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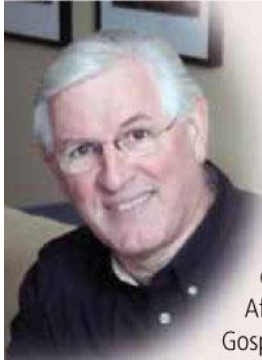


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Leaders Need Our Help

Irving Whitt



In the early 1920s, revival spread through Western Kenya and Otto Keller, one of our earliest missionaries, wrote, "If Africa is to be reached with the Gospel it will be by the African." He recognized a very important principle used by thousands of missionaries, the principle of self-sustainability. A sustainable church requires trained leaders. The PAOC recognized this early in its mission history and has established Bible Colleges in many countries. 'Equipping' is now one of the four cornerstones of PAOC missions.

Beginning my 'equipping' ministry began in 1970, I went to Western Kenya, where revival had come 50 years earlier, to teach at Pentecostal Bible College. I returned to PBC this year in my GlobalEd work, and two of the current faculty were so grateful to see me. Over 35 years earlier, I helped them pay some of their fees when they were students. They were in the classroom teaching today because of the help they received.

Even the apostle Paul knew he could not spread the Gospel alone. He challenged Timothy concerning the things that he heard which should be committed, "to faithful men who would teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). In fact there are thousands of Timothys studying in colleges overseas, many relying on scholarship assistance.

This was the reason for starting the Timothy Fund. Men and women like the teachers at PBC depend on our help to reach their full potential as they are trained to "teach others."



Tremendous Growth Amidst Suffering

This letter was received this summer in our office. It is from the superintendent of the Assemblies of God Nepal, who also serves on the Board of Nepal Theological College, a partner school.



Attending Church

God has blessed us with such growth in the work of Assemblies of God Nepal since its small beginning in 1981. Today we have

800 member churches and around 400+ in the process of affiliating. We have two Bible schools and several church based Bible schools to train workers/leaders. It is schools like Nepal Theological College that have risen to meet the need.

The socio-political situation seems hopeless. With the economy deteriorating every day, people are suffering. In spite of all this, the churches are growing tremendously, adding new believers every week.

For truly vibrant churches, we urgently need to work hard in training and developing leaders making them capable to carry out the great task of equipping the people who will be able to witness to the society at large.

We deeply appreciate your continued partnership.



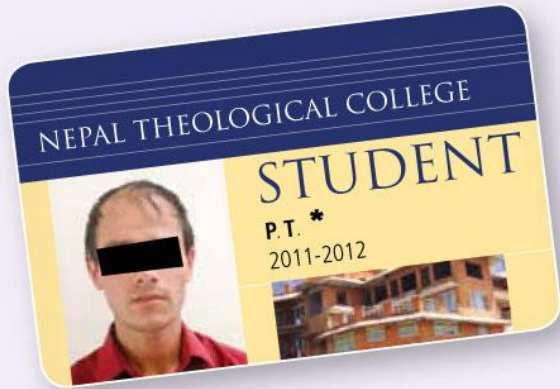
In Christ,
Samuel B
General Superintendent
Assemblies of God of Nepal



Need to reach people in mountains



Kathmandu Market



Fear to Faith

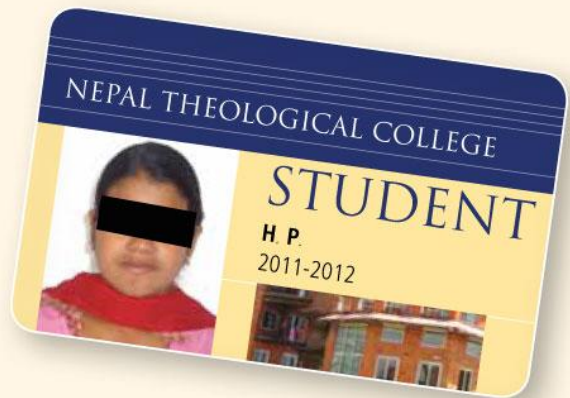
P. T. * —As a young Hindu boy in Nepal, I lived in fear as my parents were constantly ill. Miraculously, Christ brought healing to our family. As a result, I gave my life to Christ, was baptized and later received baptism of the Holy Spirit.

