



Newsletter

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PTI strengthens the church in many of the poorest places in the world, by teaching pastors to expound the Bible more effectively. Our fundamental purpose is therefore to *Teach to Preach*.

WELCOME to the January edition of the **P** newsletter!

As we reflect on the past year, we are thankful to God that the work continues. We hear many stories of pastors being blessed by the ministry, going away refreshed and encouraged to keep on preaching and teaching God's Word.

Thank you so much for your support.

- Existing countries
- Potential new countries
- Conflict is preventing training

**Andaman Islands, India,
19-22 November 2018**



Whilst this conference was underway a media storm erupted here with the young American missionary being killed whilst trying to reach an isolated tribe on one of the islands. Foreigners were being watched like hawks as were the local believers.

The meeting was the best attended we've had in Port Blair, with over 60 attending.

One young pastor, said: "I came feeling like a dead tree, with all my leaves falling off. I am going away refreshed and feeling full of life and ready to preach the Gospel to as many people as I can."

A pastor from North Andaman said: "I pastor among 150 coastal villages that I have to reach by dinghy. I have seen many make professions of faith and then drift back. I came so discouraged, but my wife and I are returning to our field of service very challenged. We know that we have to keep on serving and preaching. I realise that I need to have the heart of Christ for His people. I never preach from the Old Testament and now feel much braver to start preaching the Gospel from it."

by Merv and Rob, PTI Trainers

**Jaipur, India,
12-15 November 2018**



We had a truly blessed time with 47 pastors, some travelling from over 250km away on the Pakistan border. Pastor after pastor thanked PTI for the conference and its "deep teaching." Many young men, just beginning their pastoral ministries, said how helpful they had found the preaching workshops on Philippians. Many said they had not realised that the whole Bible was one unified story about Christ and salvation in Him; their misunderstandings about the Old Testament had now been cleared up!

We had some very good question-and-answer sessions that showed a real desire to grapple with God's Word.

by Merv and Rob, PTI Trainers



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Ethiopia, 10-27 October 2018

It was a great privilege to share the word of God with so many keen believers in Ethiopia. Our first conference was held in Jima with 50 students from 14 different evangelical denominations

We felt great liberty as we shared the word of God with these believers and it was encouraging to see that their ability to rightly divide the scriptures had developed. Their written sermon outlines were marked by Mulugeta, our conference host, and the best 10 were given prizes, then the best 3 presented their outlines to the class.

On Saturday, Mulugeta had arranged an extra day conference for some of the Church leaders in Addis Ababa. We taught 3 sessions with an emphasis on the importance of preaching the word of God. It was a blessed time.

Our second conference began on the Monday morning at the Ethiopian Christian Brethren Church (ECBC) compound in Addis Ababa. Mulugeta had invited the 50 students from last year and a few others – in case some couldn't make it. In the end, 80 students turned up from 11 different evangelical denominations! New mattresses and blankets were hurriedly bought since most would sleep in the compound - and the injera (Ethiopian flatbread) was made to stretch. The atmosphere was electric! More importantly, we believe God blessed the second conference as he had blessed the first.



Timothy Alford

Our dear brother Timothy Alford went home to glory on 6th December. In many ways PTI came out of Timothy's vision for training rural and untrained pastors in the majority world. He conducted pastor training in Malawi for PTI and served on the Ministry Board. He was a godly and extremely gracious man, humble in character and mightily used by the Lord.

The church in Ethiopia continues to grow and in the past year the ECBC has planted 15 more churches, making 237. The need continues for new pastors to be trained. Please pray for the Christian believers in Ethiopia. Tribal/ethnic tensions have increased recently in the country. Yet the gospel is being preached, the message spreads and the spiritual harvest keeps on growing. Thank you for praying.

■ by Ken McIntosh and James Sercombe, PTI Trainers

Prayer points

Everything by prayer... with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6)

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Thank God for:

- The 29 training conferences that took place in 2018 – resulting in more than 2000 pastors receiving training
- The provision of income and trainers for 2018
- The 36 conferences being planned for 2019 including training starting in Mozambique

Please pray for:

- The conferences in Thailand that the training will go well and lead to changes in the way these pastors preach
- The next round of conferences in Mumbai and Mirzapur India
- The two conferences being planned in Asia, for the practical arrangements and obtaining the necessary visas
- Wisdom for the Trustees as they meet in February
- Simon as he does deputation work and shares about the work and vision of PTI
- The Lord to provide the funds to enable the conferences to take place

Proposed conferences for 2019, God willing

January	Nepal, Kathmandu	Merv N
January 14-18	Thailand, Chiang Mai	Simon Percy
January 21-24	Thailand, Teemulee	Simon Percy, Johnny McClean
February 11-14	India, Mumbai	Merv N, Steve D
February 18-21	India, Mirzapur	Merv N, Steve D
February 25-1	South Asia	Keith, Alastair
March 4-8	South Asia	Keith, Alastair
March	Uganda, Mbarara	Gerald Tanner, Emmanuel Magambo
March	Uganda, Migadde	Gerald Tanner, Emmanuel Magambo
March	Uganda, Busega	Gerald Tanner, Emmanuel Magambo
March	Uganda, Bombo	Simeon Woodcraft
March	Uganda, Karamoja (Moroto)	Simeon Woodcraft, Emmanuel Okwalinga
March	Uganda, Busoga (Iganga)	Simeon Woodcraft, Emmanuel Okwalinga



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