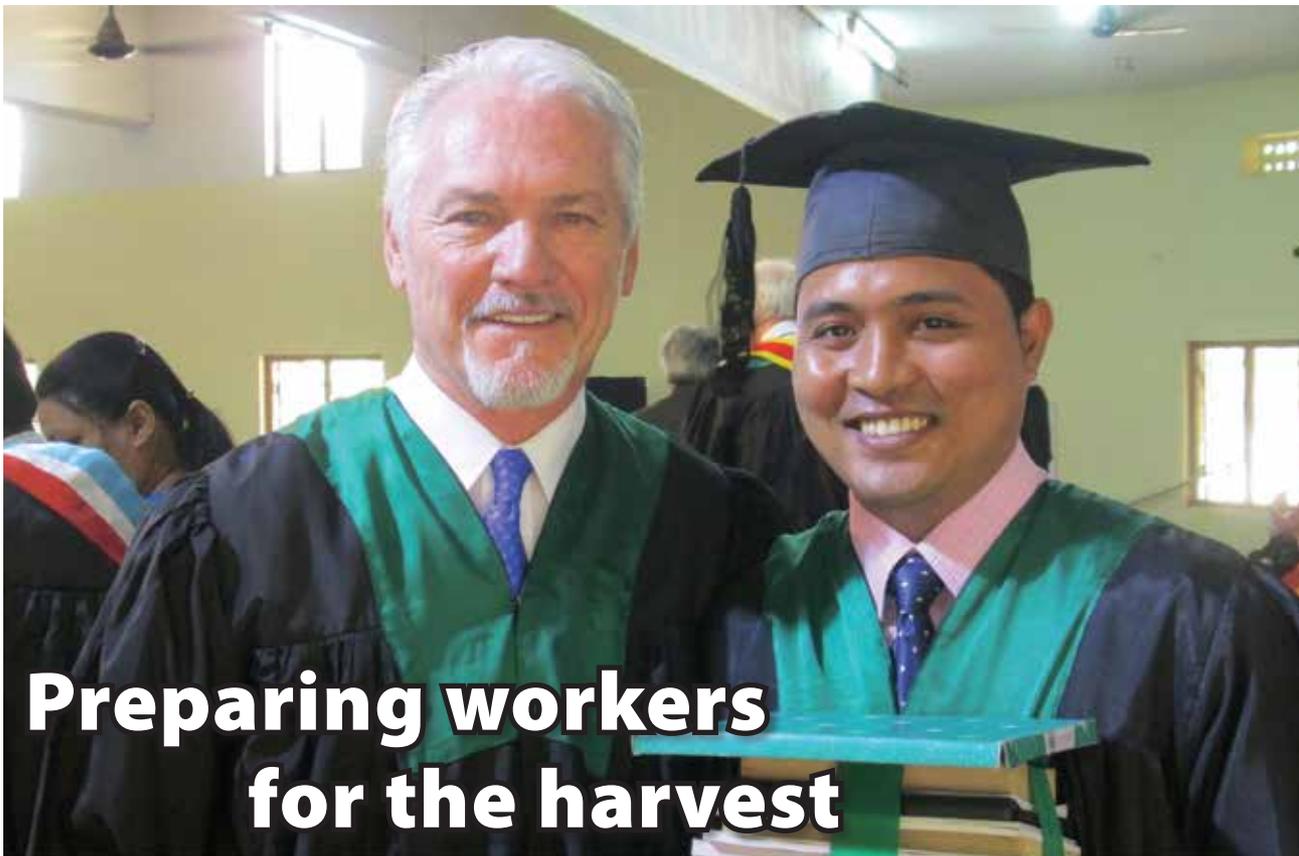


# Christ For India



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## Preparing workers for the harvest

**COTR Graduation 2014**

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At graduation, the learning has just begun. All graduates receive a gift of books to seed their future library. Please pray for these graduates as they enter the mission field.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## *In the midst of crisis... God is faithful*



**T**hank you for all your prayers and support. India now has the 29th state of the union formed. The new state is named Telangana.

