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News Update for Prayer and Information

Dear friends,

It has been a great privilege to speak at Lakewood Church's M3 conference recently. Put together by Dr. Paul Osteen, a general surgeon and medical service provider to Africa, this event brought together more than 800 health care professionals, Feb 16,17, 2023. A call was given to consider the needs of the most unreached parts of the world – as attendees heard thrilling stories of medical work in difficult and limited access nations!

“Our focus and prayer are that medical mission work reaches the unreached and provides help to less privileged communities across the work” he said in his opening comments at the launch. Co-hosted by Jenn, Paul's wife, the event brought together service providers, medical and nursing educators and a variety of humanitarian agencies to share best practices, experiences and key learnings from the field.

Jesus' words in Luke 4:18-20 continue to inspire and direct us – “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...heal the sick...” At NIEA we are grateful for the opportunity to impact eternity through effective health care work. Thousands of lives were served during the recent covid out-break over 2020 to 2022.

Over thirty-three thousand patients have registered and have visited the ministry's Christian Medical Centre & Hospital, in Bihar, Northern India since her inception about ten years ago. A myriad of services, nursing training, village health camps and telemedicine initiatives have helped to demonstrate God's love meaningfully!



*NIEA USA Board Members with Alex Philip (Feb 2023)
Lt-Rt Cris Walker, Christine Smith, Bob & Judy Ball, Mark
& Betsy Neuenschwander*

In the next months, we will continue to interphase with the government for the necessary recognition and permission to launch a 3-year Nursing program in Bihar. Please do join us in praying for this exciting new initiative!

Yours for the healing of our nation,

Dr. Alex Philip
Executive Director, NIEA India

GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS AT TWO VENUES!

Two theological institutions of the NIEA celebrated graduation services in February 2023. At NIBS Paippad, 40 students graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees. Further north, at Calicut (Kozhikode) 80 received certificates and diplomas. At the core of NIEA's services is Bible training in both the formal and non-formal domain, encouraging students to have life-changing experiences contributing towards academic formation, spiritual formation and context-based ministry preparation.



NIBS Graduates Line up!

“I thank God for the opportunity to study at NIBS. Through his amazing grace, He has led me to complete M.Th. in Holistic Child Development. I am looking forward to doing children's ministry in my home state over the next season of my life.” Ms I. Zhimmomi (M.Th. graduate)

NIBS celebrated her 48th graduation service this month, one of the many services, which have seen over 8,000 graduates since inception in 1975. Former Principal, NIBS and Board member, NIEA, Dr CT Luiskutty said, “India needs to see a multiplication of discipleship groups; and at the centre of all ministry is the love of Christ!”

The ministry of equipping and development of leaders through the training institutes received significant growth as the Connexions model (5C-4D) was studied and applied in recent years. This focuses on Jesus' method of growing his disciples, refining their call and character, developing their competencies and service through communities of servant leaders. NIBS Principal, Dr Jaison Thomas, who served the institution in different positions over three decades handed the baton of leadership to newly selected leader, Dr John Alex in a moving and God honoring service of biblical transition.

On the border between Kerala and Karnataka are services reaching different language groups and aiming to provide opportunities for evangelism and discipleship even while studying. Pr NC Joseph, Coordinator of NIBI, says that the approach to collaborate with over thirty different mission agencies and churches has not only spurred goodwill among the leaders in each of the eight different satellite training stations, but served to strengthen the Body of Christ.



NIBI Kozhikode (Calicut) Graduates

The training mandate of NIEA is shared by sister institutions in Tamil nadu and Bihar who will have their commencement services in a couple of months. Over 430 students in residential programs and hundreds more through non-formal outreaches, assist's the ministry to obey Christ's mandate, “To go, preach and make disciples of all nations!” *Please pray as innovative programs start this academic year, leaders in additional language groups are served and God's people are deeply motivated to powerfully share the Gospel message of love! (John 3:16)*