

Jack Nelle Institute



Annual Report - 2016



Change is the only constant in the world and that was true of 2016 at Jack Nelle Institute in Vijayawada, but the work continues to grow and is a beacon of Light for all of India.

Daily operations at JNI are overseen by Brother Chandrapaul and Brother Titus, who are assisted by a staff of Indians. Both men work long hours, with many of their responsibilities taking them away from JNI grounds. Their reputations, and that of the Institute, bring honor to the cause of our Lord.

In his report to the Leoma church of Christ elders and the members of the JNI board of trustees, Brother Chandrapaul provided numbers for some of the more visible work done at the Institute. Those numbers include 455 baptisms in 2016 alone! There were also 160 individuals trained in the short-term Bible Training course, and 96 in the long-term course. The coursework was completed by students from different Indian states who spoke a variety of languages and came from a varied religious background. Brother Chandrapaul reported 127 denominational preachers learned the truth and were converted, as well as one Muslim and six Hindus. A total of 82 new congregations were planted.

On the humanitarian side, 30 widows received assistance and 60 individuals received bicycles, a practical way for people to spread the gospel while being able to earn a living. A total of ten sewing machines were also given to Christians as a way for them to have a profession. There were ten temporary church buildings constructed. The printing operation at JNI continued to produce an amazing amount of literature including 50,000 tracts, 40,000 World Bible School lessons, 550 Bibles, 4,000 New Testaments, 10,000 calendars, 12,000 planners, 18,000 Bible Reading planners and 5,500 hymn books.

Because both Brother Chandrapaul and Brother Titus are well known in the area around JNI, they are often called on to perform at burials and marriages, as well as participate in various other types of meetings. In 2016 they participated at 25 deaths/burials/memorial services, eight meetings for couples, 16 marriages, 25 birthday celebrations, two Preacher Fellowship Meetings

in Telugu States, 12 Preacher Fellowship Meetings for all JNI students and 12 for those in Vijayawada. They also held 18 gospel meetings and eight youth meetings. On a more social level, they also conducted the services for Baby Naming, eight ground breaking ceremonies for houses and six house warmings. The social ceremonies are a highlight of the lives in many Indian households and the participation of the JNI staff is greatly appreciated. They also bring Brother Chandrapaul and Brother Titus in contact with those who are not Christians and gives them the opportunity to teach them the Word.

In addition to the religious aspects of the work done by Brother Chandrapaul and Brother Titus, they are also tasked with the upkeep of the JNI property, which includes some buildings that are a quarter of a century old. In 2016, JNI was required to update much of the electrical and plumbing of the buildings, and were also required to install a sewage treatment plant. Although not glamorous, maintaining the property is vital to the continued existence of JNI.

Because of some deficiencies in the physical property, and in no small part due to expanded regulations by a newly-formed government, it was necessary to close the children's home in February. While the children are no longer housed on the JNI grounds, Brother Chandrapaul and Brother Titus continue to follow the progress of many of the children and stay as involved with their care as possible.

For the first time in many years an anti-Christian atmosphere has begun to trouble the Indian brethren, including those associated with JNI. It began with the stricter rules regarding the orphans and has extended to denial of visas for travel as well as more stringent regulations regarding the physical part of JNI. Brother Chandrapaul has cautioned Christians, both in India and the United States, to be cautious about printing items that will focus a spotlight on Indian Christians.

As the staff and trustees look toward JNI's future, there are many plans being considered. The possibility of a boarding school, to help with the care of orphans, has been discussed, as well as training for tailoring and computers, a technical school and increased Bible and preacher training. A computer lab was inaugurated in January of this year and will be used to boost productivity by preacher students, school students and as a means of helping graduates be prepared to earn a living as they continue to spread the Word of God.

The success of JNI as the staff and graduates spread the Gospel is only possible through your continued support. As we look forward to the plans for 2017 and beyond, we are encouraged the Institute continues to provide the training needed to save lost souls. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

James 1:27

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."



Brother Chandrapaul is seen at the dedication of the new computer lab at JNI. Sister Freda Dryden raised the funds to furnish the computers, monitors, etc. in memory of Sister Kumari, Brother Chandrapaul's late wife.



Bilingual Bibles are printed at the Institute and furnished to the Bible training students.



As part of his duties as director of JNI, Brother Chandrapaul speaks at many Preacher Fellowship meetings throughout the year. This one was held with Brother Pedapaga Vijayababu at Tiruvuru.





A lack of reliable, clean water remains a problem throughout much of India. Brother Chandrapaul is shown with Sister Freda Dryden, Brother Lynnwood Cockerham and Brother Jesse Turner at a bore well at Jakkulanekkalam. Funds to dig the well as well as provide the pumping ability were provided through donations of American Christians. The Indian brethren are Choragudi and Elisha.

Training Bible students remains a large part of the JNI mission. At right are students in the two- year training.



At left are two Hindi graduates of JNI, both of whom came from a denominational background.



This couple are in the three-month Bible Training class and both are from came from a denominational background.

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"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had."

—Acts 4:32

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Leoma Elders, and donors of Individuals, Families, Churches.

Thank God through Christ, for your love for God, Christ, one another and for us and all India work through Jack Nelle Institute.

Thank you for your love to me, my wife, my children in Christ.

I am very happy to let you know that I am resigning from the Chief Functionary. But I will be working as a Trustee as long as I live.

Now I am introducing My youngest son Titus Bharath, Age:43 years, Married, Wife is a Medical doctor, blessed with two boys. Baptized in to Christ on February 11th, 1990 (27 Yrs).

I wished him and Trained him, he desired and working with me since all these years and all our American Brethren who visited us showed interested and especially, the Leoma leaders and JNI- Trust members agreed. He will be responsible total with you and India called "Director & Chief Functionary" from April 1st, 2017 as our India yearly New Financial Starts.

Thanking you all.


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