During the last year and few months, the political situation has not been good for the people of our state or for the ministry.

We have had to deal with riots, strikes, vehicles being damaged by mobs, fires and roadblocks, civil unrest, government offices closed, schools shut down, teachers on strike, and in the midst of all of this, we know that God is still in control.

By God's grace, the ministry is doing well. Officially, the state has been split, and now a new beginning for the original state and for the new state. At present, we are now dealing with the political elections. Please pray for our safety, and for the right parties to win the elections, for our state A.P. and for the new state (Telangana) and for the country of India within the next few weeks. In the midst of this, we had the highlight of the year with 39 new graduates being commissioned and being sent into the harvest field. We had our annual pastor's conference, where pastors from North India, South India and in-between all came and were encouraged, refreshed and equipped to go back into the harvest field planting new churches and fulfilling Christ's Great Commission in the land of India.

I am grateful for our keynote speakers for the graduation and pastor's conference. The team members were Dr. Ron Hammonds, Dr. Sonny Conatser, and Dr. Doug and Cyndi Erickson. The theme of this year's graduation and conference was "Discipleship" and all speakers had great teachings and encouraging words for all the graduates and delegates.

A special thanks to all of our teams that have taken their own resources and time to come and serve on campus: Pastor Julian and Wendy Richards, and CVCC Church team, UK; Pastor Trevor Bucknell, from Harvest Bible College, AU; Pastor Ron Lewis and Pastor Gabriel Hensley and the COTR Kansas City team; Pastor

Mike and Ruth Edwards and trustees from Wales; Pastor Ben and Jamie Starr and team from C3 Australia; Howard Poole and Don Einam Australia; Dr. Greg Haynes and Scott Smith from Carry the Light Ministries, USA.

I am grateful to all our friends and family who have hosted me in my travels and welcomed me into their homes.

India is going through a very critical time as the political climate becomes more hostile attitudes towards Christianity. In our state, the economic climate is also changing with all the uncertainty and instability in the political stature. The cost of rice, vegetables, eggs and chicken have rose dramatically. The land speculation has gone up, because now our city will be one of the top three choices to become the new capitol of our state. The speculation of land prices has made it difficult to purchase land to build churches. We are facing difficult situations that we haven't faced before. The urgency for Christ for India to become more self-funding from within India is becoming critical.

One of our main projects this year is to buy a rice paddy, as we are now providing almost 3000 meals per day. Rice is one of our most expensive food costs. We can save valuable funds by cultivating our own rice, but we need our own land to do so. Please prayerfully consider helping us on this project. Help us to buy 17 acres of rice paddy; one acre at a time. The approximate cost for 1 acre is \$20,000.

We have many children who need sponsorship. We have many seminary students who need scholarships and 150+ pastors who need monthly sponsorships, as they plant and pioneer churches in unreached villages.

Since 1981, God has provided for all of our needs in all areas of ministry, God is faithful.

Thank you for all that you do and your consideration on all projects this year.

Training thousands to reach the millions,  
**Jameson Titus**

# PRAISE REPORTS

## Planting



Our latest church project completed in honor of the late Harvey Peter Walter. A special thanks to Stanley Walter and family for sponsoring this place of worship.

## Equipping



We are grateful to Revs. Mike and Christina Lusk for partnering to help equip village pastors and evangelists with tools for teaching. Thank you Lusk World Outreach for making the new megaphones available for ten pastors in the field.



## Feeding

As the ministry grows, we have an urgent need to build a second kitchen and dining hall to accommodate the food needs on campus. This new kitchen will give us better control of the food preparation, cost and oversight. It will be located on the children's campus, so there will be no need for the children to cross the street to the next campus, especially during cyclone and monsoon season. This will give the children better security, as they will stay on their campus for each meal. A special thanks to

Dr. Ron and Brenda Hammonds and the COTR Golden Triangle church family for their financial gift to make this project a reality. This project should be finished by June 2014. In the last 32 years, God has been a faithful God. The children have not had to go hungry. He has always provided the rice. Once the new outside kitchen and dining hall is completed, we will remodel the existing dining hall and kitchen, which will serve the need of the seminary, staff and others on campus.

