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The Indian Experience, Part 3

Educational Partnerships (continued from *Itinerate Ministry* in February, 2011)

The final leg of our India itinerary took place in Secunderabad in the region of Hyderabad. The names of these cities are largely unknown in the western world, but for the sake of population reference, Hyderabad is #31 on the list of the world's largest cities with 6.8 million people.¹ It is in this congested region that Dr. Samuel Buraga directs an educational center consisting of Bharat Bible College² with 145 students and a public school with 850 students. In addition, Dr. Buraga is founder and director of Shiloh Biblical Ministries, offering local church support in the nearby villages.

Founded in 1969, Bharat Bible College has trained more than 2000 men who have started more than 4000 churches. BBC is privileged to possess a spacious campus. The main instructional building (center, below) houses classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, library (left, below), chapel, and faculty housing and dormitories. Qualified faculty ensures the high academic standards of the school. Dr. Buraga and Shiloh Biblical Ministries have joined the IGM family and are now seeking to partner Bharat Bible College as well. I met with Dr. Buraga to go over specific partnership guidelines and to address a number of ways for the college to perform an institutional self-study that will benefit their ministry and provide IGM with a detailed review of their fruitful program. BBC is distinctive in that it offers its instructional programs in English rather than the native Telugu.³ A burden for BBC is that graduates would evangelize the less Christian central and northern regions of India (right, below).⁴ BBC has proven to be a force for the kingdom in India and represents a formidable ally to IGM as **together we reach the world for Christ...**in India.



With Dr. Samuel Buraga at Bharat Bible College



BBC Library



BBC Classroom, Administrative Offices, Library and Chapel Building



Dr. Buraga exhibits locations of churches planted by BBC graduates.

¹ For further reference, Mumbai and Delhi have 12.6 million and 10.4 million respectively. India is the second most populated country on the planet with 1.08 billion people (China leads with 1.3 billion and the USA is a distant third with 295 million).

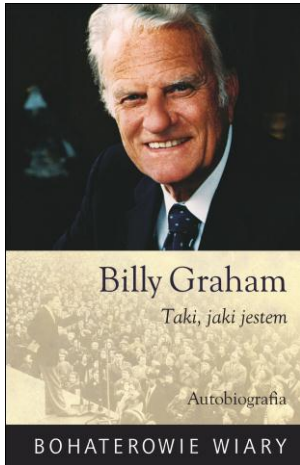
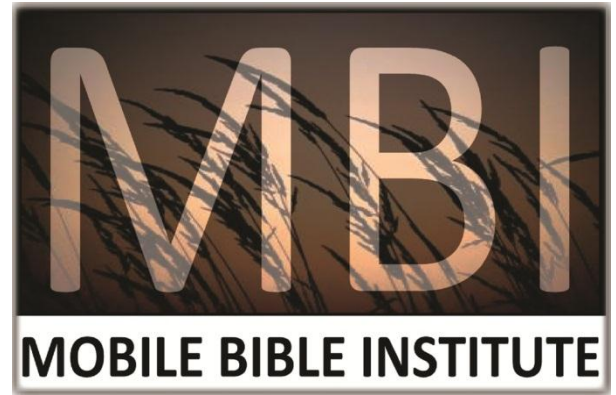
² www.bharatbible.org

³ Telugu represents the third largest number of native speakers in India at 74 million.

⁴ Central and northern India are Hindu and tribal strongholds and resistant to the gospel.

Mobile Bible Institute

It was a blessing recently to minister at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Geneseo, New York (Rev. John Zatkiewicz, pastor). As part of the weekend ministry, I was able to conduct a teacher training series of seminars for Christian education staff represented by three area congregations. The folks at Cornerstone organized the event well and I truly appreciated the gracious response of those present. Discussions with pastor Zatkiewicz confirmed a burden to offer training to local churches here in the USA. Though currently in the conception stage, the **Mobile Bible Institute** will feature short intensive weekend courses to train church workers. Truly, much can be accomplished in a Friday evening through Saturday course offering, leaving Sunday to present our ministry and that of IGM. Please pray that doors would open for MBI.



Publication of Polish Edition Billy Graham: Just as I Am

There is great news from Zbigniew and Beata Kołak. The publication of the much anticipated Billy Graham autobiography is now a reality. This project is years in the making, securing the license, translating and formatting the text, cover design, editing, and funding. This book is part of the "Heroes of the Faith" series by Fundacja ICHTHYS (Ostróda, Poland). I have been privileged to be part of this ministry for many years (serving as an absentee Vice-President), a ministry that is much more than book publishing. The Kołak family also is a distributor for *Samaritan's Purse* for the annual *Operation Christmas Child* initiative. Besides the shoebox gift packages, the Kołaks also give away booklet publications during an organized evangelistic event. I am currently praying about ministering with them at a summer children's camp in Bielice, Poland. Having ministered in Poland since 1990, this is an opportunity for preaching and outreach with longtime ministry partners (www.wydawnictwo-theologos.pl). Please pray about the propagation of this new book, a monumental translation and formatting project now finished! The books in hardback editions are of the highest quality.

Dr. Douglas A. Blanc, Sr.

Prayer & Praise

- Praise the Lord for the recent opportunity to minister at **Cornerstone Baptist Church** and for the blessing of gracious hosts and a pastor with a vision for training.
- Praise the Lord for the publication of the Polish-edition of the **Billy Graham autobiography**.
- Pray for **Dr. Samuel Buraga** and **Bharat Bible College**.
- Please pray for the development of the **Mobile Bible Institute** as an impetus for spiritual renewal and training.
- Please pray regarding tentative plans to be in **Poland** this summer.
- Please pray that the Lord will open the door to present our ministry to local **churches**.
- Please pray for a growing network of **partners**. The opportunities are vast and support is needed.

- We are thankful for the **Bible study group** that meets weekly in our home. Pray for continued spiritual enrichment for the members.

Itinerary

January 26- May 13, 2011	Teaching Ethics and Comparative Religions at Fulton-Montgomery Community College (Johnstown, NY).
May 30-July 1, 2011	Teaching Ethics and at Fulton-Montgomery Community College (Johnstown, NY).
July 20-August 2, 2011	Tentative plans for preaching and ministering at a children's camp in Bielice, Poland.
August 18-25, 2011	Mission Training School and Leadership Conference at IGM Mission Central (Rochester, New York).

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