

Jack Nelle Institute



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“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” II Timothy 2:15

Those are the words of God which greet individuals who are contemplating enrolling as Preacher Training Students at the Jack Nelle Institute in Vijayawada, India. Then a list of requirements is given for admission for training in Telugu, Hindi and English. Students are expected to arrive with their personal belongings, including a Bible and hymn book, as well permission from parents if they are still supported by their family, and, if married, a marriage certificate for proof of their scriptural marriage and a letter from their wife. Applicants must also submit a letter of acceptance and recommendation from his home congregation.

What follows is a rigorous schedule which begins early in the morning (5 a.m. for prayer) and continues until evening. The typical class day begins at 8 a.m. and continues through 5 p.m., with eight different classes taught. There is a 40 minute break for lunch, a 15-minute tea break at 3 p.m. with work on the grounds to be done for the hour between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., followed by personal cleaning and supper. Students are expected to study from 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. at which time there is a nightly devotional.

Students in the three month class are trained in the following subjects:

Book by Book Survey • Old Testament and New Testament Survey • Bible Quiz • Personal Evangelism • Life of Christ • Book of Acts • The Church • Essentials of Faith • Fundamentals of the Faith • Bible Film • Bible Geography • Image of Jesus • Denominational Doctrines • Telugu Literature • English • General Knowledge • How to Establish and Develop a Local Congregation • The Christian Home • Homelitics and Hermaeneutics • the Dedicated Life • Memory Verses • Self Examination

In the two/three year class, the following subjects are taught:

Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, Pentateuch, Gospels, Old Testament History, New Testament History, World History, Church History, Wisdom Literature, Acts, Letters of Paul, Major Prophets, New Testament Church, New Testament Churches, Personal Evangelism, Restoration History and Principles, Minor Prophets, General Letters, Revelation, World Religions, Indian Religions, Denominational Doctrines, Christian Family, Preacher and His Work, Christian Services, Homelitics and Hermeneutics, Indian Churches of Christ (Past, Present, Future Goals), Philosophy (Logics, Ethics), Indian History, Christian Evidences, Establishing Christian Authority, Telegu, English, Greek Elementaries, Bible Translations and Versions, Special Ministries (Children, Youth, Ladies, Students, Ages, Widows, Jail).

In August of 2017, 22 individuals enrolled in the two/three year program at the Jack Nelle Institute in Vijayawada, India. This marked the 18th class for the two/three year program, with the students expected to graduate in August, 2019. Admission in this in-depth training takes place four times a year. The three-month classes begin every September, December and March, with the six-weeks class beginning each April 15.

Of the 22 individuals enrolled, virtually all of them came from the denominational community. That means JNI is being afforded the opportunity to teach people who already know and love Christ and who are anxious to spread His word. Teaching the Truth to those who want to learn is a special blessing.

Two of the new Preacher Training students are in their teens, with the rest ranging in age from their early 20's to 66 years of age. All but three are married and they come from a variety of education backgrounds. The common denominator, however, is their love of Jesus and a desire to tell the Good News to others.

With the enrollment of these 22 students, almost 500 individuals have enrolled in the more in-depth Bible training offered at JNI. When they return to their villages after graduation, the work they do is amazing, and it is impossible to calculate the number of souls they have brought to Christ. As one who has been privileged to travel to many of those villages, I can tell you from personal experience that JNI is training dedicated preachers with a firm grasp of the Biblical principles that save souls.

More recently, 31 individuals, mostly young but some as old as 54 years of age, completed the 110th class of six week studies. Assuming an average of 30 students per class, this means well over 3,000 students have been taught the basic principles necessary for salvation and have gone back to teach others in their community.

Christianity in India is changing lives and saving souls and through the work of JNI, we are blessed to be a part of that. Thank you for your continued support. Without YOU, this work would not be possible!

In Christian Love,
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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