# Blessings

Thanks to all of the teams who came to India to serve, as well as the people who have hosted me in their homes and churches. If you would like to serve in India or host Jameson, contact him at [jtitus@christforindia.org](mailto:jtitus@christforindia.org)



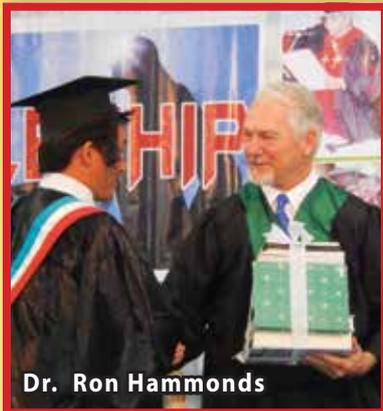


# COTR Graduation 2014

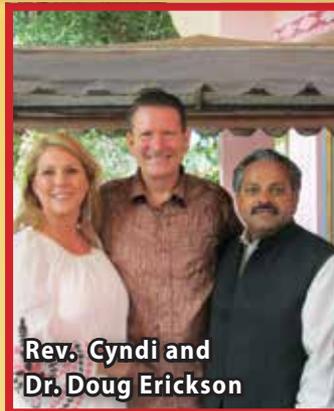
*Thank you for making this possible through your partnership with Christ for India. Your prayers and financial support enable us to train and equip new laborers into the harvest field.*



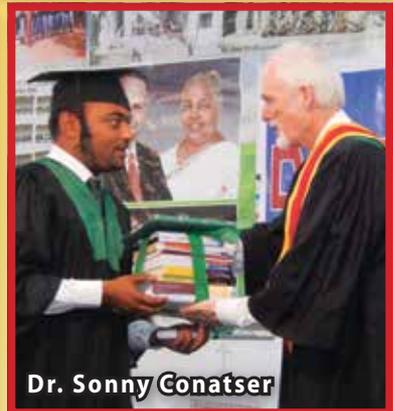
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Rev. Cyndi and  
Dr. Doug Erickson

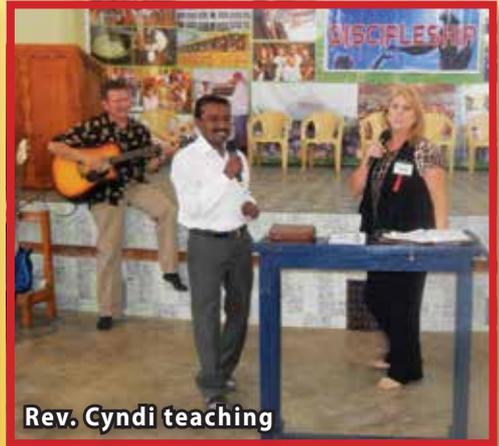


Dr. Sonny Conatser

# Pastor Conference 2014



Dr. Ron teaching



Rev. Cyndi teaching



Dr. Doug at the ordination and licensing service



Johnson welcoming pastors to the conference



Over 150 pastors attended the 2014 conference from all parts of India.

# Letters from our team members



Greetings,

I first want to thank you so much for your hospitality while I was in India. I have to say this was my best mission trip. I have been on every trip at the church and was so impressed by the organization and preparation of us coming. Your family has truly blessed me in so many ways

and I will always hold you all close and dear to my heart. I already miss you all and can't wait to come back.

I was impressed by the whole campus and the people there and all the love that was shown. I'm reminded you can be the best speaker, preacher, singer but if you don't have love you have nothing. I felt so much love from everyone. I left India being the one blessed. Best experience ever. I will send more later just wanted to say thank you and send greetings.

God Bless,

**Emma Wolf**, Church on the Rock, Kansas City, MO



Dear Christ for India,

As this was my first visit to India, I want to thank the Titus family for one of the most empowering, transforming, and converting experience during my stay at the Christ for India Campus. The authenticity of Christ was

revealed in every aspect of my trip. I have fallen deeper in love with the Titus family and their heart for the Lord and will continue to support this ministry through much prayer, love and financial support. I enjoyed speaking into the lives of the pastors and wives, the children and to the seminary students on campus.

