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Dear Prayer Partners and Supporters,

The faculty and students of South India Baptist Bible College and Seminary deeply appreciate your commitment to pray and support the ministry. Your prayer and giving make it possible for us to train young people for the ministry of God's Word in India, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar.

I am very happy to inform you that in spite of all the odds we faced during the time of admission, the Lord brought 430 students to the College. The enrollment is less than the previous year, but the expenses are in a higher scale than ever before. We find it very difficult to meet the various needs of the college due to inflation. The price of all essential commodities has almost doubled. Now it takes about \$75 to provide boarding and lodging for one student for the whole month. Our budget per month is \$35,000, and we average about \$26,000. Please pray for us to meet our budget.

Scarcity of Drinking Water

Due to the lack of rain the reservoir has no water. In the past twenty-five years, we never used to purchase water. Now almost every day we have to purchase water for drinking and cooking that costs us over \$1500 per month.



Summer Ministry.

One of the highlights of the year is our summer Ministry.

Youth Camp—270 young people attended youth camp, and 66 trusted in the Lord for salvation.

Vacation Bible School—A total of 893 children attended the Vacation Bible School; out of those 225 children trusted in the Lord for salvation.

Summer Evangelism—Summer evangelism conducted by the faculty and students enabled hundreds of people to hear the good news of salvation, and 89 claimed Jesus Christ as their Savior. We rejoice in the salvation of 380 who trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Attacks continue, Kandhamal district tense



VHP bandh turns violent in Orissa, churches attacked

Woman burnt alive in orphanage; Congress to move no-confidence motion

Situation in Orissa.

A few days ago, some unidentified group killed a Vishwa HinduParisahd leader (VHP) Lakshmanananda and four others.

The VHP, an anti-Christian group, ac-

cuses Christians for the killing of Lakshmanananda and his friends. Since 25th of August, many Christians have been brutally murdered by the enemies of the gospel.



VHP has killed many relatives of our students and destroyed their homes. We received a report on the 27th of August from Seba Pradhan (pictured at left), one of our second year students, that her two uncles were cut into pieces and then burned. One of our pastors Benjamin Naik reported on 28th that his house was set on fire, and he also said over 2000 houses have been set on fire in his area alone. Another student of ours reported that her pastor and one of the deacons were murdered.

Swatha (pictured at right) from a Hindu background (graduated from SIBBC about 10 years ago) reported on the 28th that her uncle was murdered on the night of the 27th.



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Please do pray for the Christians in Orissa. If the Lord burdens you to help financially, please send help to IPM, P.O. Box 337, Hanover, Pa 17331 and designate it for emergency help for Orissa Christians.



SIBBC&S students from Orissa



Update on Academy Building.

Since I wrote the last newsletter, we have raised the peripheral wall and the pillars. In order to add the basement floor we need about \$200,000. The total cost of the building is going to be over one million dollars. Please do pray with us for this great need.

Update on Heritage Baptist Church

A 200-seat auditorium is almost completed, except for the flooring that is going to cost about \$800 dollars. We plan to dedicate the building in September.

The believers of Faith Baptist Church built the building to the roof level. They are trusting in the Lord for \$1000 dollars to purchase roof materials. Please pray for these needs.

Thanks again for all that you are doing to reach the lost with the gospel.

Laboring for the cause of Christ,



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Faith Baptist Church

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