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# the NACEA Newsletter

## Preacher Training Program

**T.B. Paul – Field Director**

### **NEED FOR STARTING THE TRAINING PROGRAM:**

As our Lord said, “The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few”, “My sheep are left without a Shepherd”, “I am sending you among wolves”, such sayings remind us for the need of skilled and knowledgeable workers to work for the glory of God. Such dedicated workers need to be trained and sent out to reach the unreachable in a country like India where Christianity is challenged very strongly. How can we face the wolves unless we know the nature of them? How can we gather the harvest unless we prepare skilled laborers? I always pray to make our training program a continuous one so that many more skilled laborers are ready to reach out to gather the Harvest and face the challenges among the Hindu villages.



**Frank A. Grubbs Institute of Christian Studies**

### **TEACHING BACKGROUND:**

By God’s grace after finishing my Master’s degree in Commerce, I finished my Bachelor of Divinity course from Serampore University, Serampore, West Bengal, India. I then joined Southern Asia Christian College (SACC) founded by Arthur Morris in 1984. I was on teaching staff as well as warden and bursar of the college. After finishing 5 years of service in the college, I was given the opportunity of finishing my Master’s degree in Theology, specializing in Hinduism (1989-1991). I took this subject because of my desire to work among the Hindus and preparing dedicated young men for the same. I taught for another 6 years in a theological college in Chennai. Meanwhile, God opened the doors to work among the Hindus in the coastal villages of Andhra Pradesh through Charles A. Grubbs, whom I met while I was teaching in SACC. I am always thankful to God the way He led me and gave me the needed experience to fulfill His will through the NACEA ministry. I am thankful to the Board of Trustees of NACEA for all the dedicated and prayerful support.

My wife, Rani also has finished Bachelor of Divinity after finishing a Bachelor’s degree in Science and a Bachelor’s degree in Library Science. She has been a great help to me all throughout my ministry life. I praise and thank God for the same.

### **HOW THE LABORERS ARE CHOSEN:**

- We look for total dedication and commitment
- Their willingness to accept and face the challenges.
- Their willingness to reach out to even the remote places.
- Their willingness to rejoice by the challenges they face and not look back.
- Their willingness to work among people where God leads and guides.
- Qualification and willingness to learn.

### **SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN THE TRAINING PROGRAM:**

The one year program is divided into two parts, each of 6 months.

#### ➤ **BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM**

- ❖ Survey of the Bible – Old Testament and New Testament
- ❖ Teachings of the books of the Bible in detail.
- ❖ Canon of the Bible.
- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Understanding Indian Communities
- ❖ Introduction to Church History

#### ➤ **ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAM (ATP )**

After finishing the Basic training (the candidate is exposed to the field so that they may have the knowledge of it) they will be placed in a village and be given the responsibility of preaching and building the congregation with all the support we provide. We evaluate their performance and provide the needful guidance time to time. We visit the villages and talk to the people to make sure they are accepted by them. With the experience they gain, we train them for ATP with the following subjects

- ❖ Leadership Training
- ❖ Study of the Bible and its teaching
- ❖ Introduction to the major religions of India
- ❖ Detail study of Hinduism
- ❖ Introduction to Indian Church History
- ❖ Introduction to Indian Christian Theology

All the courses have group discussions to help the candidate to apply what they have learnt. ATP is very essential because Hinduism is a religion which absorbs many ideologies. It already has millions of gods and goddesses and many more are coming up each day. We make sure the preachers are well aware of these so that they can proclaim the word of God more meaningfully. We pray to God to make the training program bring glory unto His name.

### **NUMBER OF STUDENTS TRAINED**

By God's grace all our preachers have finished Basic Training Program and 12 have received Advanced Training Program. The rest of the preachers have yet to receive this training. Kindly pray for this need.

# Oberst Christian Academy Happenings

**Rakesh Paul – School Principle**

Construction work continues on the addition to the Oberst Christian Academy in Mekavari Palem, India. This school which has grades K through 8 is only a short distance away from Machilipatnam where NACEA is headquartered. The ground floor of the new addition will consist of 3 regular classrooms and a computer lab. The upper floor will also add 3 regular classrooms and a science lab. This addition will be dedicated in January and be ready for use when the next school year begins in June 2016.

Currently 270 students are attending the school. Each morning school is opened with prayer and singing. The children are learning about Jesus along with their other studies. Most of the children come from the surrounding villages and are very poor. Students are learning in English medium as well as Telugu medium. By learning English, the students will have the opportunity to attend college and get a much better job; therefore, helping break the poverty cycle.



**T.B. Paul overseeing the construction at the Oberst Christian Academy**

80 School-desks seating 3 students each are needed at a cost of \$125 per desk. Also needed is equipment for the computer and science labs

Designate your check:  
**School desks**

# Medical Ministry Update

Dr. Rajesh Paul – Medical Director

## VILLAGE MEDICAL MINISTRY:

We are praying God to make the Christian Medical Center's (CMC's) services more meaningful to the people in the villages, especially in the villages where NACEA ministry is already established. We believe it helps in strengthening the churches.

