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NEWS FROM FOUR SEAS COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE AND MISSIONS (SINGAPORE)

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REPORT FROM PETER CHIN, PRESIDENT OF FOUR SEAS BIBLE COLLEGE, SINGAPORE.



It was hard to see eleven of our students graduate and leave the college last December, 2012. Many have matured and developed themselves to be ready workers/preachers for the Lord's vineyard. 7 were from the Philippines while the rest were from Vietnam. We currently have 10 in the Second Year and 9 in the First Year - a total of 19 students from 9 different nations. These are the courses which I have been teaching in the past six years - The Preacher & His Work, N. T. Greek, Christian Evidences, Bible Geography, Premillennialism, General Epistles of John, Jude, Peter, Acts,

Hermeneutics, Revelation, and Personal Work.

2013 Enrollment



2013 started with a total studentship of nineteen. 10 of them as returning class and 9 in the 1st Year Class. Currently, we have students from **India**, **China**, **Philippines**, **Laos**,

Vietnam, Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore and Australia. With the diverse cultures, customs, and level of understanding of the English language, it continues to be a great challenge for the instructors to strike a balance in teaching. Nevertheless, we are thankful for these students who have enrolled to equip themselves for the Kingdom's sake.

Four of our 2nd Year students are involved in a preacher training program with the co-operation of the **Johor Baru** congregation in Malaysia. Every 2nd weekend of the month, between two to three of them will cross over the







border on Friday, teach a Bible class, spend Saturday teaching visitors, visiting or conduct training workshops. On Sunday, they will teach and preach in the English and Mandarin services before returning to the college in the afternoon.

FOUR SEAS BIBLE LECTURESHIP 2013

This year's lectureship will be the sixth since I began work at Four Seas. The dates are Nov. 27th to Dec. 1st, 2013. Twenty-two speakers (including four ladies speaking to Ladies Classes) will be delivering their lessons on the theme of "**Who is Jesus?**" Soon it will be a busy time for us to spend hours vetting and proof-reading each of the manuscripts before they are bound in book form for the lectureship. Just before the lectureship begins, we will see 10 of our Second Year students graduate this November in our 41st Commencement Exercise. Some of them will begin internship programs with churches in Malaysia while others will begin full time preaching in their respective homeland.

41st Commencement Exercise

November 23, 2013

Class of 2013

10 graduates from 6 nations

EDITOR'S NOTE: As the reader can see from the above, Four Seas Bible College is doing a tremendous job in training Gospel preachers and other workers in the Kingdom of Christ. Your support is greatly appreciated! (B.B.)

JOSHUA GOOTAM'S LETTER FROM KAKINADA, INDIA

EDITOR'S NOTE: Recently brother Joshua Gootam wrote to me, updating me on the work in India. His letter is below:



"Ronnie brought several sets of your course, "You can be sure." Those five lessons are well written. I am thinking of translating them into Telugu and run one lesson each month in my monthly magazine and then probably run it as a Bible Corr. course later. Kabita will do the same in Oriya language.

We now have 78 kids in the children home. 19 of them are from Orissa state. Most of them are from families that were persecuted by hindus in Orissa. They are having quite a run

on the toilets in the morning as every one wants to get ready to go to school on time. We need few more toilets for the kids.

Few days back Royal Park Hotel called to say all the Bibles we placed in their rooms few years back were taken by the guests and they were requesting for 100 more English Bibles. Each Bible is now costing \$ 5 (Note: I am happy to report this need has been fulfilled - yet many more Bibles are needs for those who finish the Bible Correspondence Course BB).

We will Paste info in each Bible about the church, its services and of course the Bible courses etc. I think this is a good service. Please see if you can find me some help on this one.



One independent church man from out beyond Hyderabad came here yesterday asking me to teach his congregation the truth. He has been following our TV lessons and also took The Basic Bible course from us. He claims 500 members in his church. His town is known as Toopran on the Hyderabad Bombay highway.

The small offset machine we have broke down. It is more than 15 years old and served us well. We printed millions of Bible courses, the monthly magazines, etc. on it all these years. We need to fix it or get us a new one. One mechanic came here from Hyderabad, took a look at it and said it might cost us \$ 1000 to fix it. I do not know how much a new one would cost at this time. In any case we need some help urgently to fix the printing machine. It will cost us a fortune to print the Bible courses out in the market (It would be great if we could either fix his machine for the amount he stated or even purchase a new one for the tremendous work they do in printing Bible Courses, and other Bible Literature BB).



RUSSIA.

Brother Cliff Lyons reports that one of the early coverts (Lydmilla) recently passed away. She and her husband (Eugene) moved from Murmansk to Kaluga several years ago. This makes three members of the church in Murmansk who have passed away since the Gospel was taken into Murmansk in the 1990's. Brethren Vladimir and Valentine (pronounced "Val - un - teen") have passed away also. This emphasizes the importance of taking the Gospel into such places. Jesus says one soul is worth more than the whole world (Mat. 16:26). I am so thankful these precious souls had the opportunity to hear and obey the Gospel prior to their passing. This is a reminder of the importance of the Lord's work.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:15–16)

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