While preaching one day, I felt a call from God to serve Him in full-time ministry. Solid theological training is lacking in my home church, so I was incredibly thankful to God for the opportunity to begin studies at Nepal Theological College. When I graduate I will return to my village and serve among youth and in my local church.

God Answers Prayer

H. P. —Prayer and fasting brought about an incredible miracle. I was born into a poor Hindu family in Nepal, but as a teenager received Jesus as my Lord and Savior. God gave me a burning vision of working among women and children but it was impossible due to poverty. I prayed and fasted that God would somehow open a way for me to be trained for my calling, and he opened a way to attend Nepal Theological College.

I thank my God for this great privilege of studying. After graduation, I want to preach the Good News to women and children who have never heard it, and see them saved.



Report on Churches in Nepal

The Church has existed in Nepal for only 60 years, with the first church in 1952. The Church owes much to Nepali and expatriate Christians who prayed and witnessed in India before Nepal was opened up. Nepali former soldiers converted while in the Indian and British Armies have played a significant part, as have missionaries from India.

The Church is growing very rapidly and one of the greatest needs of the churches is to train people in the word of God in order to take the good news to the people who have not heard the gospel of Christ. To meet this need, Nepal Theological College began in 1978. At present, NTC has 88 full time students and it offers a recognized Bachelor of Theology.

As the Church in Nepal grows, training of its leaders becomes even more critical.

Source: Annetta Vyssotskaia (Personal source and Retrieved from <http://across.co.nz/NepalChurches.html> on August 26, 2011)

Nepal Statistics

80%
of its 30 million
are Hindu

42%
living below the
poverty line

45%
are illiterate

Multi-party
democracy since
2008

2%
of the population are
Evangelical Christian

Proselytizing
is still illegal, but Christian
publishing is permitted

* For security reasons, names and pictures have been altered.

GLOBAL ED IN AFRICA: LIBERIA

Birth of a Movement

Jasper Joe arrived early on Garraway beach, Liberia, Christmas Day 1908. For a long time he labored in prayer for God to send help – now God had answered. By the Spirit he knew the missionaries would arrive today – even though no ships ever anchored there. However, unknown to Jasper, a crisis was brewing as eight missionaries were getting sicker by the hour on a nearby ship. When land was sighted they insisted that the captain put them ashore. Reluctantly, he agreed. They were ferried to the beach and the Liberia Assemblies of God (LAG) was born! Jasper Joe, an unlikely midwife, leapt for joy!

Over 100 years later, LAG's 400 churches and 75,000 members believe God for greater things. Today, the leadership is trusting God to triple the number of churches in the next ten years, each church planting two new daughter churches. The need for trained leaders has never been greater, and the role of LAG Bible College pivotal. With global workers prepared to leave shortly, the Timothy Fund is determined to come along side to assist students to pay tuition. Together, we can see Jasper Joe's prayers for Liberia answered.



Pray for Liberia's Leaders

Rev. Jimmy Kuoh (*left*) is the General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Liberia. As a young leader he carries the weight of a country devastated by war, and a denomination struggling to regroup and find a united vision.

Rev. Kuoh is a graduate of Liberia Assemblies of God Bible College as well as the AG graduate school in Togo. His leadership capacity and the significance of the role he fills highlight the need for effective and quality training for the church in Africa.