May God's Glory continue to fill this place for years to come,

**Cyndi Erickson**, Co-Founder, Embassy Ministry



Pastor Jameson

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for all the hospitality you and your family extended to me during our trip to India. When I volunteered to go on this mission trip I had no idea what to expect. During my experience of 20 years in the Army I have been in a lot of places worse than

what I have seen in India; however, it did not have the effect that this trip did. I had no idea what to expect, especially since this was only my second mission trip that I had been on.

This trip has really changed me. What I saw of the kids, the motivation, drive and the dedication of your students, as well as the people in the villages that we visited. There is no doubt that their devotion is in the Lord. By the time Thursday came it was really hard for me, looking at hurdles that were placed in front of them, the trust that the Lord would see them through. Seeing their actions made me feel guilty on how I was feeling with what I was going through, seemed nothing to what they had to deal with on a day to day bases. The cultural aspects of all the idols are incomprehensible to me. One thing I have to say is India erects their idols where we just appoint our idols unknowing to others that we worship. God has provided me with the opportunity to see true dedication in Him by the example you and your family have shown. From that I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Out of everything that we experienced the only thing that I do believe that the country of India needs, is a Starbucks. But I don't see that happening in the near future.

Please let me close with this, thank you all for what you have done, and your hospitality. Please extend a thank you to Mom, Pastor Johnson, Helen and anyone else that I might have forgotten to mention. Maybe in the future I will be able to return and help you more. God Bless all you!

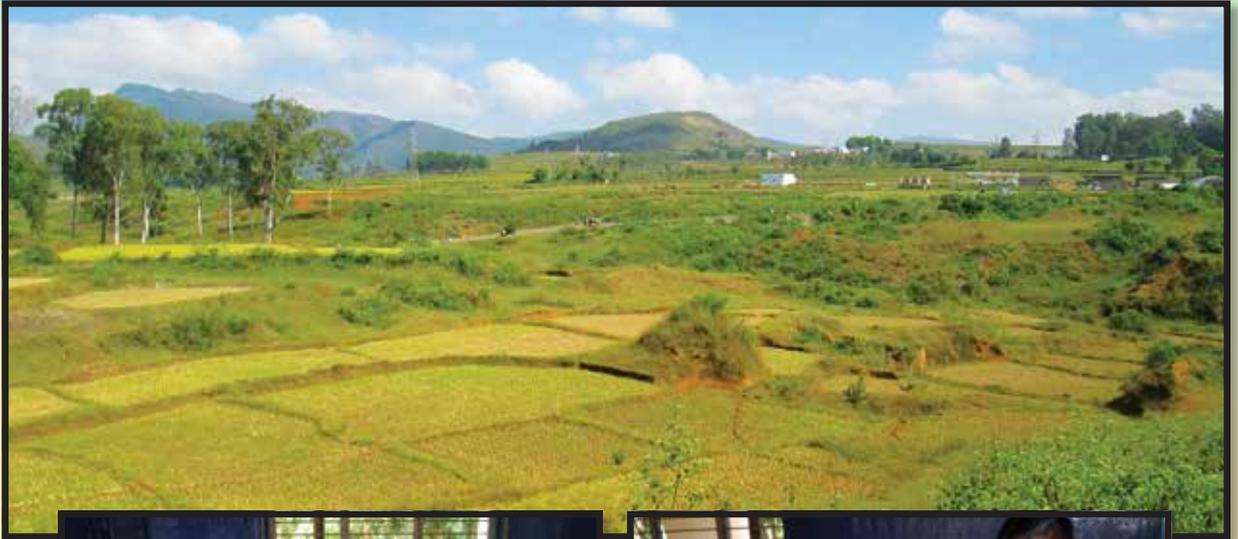
Sincerely,

**Steve Pearcy**, Church on the Rock, Kansas City, MO

## Hospital Ministry

Thank you to all who help our medical ministry. Please keep us in prayer as we revamp, remodel, and repurpose this vital ministry. The local government is now more actively participating in caring for the under-privileged people in our villages. This is an answer to prayer and now we are able to repurpose our resources for our medical outreaches.





