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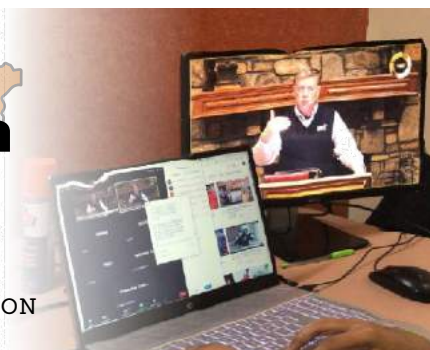
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## every local church a college classroom

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Wednesday, August 25, at 5:00 PM India Standard Time (7:30 AM EST), the cameras were rolling and students from all over India logged into the first Good News 360 Virtual Church Leaders Conference. Over the next four days, a crew of over twenty-five willing servants worked together to host 1,136 registered participants in our first attempt at a virtual conference. Four-and-a-half years earlier, we had sponsored the first Good News 360 Conference with about 550 participants. The global pandemic presented an incredible challenge for us as we had to postpone this year's conference several times. We eventually decided to host the conference virtually. As you can imagine, the logistics of pulling off a production like this even without the COVID restrictions were daunting, but God surrounded us with skilled volunteers and He provided us a location, the proper equipment, technological experts, and the necessary funds. We are grateful for the servant leadership of our Board of Directors in India and all their hard work in helping to organize this event. Our goal was to provide a 360-degree circle of fellowship to equip and connect Bible students, pastors, and church leaders in a transformative program for planting and developing local churches.

As each participant logged into the meeting via Zoom, YouTube, WhatsApp, or Facebook, they had the choice of hearing the broadcast in English, Hindi, or Telugu. God blessed us with some amazing translators. Dr. G. Jaya Sekhar, Billy's father opened the first meeting and established the theme for the entire conference, "Every Local Church a College Classroom." The need for theological education in India is great. 90% of rural pastors have little or no theological training. Good News Bible College and Seminary was founded in 1999. Currently, they have 57 teaching sites in nine states of India with 16,806 graduates. The program is one to five years, two hours each evening Monday through Saturday, 240 hours in a year. They have thirty textbooks that they use. It is also financially sustained through each local church.

India, with 1.38 billion people is second in world population, behind China which has 1.44 billion. India is projected to have the largest population in the world within the next fifteen years. According to Operation World, India, by far is the most unreached country in the world. One-third of the world's unreached people groups are from one country, India. 400 million people in India have never heard the name, Jesus. Constitutionally, there are 22 official languages in India, but there are over 1,600 other languages with no Scriptures.

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In addition to the national Indian workers, we enlisted nine speakers from the United States who promoted the theme of “Every Local Church a College Classroom,” through four different focuses: Discipleship, Stewardship, Shepherding, and Church.

- **Ted Allston** – Missionary to the 10-40 Window with EMU International
- **Jimmy Carter** – Pastor of Community Life at Shepherd’s Church and Director of Shepherd’s Institute
- **JD Crowley** – Missionary to Cambodia with EMU International
- **Jeff Davis** – EMU International, Director
- **Bill Hill** – Equipping Nationals Worldwide, Director
- **Kevin Oberlin** – Bob Jones University, Dean of the School of Religion
- **Bruce MacInnes** – Pastor of Goldston Baptist Church and Board Chairman of Lee Christian Academy
- **Al Potter** – Pastor of Leadership Development for the Shepherd’s Church and Shepherd’s Theological Seminary
- **Vincent Sawyer** – Pastor of Victory Baptist Church and founder of Macedonian Call Ministries

Each participant in the conference was given access to the complete digital library of theological textbooks written by Pastor Vincent Sawyer and translated into the Indian languages. Plans are already underway for next year’s conference which Lord willing will be held in September 2022.

We would appreciate your prayers for God’s provision for (1) an online learning management system, (2) technological resources including cameras, PA sound systems, and upgraded computers, and (3) additional office space.

Billy is tentatively planning a trip to the USA in 2022 to promote the opportunity we have of participating in this amazing ministry that God is blessing in India. Billy and Jeff would love to visit your church and share our vision. For more information contact [jeff@emuinternational.org](mailto:jeff@emuinternational.org).



## Looking Back SEPTEMBER



## Looking Ahead OCTOBER



I had the privilege of speaking for my brother-in-law’s church in Anderson, SC, on September 5. Later that week, I traveled to **Boston** for the **Fellowship of Missions Annual Meeting**. (9/11-9/15) The F.O.M. was officially organized in 1969. Today, nearly 30 like-minded mission agencies, representing some 2,000 missionaries serving on all six continents, partner together for encouragement, ministry development, and mutual accountability. This year, I was elected to serve on the Executive Board. I was also honored to preach the opening session of the conference. I returned from New England and to travel with my wife to Nashville, TN, for the weekend (9/17-9/19) for a memorial service for her brother **Steve Jeffers**, who passed away from a heart attack in his sleep. I then participated in the **BJU Global Opportunities Conference** (9/20-9/23). On Friday (9/24), I attended the **National Conference on Hispanic Outreach** (NCHO), in Greenville, SC. Then, on Saturday (9/25), I participated in the well-attended **Pastor’s Roundtable** on Church Planting at BJU.

I began the month of October with some precious friends of our ministry as I preached at **Greenville Bible Church** (9/30 - 10/5). I headed home on Tuesday (10/5) and then my wife Joanna and I will fly to **Boston** and spend a week (10/6 - 10/13) connecting with pastors in New England and visiting **the Wilds of New England**. I preach on Sunday at **Trinity Baptist Church** in Williston, VT, (10/10) for a Missions Focus Sunday. After that, I will be in Ankeny, Iowa, for the Missions Emphasis Week at **Faith Baptist Bible College** (10/17-10/23), followed by a weekend in the Washington D.C. area (10/23 -10/24). I will be at **Engleside Baptist Church** in Alexandria, and then in Berryville, VA, at **Keystone Baptist Church**. I will then spend the next week at **Appalachian Bible College**. (10/25-10/29).

I love these trips to college campuses to promote missions and share the ministry of EMU International. Pray with me that the Lord of the Harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest.