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I have just returned from my most recent international ministry trip to the nation of India. I hope to take full advantage of my multiple entry visa and return later this year for a second time.

It has been two years since I have been able to go physically to teach there. By not having a constitution that protects the freedoms of people the mandates and lock downs were much more severe and harmful than what most of us have experienced in the U.S.A.

During the first half of my trip, I was at a new campus for me. Coimbatore is one out of the six that Rhema Bible College has in India. I was teaching what is being referred to as a hybrid class, in that I had some students in the auditorium and almost twice that number joining by Zoom in an online classroom.

Although I would say it is better than nothing for those joining online, the classroom setting is far superior in imparting spiritual truth. I believe Paul recognizes this in his opening remarks to the church at Rome. He indicates a desire to be with the believers physically to have an exchange and to impart something to them.

“For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—¹² that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. ¹³ Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles.”

The grace on this campus was so evident to me as I observed what has been developed at this campus in the span of seven years. I am very hopeful to return to this campus in the future. The location of this campus is in the southern part of India and interestingly seems to attract many pastors and church leaders already in the ministry.

Historically the southern part of India has a higher ratio of Christians than the north. It was first evangelized by the Apostle Thomas. It encourages me that his impact has remained despite the opposition of false religion and wicked people. I am so thankful to God for you and all of our faithful partners who are making our impact possible.

Together we are reaching the four corners of the earth with the light of the gospel!

PLEASE CONSIDER PARTNERSHIP WITH US IN THE POWER OF GOD'S PURPOSE!

Over the past 34 years, Steve and Cindy Shoop have invested their lives in ministering the Gospel of Jesus as missionaries. Their passion for helping people has provided them with the opportunity to serve in a variety of ministry positions, as well as the privilege of living in three different countries in Africa. Today, Steve and Cindy reside in the state of Ohio after living 25 years in southern Africa. Steve continues to express his gift in ministry both in the United States and the nations of the world. Steve has a passion in developing leaders who are established in God's love, grace and peace that comes through the righteousness of faith. Gospel Training International's vision is found in their ministry slogan.



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