## ***Rice Paddy Ministry***

God continues to richly bless our COTR campus. By His grace, we were able to fully fund the construction of a second kitchen for our children on campus. We are truly grateful to Dr. Ron Hammonds and our COTR church family for making this project come to fruition.

We minister to the mind, body and soul, sharing the love of Christ with all of the people our ministry touches. As our ministry continues to grow, so does the need to provide food for all on our campus.

Rice is served with almost every meal on campus. Each year, the cost of rice and vegetables rises. We have always provided these meals by faith, and though we sometimes lack the financial resources to carry us through each month, God has always sustained us.

In order to alleviate this monthly cost in food, we have been presented with an opportunity to purchase land that we can use to plant rice. The cost per acre is \$20,000. Each acre would produce two harvests that could feed our campus for three weeks. We pray that God will give us the finances to buy 17 acres of rice paddy - providing rice year-round for the ministry.

***Would you prayerfully consider helping us in buying one acre at a time or would you, your family, your church or your business consider funding this rice paddy project?***

By having our own source of rice for the ministry, we will be able to use funds in other important areas of ministry. If you would like more information regarding the Rice Paddy Project please contact us.

## ***Please sponsor a child in India***

Through your prayers and financial partnership, we are able to take care of many young children and help keep them off the streets in India. Many children are left to fend for themselves or are subjected to child labor. Christ for India offers them education, food, shelter, medical care and a loving environment through the efforts of partners like you.

Please consider spending \$40 per month to sponsor a child. This monthly sponsorship will help us take care of the over 350 kids at our campus children's home and over 900 at the Nava Jeevan Public School.



**Devi Manyala**

Age: 13

Parents: Day Laborers



**Hari Satyam Chenna**

Age: 7

Parents: Day Laborers



## ***Please sponsor a seminary student***

Training young men and women for The Great Commission has been our primary focus, and many of our students come from a disadvantaged economic background. Over 2,600 graduates have already been trained through your prayers and financial support. Each year we have many students who need scholarships. Would you consider sponsoring a deserving young man or woman to get the training and equipping for their future ministries? You can sponsor a seminary student for \$50 a month.



## ***Please sponsor a pastor***

There are 153 pastors and families who still need sponsorship. These are the pioneers who, in faith, sow and minister in the unreached villages in India. Your monthly gift will help the pastor and his family pay for their "rice and rent" each month while they do Christ's work. They face many difficulties and danger while in the field. We want to help support and encourage these servants of God. Would you prayerfully consider sponsoring a pastor and his family with a \$100 monthly gift?

**Dr. Sonny Conatser visits a Indian church that Southwest Harvest church helped build.**



## ***Planting churches for the harvest***

A special thanks to Dr. Sonny Conatser and the Southwest Harvest church for their heart to plant churches in unreached areas. Dr. Sonny was able to visit the first and second church that they helped build. The third church is still negotiating land purchase. Dr. Sonny and Dr. Ron Hammonds prayed for the pastors and the congregations on their recent visit to India.

A special thanks to Pastor Mike and Mary Panich with Cornerstone Family Church. We are grateful for their investment in the state of Orissa and with help in rebuilding the church destroyed during the persecution by the Hindu extremists. We were able to acquire the land surrounding the original site and start the rebuilding process. Thank you Pastor Mike and Mary for answering the prayers of the people of Orissa.



**Pastor Mike & Mary Panich and family.**



**Cornerstone Family Church is helping rebuild this church that was attacked and demolished by Hindu extremists in India.**

## **Rubber tree ministry opportunity**



Just like the servants in *The Parable of the Bags of Gold* (Matthew 25:14-30), we are charged to be good stewards of the resources God provides, multiplying His blessings whenever we can.