In each village a Medical Centre would be established and a trained nurse would be placed in these centers. She will be trained to handle the minor ailments under the guidance of the doctors in CMC and bringing the patients to CMC if required. These nurses would also be used as the resource person for medical awareness programs under the supervision of CMC doctors. Having a Christian background and foundation, they would also pray for the sick that come and encourage the people to have faith in the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ. This would be effective among the Hindu women by sharing Christ and His love for them.

The first Medical Centre is currently under construction in Pedapatnam and is located next door to the church building. The plan is to dedicate this facility in January.

## CHRISTIAN MEDICAL CENTER:

Work is progressing on the hospital project to add 13 in-patient beds to the Christian Medical Center. As shown in the picture to the right, privacy dividers have been added between the patient beds. Also work is being completed on inside and outside bathrooms. Other additions are storage lockers for the patients as well as lab equipment.



**New privacy room dividers**



**Hospital Courtyard with plantings**

# Christmas Gifts for Children's Home



Again this year we are collecting money for Christmas gifts for the children in the Girls' and Boys' Homes. Also this year we are collecting money for gifts to give to the widows who help with the children.

\$10 will provide one child with a new clothing outfit. With an additional \$10 the child will receive a toy plus some books.

– designate your check:  
**Christmas Gifts**



**James 1:27** Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

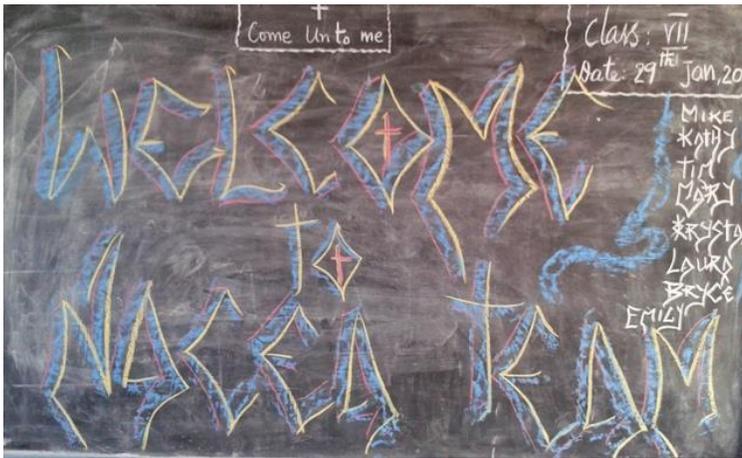
**Send your gifts to: NACEA, P.O. Box 2309, Washington, IN 47501**

You can also give on-line at <http://naceamission.org/>

**Note: 100% of designated gifts go to the field for the purpose stated.**

# 2016 Mission Trips

A team of 6 will be leaving for India on January 8, 2016 to learn more about NACEA's work in India and to assist T.B. Paul with the work there. While in India, the team will be visiting several newly constructed church buildings in the small farm villages of Andhra Pradesh. Two of these church buildings were constructed with funds donated by the Antioch Christian Church in Washington, IN. Another is the result of donations from the Christian Church of Jasper, IN. While there we will be working with the 270 young people at the Oberst Christian Academy and with the 56 children in the Christian Homes for Girls and Boys. In addition, we will be helping with some medical camps and food distribution at the village that was destroyed by fire earlier this year.



**2014 Chalkboard Welcome at School**



**2014 School Children**

A second team of 9 will be going to India on January 30, 2016 to help with the medical needs of the community of Machilipatnam and the surrounding villages. This team is a joint effort of FAME and Hancock Regional Hospital. In addition to treating patients, they will be providing training to village medical workers.



**2014 Church Program**



**2012 Medical Camp**

# Children's Home Profile of the Month

Dr. Rajesh Paul



Durga Somitha is the youngest of three girls. Her father passed away a few years back. Her mother then remarried. The step father asked her mother to join the kids in some home. Through her neighbors she came to know of our home. Because of limited funds we were able to accept only one of the girls. She is now studying in class 2 at the Oberst Christian Academy.

Please remember Durga Somitha in your prayers. Your love and support will help her to receive the assistance she needs to grow and develop.

Support someone like Durga Somitha for \$40 per month. That is only a little over a dollar per day. Maybe you could give up a soda or a coffee each day for a child in need.

## Mission Needs

- Preacher Training - **\$750 per preacher per 6 month school term**
- Children's Home - **\$40 per child per month**
- Christmas Gifts - **\$20 per child**
- School Operating Expenses - **\$500 per month**
- Hospital Operating Expenses - **\$3000 per month**
- New Church buildings - **\$7,000 each** - 9 villages have requested church buildings
- Additional Classrooms for School - **\$10,000**
- School desks - **\$125 each**
- Hospital Generator - **\$8,000**
- Sound systems for existing churches - **\$250 each** – needed in 13 churches (this includes outside speakers so the whole village can hear the gospel proclaimed)

If you would like to contribute to all of the NACEA ministries, you may give to the General Fund and the NACEA Board will use your funds where most needed. If you would like to contribute to a specific ministry, please designate as such on your donation. For a complete list of ministry needs, please contact Mike Harker at [mikeharker@frontier.com](mailto:mikeharker@frontier.com) or 812-247-3143.

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**Hospital Courtyard**



**Surveying for Rajesh's New House**

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