Liberia Statistics

4.1

million people in Liberia

90%

live on less than \$1 a day

70%

are illiterate

40%

have no access to potable drinking water

20%

of kids don't reach age five

Government

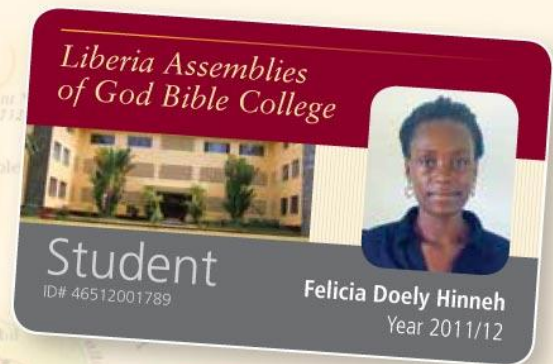
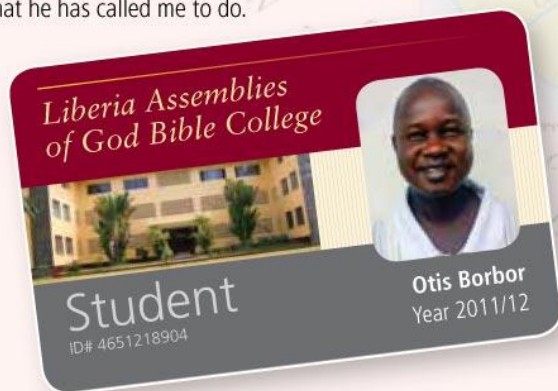
Free elections November 8th; Christian Prime Minister seeking re-election

Evangelist by Calling— Now by Training Too!

Otis Borbor—I guess you would call me a 'mature' student. On coming to Bible College, I had already been a child evangelist and planted two churches where I pastored for six years. In Liberia, the need is so great and the opportunity to attend Bible College is rare.

I can remember the day, on January 1, 1991 when I received the call of God upon my life for full time ministry. Now, as I study at Liberia Assemblies of God Bible College, I pastor a local church while serving as Evangelism Director for the Monrovia District.

As I struggle to pay my fees at LAGBC, God is molding me into a disciplined, matured evangelist. I choose to trust him to enable me to do what he has called me to do.



Thrust Into Ministry

Felicia Doely Hinneh —Attending Bible College (LAGBC) has been a great tool of empowerment and opportunity for deepening my Christian faith. Since giving my life to Christ, my passion for the Lord has thrust me into ministry. I have served in the choir, evangelism team, and Sunday school of my local church. Now as Assistant Librarian of LAGBC, I still serve in the music ministry on the local, district, and national levels. It has been a wonderful experience serving God in these areas.

Both my husband and I are studying to equip ourselves for ministry. We struggle as we try to educate not only ourselves, but our children as well, but God provided this work at the college to give us hope. I am trusting God to finance the education we need to serve him faithfully, effectively and efficiently.

How You Can Engage in Training Leaders

Thousands of qualified men and women living in poverty stricken countries feel called to leadership positions in the church. However, they lack the resources to pursue the training that will equip them for service. GlobalEd is committed to helping students and through the **Timothy Fund is raising scholarships** of \$50.00 monthly to cover tuition fees. Currently there are thousands of students in PAOC related training programs in Africa, and God is opening many new doors of opportunity on that continent as well as in Vietnam, Cambodia, India and other Asian countries.

Is your heart touched by the challenge to train these current and future leaders? Tear off the Timothy Fund sponsorship form and mail it today. Students are waiting for God to release the funds and many are hoping for spiritual leaders that will guide the church of the 21st century.

Can they count on you?



Passionate About the Truth of God

The church rises or falls on the quality of its leadership. This is precisely why Kathryn and I are supporters of the Timothy Fund Scholarship Program. This Fund gives scholarships to believers who are already passionate about evangelism but need training in Biblical truth. It is not enough just to be passionate; we need to be passionate about the truth of God.

I have had the wonderful privilege of teaching in a number of our Bible colleges and have seen firsthand the quality of commitment and competency of the students. What they are often lacking is finances. This is where we Canadians can be used of the Lord in a strategic way. Compared to the rest of the world, we are enormously blessed so why shouldn't we be involved in giving what we can.

Why not join us in this wonderful privilege of leadership training. I believe eternity will reveal some amazing stories of how our dollars have impacted large numbers of people around the world!

—Rev. Jim Richards

Executive Director, Pentecostal Financial Services Group



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