

**Only way to see the glory of God:
Believe and Obey!**

**The Most Important Lessons We have
Learned in our walk with the Lord.**

John 2:5 and 11:40-41b

Lesson #1 : “To believe is to obey!”

- **John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”**
- **John 11:40—41b Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone...**

**While we do not have time for an exhaustive study,
even a casual reading of the Bible proves that
genuine faith produces obedience.**

- **Luke 6:46 “ “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”**
- **John 14:15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” (repeated five times in 14 and 15!)**
- **Paul’s favorite phrase: “obedience of faith”-
hypakoēn pisteōs = Literal meaning: “faith-
obedience.” Romans 1:5 and 16:26**
- **Hebrews 5:9 And being made perfect, he became
the source of eternal salvation to all who obey
him....**

***“Go back to India; not to your native place,
but to North India!”***

- **First hurdle: To believe (obey) or not to believe (obey)?**
- **Way too many reasons NOT to obey!**



India

India-the most challenging country for the Gospel!

- **Nearly 500 languages (not dialects; languages!)**
- **In 1986, well over 120 languages with no Scripture.**
- **In 2026, still nearly 80 with not even portions of the Holy Bible.**
- **4,693 “nations.” (See next slide).**

Humanly Impossible to Reach Such a Huge Country! No human can do it!

- **But command is: “Make disciples of all nations!” Matthew 28:19.**
- **“Nations”- ἔθνος ethnos; ἔθνη ethnē.**
- **4,693 of them in India! Several hundreds with no witness.**
- **But Revelation 5:9-10!**
- **Lesson #2. . . PLEASE DO NOT FORGET!**

Lesson #2: Once we do what we can, God will do what is impossible for us!

- **When we fill the jars (what we can do); then Jesus will do what we cannot do. Turn water into wine!**
- **When we move the stone from the grave (what we can do); then Jesus will do what we cannot do. Bring life to death!**

**When we did what we could, God began to
do what we could never have done!**

- Miracle #1:**
- World Vision publishing an article about
us!**

Seek first
the church?

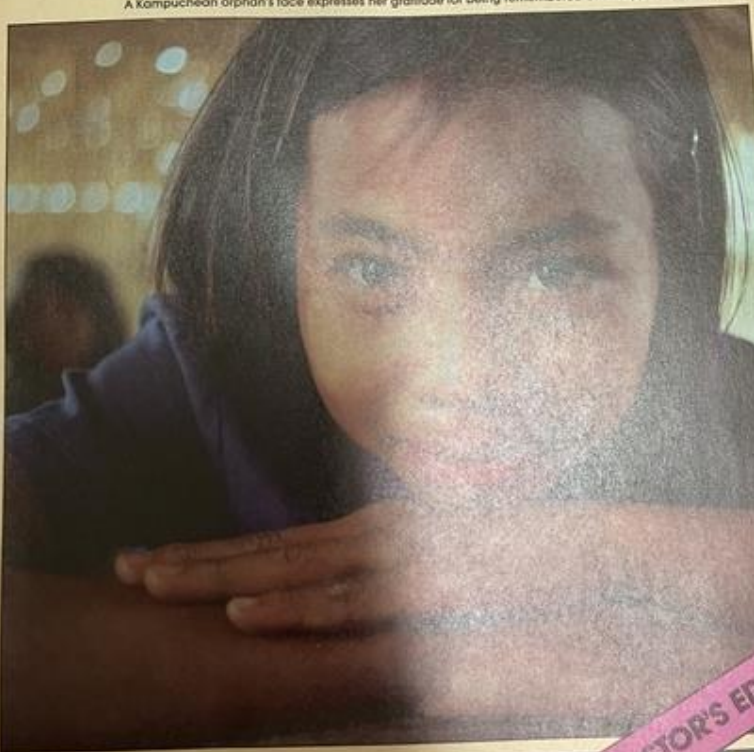
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Finding a new approach
for evangelism in India

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One of India's own is . . .

ENABLING EVANGELISTS IN NORTHERN INDIA

by Randy Miller

Take a thousand Indian evangelists. Give them the task of carrying the gospel to a thousand of their nation's unreached people every week. With no vacations allowed, it would take them until the end of the century to reach all the non-Christians among their 800 million fellow citizens. And that would be just the beginning. Thousands more teachers would be needed if they were to come anywhere near fulfilling the part of the Great Commission that says, "... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Facts like these flooded the mind of a young Indian Christian, George Chavanikammil, when he asked God what his part ought to be in the evangelization of the citizens of his mostly-Hindu nation.

