



A Baptist Seminary
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Newsletter

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From Our President's Desk....



....emptied himself by taking the form of a servant.....he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death. Philippians 2:7,8

One of the great descriptions of the incarnation of Christ is found in Philip Yancey's book 'The Jesus I Never Knew'. Here are a few lines: *Before Jesus, almost no pagan author had used "humble" as a compliment. Yet the events of Christmas point inescapably to what seems like an oxymoron: a humble God. The God who came to earth came not in a raging whirlwind nor in a devouring fire. Unimaginably, the Maker of all things shrank down, down, down, so small as to become an ovum, a single fertilized egg barely visible to the naked eye, and an egg that would divide and redivide until a fetus took shape, enlarged cell by cell inside a nervous teenager. The messiah who showed up, wore humility as His glory. The God who roared, who could order armies and empires about like pawns on a chessboard, this God emerged in Bethlehem as a baby who could not speak or eat solid food or control his bladder, who depended on a teenager for shelter, food and love. God's visit to earth took place in an animal shelter with no attendants present and nowhere to lay the newborn king but a feed trough. Indeed, the event that divided history, and even our calendars, into two parts may have had more animal than human witnesses. A mule could have stepped on him. "How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift was given."*

In a world where millions run after power, position, and prominence, the incarnation of Jesus Christ calls us to clothe ourselves with humility and servanthood. May God help us to do so.

We completed our first semester and entered the second semester of this academic year. We had our seminary picnic and sports day in November, followed by the Seminary Christmas get-together on December 8th. We had a great time with Nathan Waldock and his family, who visited us in November. We intend to raise Rs.2,40,000 monthly through national donors before 2026. We have reached 46% of this target as of now. We are still looking for Indian donors (including NRIs) who would join as national supporters to sustain this ministry in the long run. If the Lord leads you to join this national fundraising effort, kindly scan the QR code on page 2 and sign up to become a national donor of this ministry. There is still a lot to do from the building work side. We still need Rs.80 lakhs (\$97,500) to complete the building project, including the ground floor, which houses the library and classrooms. We have listed a few pending works for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd floors of our building on page 2 of this issue. If you are looking for an opportunity to give during Christmas, you may find it here at BSSI to help us finish the work in the building.



Another year is ending, and we thank the Lord for His amazing faithfulness to the seminary ministry. We once again have tasted and seen that the Lord is good. The Lord displayed His goodness through many of our praying and supporting partners like you, and we sincerely thank you for standing with us another year.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Simeon Sundar

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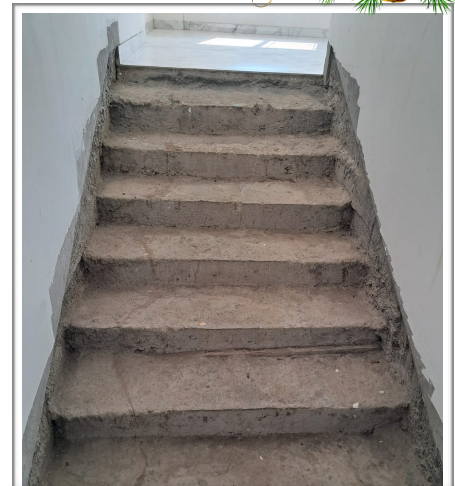
Are you looking for opportunities to give, this Christmas?



Three unfinished student rooms. Each room will cost Rs. 57,600/- (\$1800), to complete.



Unfinished 1BHK studios for students with families. Cost for completion: Rs.4,92,000/- (\$6000)



Unfinished stairway to student's dining hall. Cost for completion: Rs.2,00,000/- (\$2400)



Unfinished washrooms on the 2nd floor. Cost for completion: Rs.2,87,000/- (\$3500)

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Unfinished wiring work in the dining hall. Cost for completion: Rs.2,00,000/- (\$2400)

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"All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for . . . training in righteousness." - 2 Timothy 3:16-17