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We had our 37th graduation on January 28th. 8 students received their degrees in either Bachelors of Theology, Diploma or Certificate of Theology. It was a great day to celebrate their accomplishments. My dad was greatly missed and it was an honor for me to stand in his place to confer the degrees. Please pray for the graduates as they go out into the mission field.

In February we had many guests from India, New Zealand and the United States attend the re-dedication services of our chapel, cafeteria and the unveiling of a memorial for my dad on February 27th. These buildings are 30-40 years old and hadn't been touched since they were built. Both of these buildings were in need of major repairs and turned out so beautifully. We also cleaned up around the grounds and laid sod to beautifythe campus. It is an oasis now.



Associate Pastor Nathan Tate from Summit Church in OKC brought five men with him to do some construction on campus. They replaced rotted poles, re-stabilized the roof and put up walls for bedrooms on the 3rd floor of the current boys dorm. We appreciate them so much for helping us start this project. This 1925 Sq Ft floor with 7 rooms and 4 bathrooms will enable us to re-start our Master of Divinity program. We still need to tape & bed wall joints of interior and exterior—\$500.00, install windows—\$1200.00, run electrical —\$1800.00, tile the floors —\$2500.00, install 12 doors —\$600.00, build out 4 bathrooms — \$2800.00 for plumbing, toilets and fixtures, paint interior & exterior —\$500.00. Please pray with us that we will be able to raise the funds to complete this project so we can accept students who are wanting to start the Masters program.



On Sunday, thirty of us got on a private bus and travelled 1.5 hours away from campus to United Christian Church Muttom (Mo-tum) for a wonderful service. Pastor Terry Hull from North Side Christian Church in OKC preached, Nathan Tate also shared a greeting and Liji Joseph our ICBC staff was translating in the Kerala language called Malayalam—(ma-laa-yaal-um). I am so grateful all the visitors who came and helped make the celebration successful.



Pastor Terry Hull came prepared to hold a two day seminar for the Kerala and Punjab Pastors and their Elders. Terry brought gifts for them and we appreciated it very much. Many meals were shared together, from rice, chicken curry, to pizza, KFC and delicious burgers.









Once we completed our scheduled activities, we had some time for shopping, sightseeing and relaxing. Watched the sunset at Ft Kochi beach, bought some souvenirs from the street vendors, toured a Kerala Museum, Jewish Synagogue. Then walked through an elephant sanctuaryand cruised on a houseboat on the final day. Bob & Karen Smith rode a TukTuk and Sam & Tracy added a stop over in New Delhi and visited one of the seven wonders of the world in Agra, India. Both couples attend Cherokee Hills Christian Church in OKC, which is my home church.