God's answer: Don't be an evangelist; be an enabler of many evangelists.

So George has prepared himself to do just that and is now laying the groundwork for Good News for India, a Bible college to be centered in one of India's least-evangelized regions.

"Government regulations have made it almost impossible for new, long-term foreign missionaries to enter the country," says George. "Therefore, it is time to find new, effective ways to read the gospel to India's unreached population. My primary goal is to train and equip Indian Christians to reach out to the Good News to their fellow citizens."

In 1970," George adds, "the number of foreign missionaries in India totaled 8, according to the *World Christian Encyclopedia*. In 1980 there were just

over 2000. And the number is decreasing. I'm convinced that India can be evangelized only by Indians, so there is a real need in India for Bible schools to train Indians in evangelization."

George's vision for a Bible college didn't gel overnight, although he knew he wanted to spread the gospel in India in some manner as early as 1967 when, as a 19-year-old university student in India, he became a Christian. He shelved his aspirations to become a lawyer and began a year of street-corner preaching.

His academic pursuits, meanwhile, shifted to philosophy. After receiving his master's degree, he taught college English for a year, then spent another year with World Literature Crusade before packing his bags for California, where he enrolled at Fuller Theological Seminary.

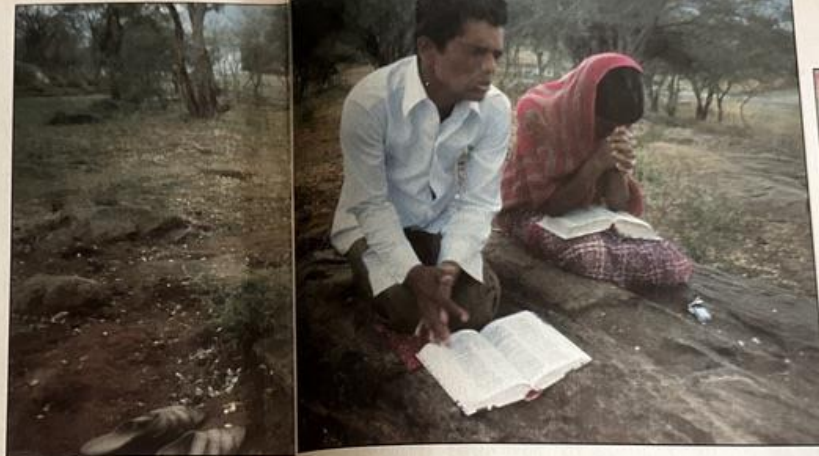
"Even after I got my Master of Divinity degree from Fuller in 1977," George says, "I knew I wanted to return to India one day and spread the gospel. But I still wasn't sure what approach to take, so I decided not to rush right back home. Besides, I found I was comfortable here

in the U.S. I got married here. Our kids were born here and we wanted good schooling for them. It felt right to be here, at least for a while."

Feeling free to sink his roots a little deeper in U.S. soil, George continued doing graduate work at Fuller Seminary and began working for World Vision's telecommunications center, where he eventually became department manager. All the while his vision for India kept simmering in the back of his mind. Finally, an approach began to take shape.



Indian Muslims gather at a mosque pool to engage in a ritual washing before prayer.



George Ch

Study and earnest prayer are part of these Indian evangelists' daily routine.

"Reading books by Dr. Donald McGavran and Dr. Peter Wagner, I became convinced that the best way to reach India would be to train Indians in evangelization."

With his wife and two young sons, George returned to his homeland for a visit in late 1984. "We wanted to confirm the vision and make sure God was calling us. That visit convinced my wife and me that what we had in mind was right. I gave World Vision one year's advance notice of my departure and began to lay the foundation for my work in India."

By the end of 1985, George had formed a board of directors and a board of reference for Good News for India. His vision was taking shape, but a location for the college remained undetermined.

"I visited India again at the beginning of this year to investigate possible sites for the school," says George. "My burden has always been for north India because it is largely unreached. According to Dr. Ralph Winter, over 90 percent of the evangelism work in India is taking place among people who've already heard the gospel. I want to take the gospel where people have not yet heard it."

After much prayer and investigation, George selected a location at the foot-

hills of the Himalayas near the city of Dehra Dun.

"Dehra Dun is in Uttar Pradesh," George says, "the most populated state in India, with more people than the whole nation of Pakistan. Most of the people are unreached. Also, it is a Hindi-speaking state. Hindi is the one language spoken by more people than any other in India."

