

Recognition of the Need for the Development of Foreign Ministry Training

Several early experiences served to provide both the initial burden and vision for developing ministry training opportunities on an 'on-going' and 'on-site' basis for Christian disciples and leaders.

The obvious indicators of 'need' in representative regions included:

1. In 1994, during a ministry experience in the Philippines we met a man from Lahore, Pakistan who was enrolled in a Bible college in Manila. This was due to the lack of such Bible college opportunity within Pakistan. This was the 'first' alert to the need for such a ministry as HOJ-ICBS.
2. In 1995, we met a woman in Vietnam whose husband was studying at a Bible College in Singapore for an extended period. At that time there were no Bible College opportunities available in Vietnam. He left his wife, family and his ministry community to acquire education in Singapore.
3. In 1996, HOJSPM offered a ministry training seminar in Bangalore, India. During those sessions we met two ministers who had traveled several days by train to attend the conference. There were no Bible College options available to them in their region of Northeast India at that time.

Each of these events were used by the Holy Spirit to encourage HOJGI staff to launch the production and provision of Bible College curriculum, at no expense to the recipient.

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