One promising revenue source we've found is the sap from rubber trees. The yearly harvest from one acre of rubber trees can support five pastors and their families in the field. One acre can support 12 children each year in our school and children's home.

The rubber tree is a tree that grows in certain areas of the world. It produces a sap that is an important ingredient for rubber. Sap can be sold to rubber processors, producing a daily income for the ministry.

Normally, the trees take 6 years from the first day of planting to be able to produce sap. The life span of a rubber tree is 20-25 years, depending on the care. One acre of existing rubber trees producing sap can cost approximately \$25,000-\$30,000 in the mountain areas of south India. That acre (after expenses) will produce an income between \$4,000-\$6,000 per year, allowing us to recoup the investment in approximately 5-6 years. During that time, the land value will also appreciate.

Just as in Matthew, your initial investment can be multiplied many times and continue to fund and resource God's work in India. Would you be willing to help us buy one acre at a time for these rubber tree plantations?



## **Making a joyful sound unto the Lord**

A special thanks to pastor John & Julie Reynard and the Cheddar Valley Community Church youth team from Sommerset, UK, for their musical instrument gifts to the seminary. They are a great blessing to the students in worship and evangelism. Pastor Julian and Wendy Richards led the youth team's visit to India.



## **Holy cow!**

Did you know that India has 30% of the world's cattle? A heartfelt thanks to pastor Jeff Wilson at LifePointe Church for the special gift to purchase a cow that will provide milk for the campus. This is one of our ongoing self-sustaining ministries. It would be ideal if we could buy 20 more cows to support the campus.



*Special thanks to Dr. Brian & Faith Cutshall and TRWC mission for their gift of four motorcycles for the pastors. Pictured above are Pastor Moses and his family with a new motorcycle.*

## **Motorcycle ministry**

The pastors have an urgent need to oversee each village church plant. Some of these church plants are in remote areas and no public transportation is available, making the training on site and encouraging, mentoring of new believers difficult. Some of the pastors have push bikes, but the distances are very far. As the transportation needs are changing in India we as a ministry also need to get new tools for our pastors in the field.

The cost for one motorcycle is approximately \$1,300. This will become the transportation for evangelism and also for pastor and his family as the family vehicle, the motorcycles are 125cc to 150cc bikes.

Thank you for your consideration on this project for our pastors in the field.



## **Water well ministry**

Many of the churches we plant in remote villages not only need living water, but clean drinking water, too. As we plant new churches, we also need to dig wells to provide this clean water for them and the entire community to partake. This helps the church become a place to get **both** living and physical water!

Would you consider helping us dig a well and pump? The cost is approximately \$1,500.



## **Church repairs**

When this church was originally built, the streets were non-existent. As the population growth has spread to the villages, new streets have been built. But when the city government built these new roads, they built them much higher than the existing dirt roads, causing major flooding to the church when the rains come. We need to raise the whole church property three feet in order to account for the new roads. Estimated cost is \$3,500. Would you consider helping with the cost?



# Mission Statement

Christ for India, Inc. exists to fulfill Christ's great commission to India by training nationals as pastors and evangelists, establishing native churches, providing humanitarian aid, and educating India's future leadership.

# Statement of Faith

We believe: The sixty-six canonical books of the Old and the New Testament to be inspired and the infallible and authoritative Word of God. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in the rapture of the Church at Christ's coming, and His glorious thousand-year rule on earth. The only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. In the identification of the believer with Christ's death and resurrection by immersion baptism. The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing to the human body in answer to believing prayer. The baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Holy life. The Church is the fellowship of all who have become children of God through faith in Christ and have been knit together by the Holy Spirit into one body of which the Lord Jesus is the head. The Church is given the mandate by the Risen Lord Jesus and is under obligation to demonstrate and proclaim the wholeness of the Gospel and its implications to every people.

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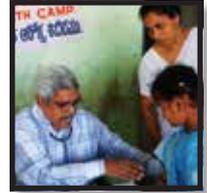
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*If you would like to serve as an ambassador, contact Jameson at: [jtitus@christforindia.org](mailto:jtitus@christforindia.org)*



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