While in India, George asked several college and seminary administrators and faculty members about the current need

land and construction of a room building, staff quarters for 20 students. Another library, with evangelism study books in English much of the teaching English.

Obstacles to the future vision include the evangelism of Hindu nationalism in the country. Hindus, together, openly do of establishing India. Despite this, pockets can still be found. A concurrent phenomenon of God's call for his vision God has.

"Never before in India have we seen to the gospel same time, never such openness to forces of opposition."

"Right now we have any of our ability. If it is He who has He will provide!"

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for Bible and evangelism instruction. "All of the school officials I talked with told me they were having to turn away students due to a lack of facilities," George says. "Young Indian men and women are eager to preach, but they have few places to go for training."

George hopes to enroll his first students in the fall of 1987. Before then he must try to raise the \$200,000 needed for

Miracle #2 God Speaks to two widows, Southern Baptist believers in Georgia, whom we had never met!



God Speaks Through Pastor Steve Riggle in June 1986: “Make a model of the Bible College you are building.”

- Then the Lord used an unlikely instrument- Carl Mantl- an architect and a former non-practicing Catholic to reveal His plan even further.**



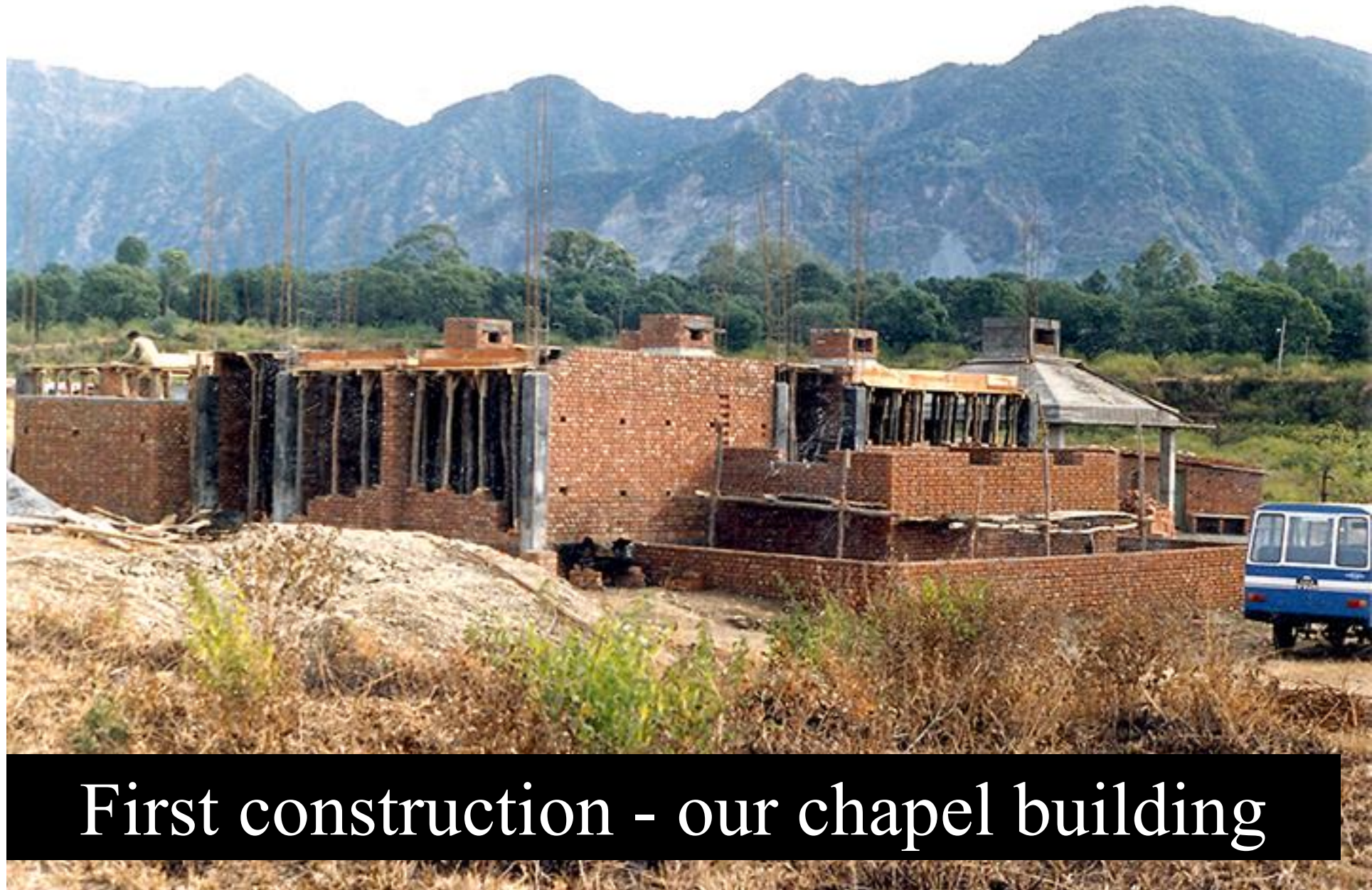


God Speaks through Leela and challenged us to trust the Lord for half the asking price of the land

