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GREAT COMMISSION BY NEW CHURCH PLANTS

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## A Few Highlights

From April-August 2016

Alice and I are pleased to give you a few highlights of our work in India. Let me start with the Crossroad Church. You may remember that we moved back to India in 2012 with a vision *to start a "Gospel-centered, missional" church, which will facilitate new church plants in all major cities of south Asia through our yearlong "church based church planting internship."* The Crossroad Church Bangalore is the first milestone towards the vision.

The Crossroad Church is going to be four years old in October. Our weekly attendance is between 240 and 270, of which about 120 are students. The congregation is now able to financially support the pastoral team, rent, and all other church related expenses.

By this December, "GROW Gospel Initiatives"—our mission agency, will divert most of the financial assistance that are presently going towards the Crossroad Church to new church plants and "church based church planting training."

As part of our vision, presently we (GROW Gospel Initiatives and the Crossroad Church) are facilitating **two new church plants** that are being planted out of the Crossroad Church: (1) south Bangalore called "Crossroad South" and (2) Kathmandu, Nepal.



### EVANGELISM: CAVE QUEST 2016 (Vacation Bible School 2016)

VBS 2016 was a major success. Two hundred and thirty kids participated for four days from April 26 to May 1.



Fifty church members volunteered for this event. Following this, our kids' Sunday school almost doubled the attendance.

## Church Plant #1

Bangalore South—"Crossroad South"

**CROSSROAD CAFE:** The ground work for "Crossroad South" began in May. Benjamin Stephen pioneers this church plant. Unlike north Bangalore, which is Christian friendly, the presence of evangelical Christians in south Bangalore is significantly less and their attitude towards Christianity is not all that friendly. Benjamin is presently developing the core-group and conducting evangelism on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Benjamin and his wife, Rashmi, come from south Bangalore.



As an evangelistic platform, they have started a coffee shop called "Crossroad Café." Our desire is to launch the Crossroad South by Easter 2017. By then, Benjamin must have formed a core group

and identified a place to meet as a church.

## Church Plant #2

Nepal Prerit Bohratar Church



**KATHMANDU, NEPAL:** In the same way, one of our 2015-16 interns, Narayan Lamichhane, is starting a church in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Alice and I had the privilege of joining Narayan on July 28 to see his church plant launched. Narayan presently has about twenty-five core-group members. We have decided to walk alongside of Narayan for the next three years with training and financial support.

While Nepal remains to be an extremely religious country, people appear to be more open to the Gospel when compared to India. I left Kathmandu with a feeling that we will be able to start many Nepali city churches in the coming years.

# Seminars and Workshops

**PARTNERSHIPS:** An established church in New Delhi would like to offer our yearlong church planting training at their church. If this partnership materializes, this will be a major step towards the realization of the vision that we will be able to train church planters in multiple churches. I have already been introducing our yearlong church based church planting internship to churches in other major cities of south Asia. In the near future, we may be able to see fully trained, resourced, and accountable men planting churches in south Asia.

**NEW INTERNS:** In this academic year, April 2016-March 2017, we have seven church planting interns from four different seminaries. God willing, these seven interns will begin their church planting work from April 2017. Unlike the past two years, these seven interns are young and singles. They will work in partner churches for a period of time before they are launched out. I desire "GROW Gospel Initiatives" to come alongside of them just as it does with Benjamin and Narayan.

**MARRIAGE SEMINAR:** While Alice and I were in Kathmandu, we conducted a daylong marriage seminar for eleven couples. In May, we conducted a marriage seminar at our apartment for five couples. With fast urbanization, one of the most important needs is a ministry to married couples

and their families. We are committed to conduct marriage seminars at least one every month. On August 15, an established church in Bangalore invited me to offer the seminar to thirty couples. The same group has arranged another seminar for me in Bangalore in October.

**TCCP:** For the past one year, we have been reaching out to a large number of grass root level pastors and church planters who have never gone for formal training and who do not belong to any denomination. We offer them training in two south Indian states. The material that we use is called "TCCP" (training center for church planters). One hundred and seventy-five in Tamil Nadu and sixty in Karnataka take this course. It generally takes about two years to complete. John Manuel, one of my colleagues, and I handle the training. This requires us to travel once every month. We have translated the materials into Kannada and Tamil.

TCCP was founded by my good friend Dr. Jerry Wofford who lives in Dallas. You may visit his website: [www.tccp.org](http://www.tccp.org). We are also offering this course in small Bible schools and seminaries. The objective is that the participants plant churches or develop small groups for their churches. This training is jointly done by TCCP and GROW.

## SNAP SHOT



### New Church Planting Interns

From left: Hayithung Ngullie, Gideon Abishek, Veilunii Pao, Tirhosie Katiry, Samuel Ezung (Sesei & Ashish are missing in this photograph!)



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**EVANGELISM: EXPLORE 2016**

Our youth and young adults reach out to colleges and universities in north Bangalore. On August 13, we conducted our second annual sports outreach called "Explore 2016." One hundred and twenty-six students from six colleges participated. This annual event provides our church with greater access to these colleges.



Two girls and a boy gave their life to Jesus in the past three months. All three are from non-Christian background. In the meantime, two young adults were baptized in June.

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*A team of heavy weight lifters from a nearby Steve Gym called "The Power Team" were the special guest for the event*

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## Thank You So Much

**Teaching:** I continue to teach NT subjects for SAIACS—completed four years. It is one of the premier institutes in south Asia. I get to teach three-four courses a year and also recruit some of the best students for church planting ministry. Benjamin, David Bright, and Caleb Kent were my students before they joined me to work with the Crossroad Church. A couple of present interns are my current students. SAIACS provides a healthy platform for us to advance the church planting vision.

**Family:** Our son, Jonathan, continues his work in Erbil, Iraq, with the Samaritan's Purse. Judith and Matthew live in Dallas. God willing, they'll be in Bangalore in January 2017.

Alice continues to receive medical help for her Polycythemia Vera.

Thank you so much for partnering with us. We request your continued prayers and supports.

