

Fundamental Baptist Missions International

A Ministry of First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana

IMPORTANT TEAM MISSIONS UPDATE – DECEMBER 1, 2010

Exciting News for Asia and India!

First of all, we want to extend our utmost gratitude and appreciation to Missionary Charlie Vest and the people of Gospel Baptist Church of Bacolod City, Philippines, for their splendid assistance in getting our Indo-Philippine Team established in the country. This church and their pastor have helped us immeasurably with immigration into the country. They have also allowed us to have a “toehold” on the island of Negros where we sought to establish a base of operations in the Philippines. Brother Vest is a former deacon of First Baptist Church of Hammond. He has told us on several occasions in the past: “First Baptist Church is my church, and Dr. Jack Schaap is my pastor.” This has certainly been borne out in the effort given by Bro. Vest and his church in helping our team.



Missionary Charlie Vest Family

While temporarily located in Bacolod City, our team has been able to see 3,965 souls saved, as well as open a college ministry at West Negros University. You are invited to visit the Indo-Philippine Team website at www.indophilteam.com in order to see pictures and stories of the people we have been allowed by God to influence while adjusting to life here in the Philippines.

Now the Lord has opened the door for us to plant our first new ministry in the Philippines in Dumaguete City, Negros, Philippines. This is a city in the southern part of Negros Island. Dumaguete City and the surrounding areas have a daytime population of 400,000 people. There are few Gospel-preaching ministries in this city. It is a combination seaport, college town, and tourist attraction. God has already provided a potential church building that will seat as many as 300 people and allow for Sunday school and Junior Church space. There is parking—both on and off street. The exterior of the building is beautiful. The interior needs a little “cosmetic” work. This is work that our team members are anxious to begin.

Pictures of potential church building



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This location will allow us to reach the city of Dumaguete, as well as well as the surrounding area. It will also allow us to have a training facility for church planters and missionaries, especially to India and Asia.

The doors into India and Asia are opening faster for us than even our vision had anticipated. We are stretching ourselves thin to reach into these vast population areas, and thus we have determined that a permanent station in the Philippines would be most advantageous to train the Filipino missionaries, who are so much better received into the Asian world than are American missionaries.

Also, we have been provided unprecedented opportunities to teach and train Indian pastors. Literally hundreds of pastors in India are at this very moment anticipating our permanent arrival to train them. This does not include the many that are called to preach without churches, who are also awaiting our arrival.

To facilitate these rapidly expanding opportunities, we have asked Bro. Randy DeMoville to be the team leader in the Philippines, acting as both the pastor of the new church and as the director of the Asian and Filipino training facility in Dumaguete. He will be traveling some to India, but his major work will be in providing stability and resources for the Indo-Philippine Team.

We have asked veteran pastor Scott Christiansen, who is already a member of the Indo-Philippine Team, to be the onsite overseer of the Indian division, specifically acting as the director of the training of Indian pastors and working as a liaison with Bro. DeMoville. We are excited to have the involvement of this Hyles-Anderson graduate and his family in the work in India.

This exciting two-pronged attack will allow us to step up our efforts on both fronts under dynamic leadership. Bro. Christiansen will be initially operating out of our facilities in Rajahmundry, India. He will have the capable assistance of Teja Rao, our Indian expert, as well as Pastor Anand Kumar, a longtime pastor in India. Pastor Kumar has helped to start scores of churches and already has approximately 40 potential pastors waiting to be trained by our team. These men will be joined by at least two other families. This will make a strong team on the "front" in India.

God is opening doors of opportunity before our eyes. Please pray that the resources will allow us to walk through each door. There is much work to be done, and we want to be able to get it done.

His for the world's souls,



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