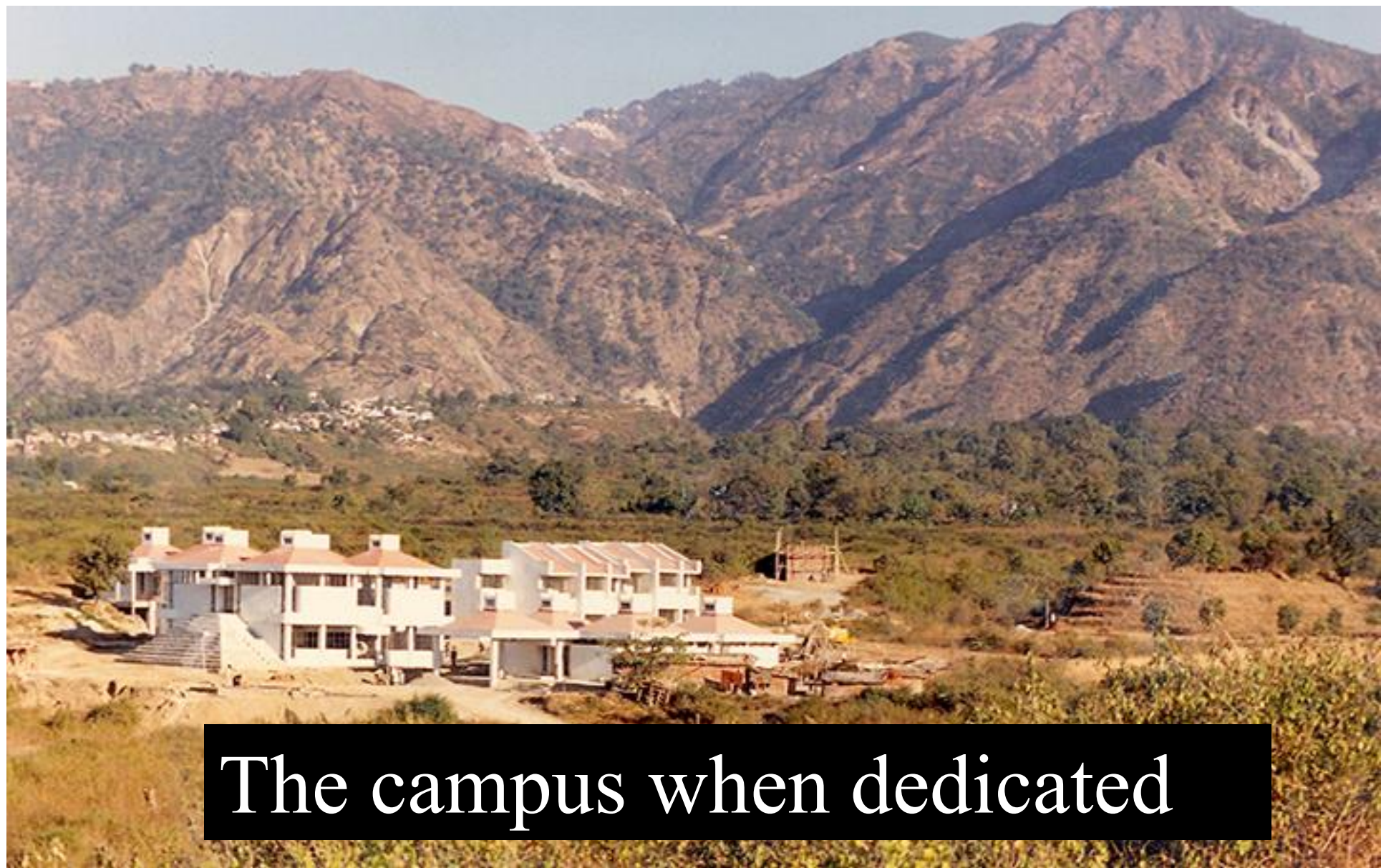




Breaking ground on July 21, 1987



First construction - our chapel building













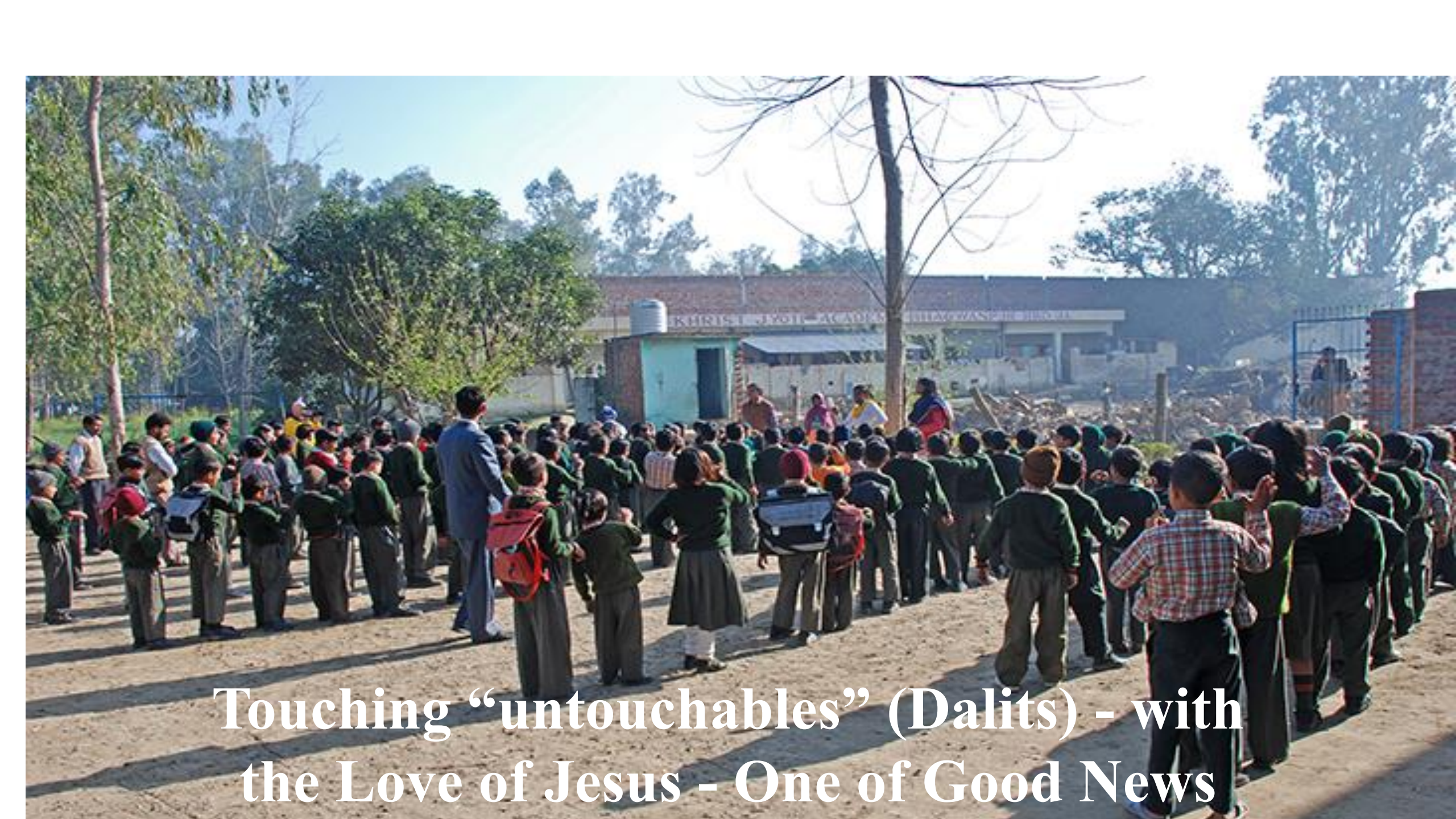
Setting apart an MDiv Graduate for Kingdom work



Making disciples - the focus of all we do



Planting churches - a new

A large group of school children, mostly boys, are standing in a long line on a dirt path. They are wearing green uniforms and some have backpacks. A man in a blue suit is standing in the middle of the line, facing the children. In the background, there is a school building with a sign that reads "KINISI SGTI KANDAS KUTEXOGANSHI HUSOPI". There are trees and a clear sky.

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