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Dear Prayer Partners and Supporters,

Thank you so much for your faithfulness in praying and supporting the ministry of SIBBC&S. We thank the Lord for the beginning of another year. Remembering God's guidance last year, we are excited to see what the Lord will do in the coming year through the SIBBC&S ministries.

On December 31, 2023, we had a baptism service for three believers. We praise the Lord for their decision to lead lives that please God.

The watch night service on December 31st and the New Year services were a time of rejoicing in God's goodness and gratefulness for all that He has done. After the New Year service, our children from the Home of Hope and another family from church joined us for dinner at my home, for a total of 26 of us. It was an excellent time of fellowship. After dinner, we decided to sing some songs and share our testimonies. Five people trusted in the Lord for salvation on the first day of 2024. It is very exciting to see the work of God in our midst.

On January 28th, five people followed the Lord in the waters of baptism. One was a former Roman Catholic nun, and another was her mother.

On January 24-28, we had our evangelistic convention. A good number of people attended the five-day meetings, and we had two guest speakers who shared excellent messages. One hundred fifty people walked the aisle to trust in the Lord for salvation, and many believers dedicated their lives during the meetings.

The following are the annual statistics of the overall ministry of South India Baptist Bible College and Seminary from January 1st to December 31st, 2023:

3887 people trusted in the Lord for salvation.
210 people followed the Lord in believers' baptism.
37 places started Bible studies with the intention of planting churches.
472 students attend the Bible College (395 campus students and 77 online students)
50 Pastors are being supported every month.
834 young people attended youth camps
6679 children attended VBS in different places.
1623 children regularly attend different Sunday schools
936 students are attending our Christian schools from K-12th grade.



December 31st Baptism



January Baptism

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**A LETTER FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES,
THE CHERIANS**

Praise and Prayer:

One of our local churches, which is in a low-lying area, got flooded during the rainy season. The temporary structure was in a very bad condition, and we had been praying for a new structure. God provided \$25,000 from one of the supporting churches. We praise the Lord for answering prayer.

Please pray for :

- The Pastors' Conference on February 27-29.

- The Closing Conference and Commencement on March 8th-10th.

- The summer evangelism program and the financial needs. We are praying for at least \$10,000 to meet the needs of the summer ministry.

- Please remember Pastor Somathai, one of our graduates pastoring a small church in Chhattisgarh. On February 5th, one of the ladies who trusted in the Lord for salvation followed the Lord in believers' baptism. After the baptism service, Pastor Somathai, along with another pastor, went to her home to conduct a prayer meeting. While prayer was going on, about 30 young people who claimed to be from the Bajrang Dal, (the same group of people who burnt the Australian missionary Graham Staines and his two sons), entered the house, accusing them of converting Hindus to Christianity. They started to beat them. Hearing the news, police showed up at the place, but the beating continued even in the presence of the police. The sad thing is that the police did not stop the attackers. The group dragged them into one of the Hindu temples and forced them to worship their gods. Finally, the police took them to the station, and, after keeping them for hours, warned them never to enter the village again. Please pray for Somathai, his family, and the believers.

1 Peter 4:19. "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator."

We serve a faithful Creator, and our assurance lies in Him. We praise the Lord for you all and for our fellow laborers who help us take the light of the gospel to those living in darkness.

Laboring for the cause of Christ,

R.D. Cherian

President of SIBBC&S

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