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"...how you turned from idols to serve the living and true God."
(1 Thessalonians 1:9)



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South India Bible College

One of the important aspects of our work in India is a program started by Dean Crutchfield—the South India Bible College, which we often refer to by initials, SIBC.

SIBC is not a traditional college, with a dedicated campus facility and all that we normally think of as a college or university. Also, SIBC is not a degree-granting institution, rather like most of the schools of preaching that our brotherhood runs here in the U.S.

Instead, SIBC is a monthly school that meets in various locations throughout southern India. It is designed to accomplish several goals.

The primary purpose can be summed up by thinking of SIBC as a serious and ongoing project of continuing education.

As Americans, we're all familiar with the idea of continuing education to improve our knowledge, eliminate mistakes and be well informed to meet the ever-changing situations in every walk of life.

I'm sure you noticed that even in such informal professions such as auto mechanics, the walls of their office are decorated with many plaques and certifications that testify to their updated knowledge. Formal professions such as doctors and lawyers rely on continuing education. But so do teachers, real estate salesmen, utility line technicians and

farmers. We all know that if a farmer neglects his continuing education he'll soon be out of business.

So the process by which we run SIBC is quite simple in its concept, but profound in its effects:

Once per month, for 2, sometimes 3 days we assemble all of the supported and non-supported preachers with whom we work at a place central to their area. At these monthly gatherings we provide six or more hours of formal instructions in a myriad of biblical and ministerial training. When Americans are in India, they are the main teachers of these programs, and when the Americans are absent the local leaders and key men are responsible to conduct the teaching.

By holding SIBC classes month after month, year by year we accomplish several important goals, in addition to doing serious Bible instruction.

- We ground preachers and congregational leaders in the true faith, without man-made denominational ideas.
- We address any doctrinal errors that may crop up, preventing them from getting a foothold in the churches we work with.
- We foster a fellowship and team spirit among the brethren as they do their work in their individual local congregations.

- We encourage our team workers to share their successes along with their challenges with each other. It's a mistake for any preacher or leader to rely on their own wisdom alone. As Proverbs says: "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17).
- We foster area-wide fellowship among faithful workers and churches which goes a long way to keeping these autonomous churches from feeling like they are in the fight against

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