

TPI Fall Newsletter



Pastors in the Kitale, Kenya TPI Institute call out to the Lord in response to an invitation, July 2016.

A Missions Perspective of the United States Election of 2016

We are at the crossroads of one of the greatest elections in the history of the United States of America since George Washington won a unanimous election in 1789. Our country is also at a crossroads in terms of our future direction, which is somewhat akin to when the Union forces were fighting against the Confederates for the freedom of the Republic in the middle of the 19th Century. This election in 2016 is not primarily about personalities as it is played out in the media, but more importantly, about the issues that could lead our country in two different directions from what our Founding Fathers envisioned 240 years ago.

A key perspective of the importance of this election, which is not being emphasized by anyone I know, is the fact that the Lord has utilized the United States of America as a mission sending country more than any other nation in the history of the world since more missionaries have gone out into the world from this country than any other to share the love of Jesus Christ, preach the gospel, plant churches, establish mission agencies, hospitals, and many other structures to reach out to the ends of the earth. The Apostle Paul in speaking to the Athenians at the Areopagus, taught about the sovereignty of God concerning the origin of nations when he said, *“He hath made of one (blood, man) all nations of men to dwell (live) on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed (appointed times), and the bounds (boundaries) of their habitation”* (Ac. 17:26). This teaching that God has

determined the times and boundaries of every nation on earth is based on the fact that He is Lord of heaven and earth (cf. vs. 24). Yet He has on several occasions extended the times and boundaries of some nations (for example, Israel – Gen. 32:10, 14; Judah – 2 Ki. 19: 10, 20, 30-31, 35; Nineveh – Jon. 3: 3-4, 10). In all these cases and others in the Scriptures, humility, prayer, repentance, and total dependence upon God brought about an extension of His grace on these nations by further extending the appointed times or boundaries.

Could it be that God would show mercy on America if we cried out to Him in the same way? Furthermore, if we Christians cried out to God for the sake of His mission to reach the world for Christ “so that My (God’s) salvation may reach to the end of the earth” (Isa. 49:6b), maybe the Lord would extend our (America’s) times and boundaries further to continue using this great country to carry the banner of the gospel in missionary outreach to the world. Therefore, for the sake of God’s worldwide mission (Matt. 28:19-20, Mk. 16:15, Lk. 24:47), the future direction of our country, and God’s blessing upon us, let us humble ourselves and pray, seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways, and as a result, God will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land (2 Chron. 7:14), and possibly might extend our appointed times and boundaries of our habitation. Selah.

2016 Fall TPI Institute Schedule

Nov. 10 - 12
John Balmer
Anand Kumar
Hyderabad, India

Nov. 15 - 17
John Balmer
David Raj
Chennai, India

Nov. 22 - 24
John Balmer
E. A. Abraham
Patna, Bihar, India

Nov. 29 – Dec. 1
John Balmer
D. B. Thapa
Kathmandu, Nepal

TPI MINISTRY STATS

In the history of our ministry since 1993, we have:

- taken 45 Mission Trips in the past 23 years
- conducted 144 Pastoral Training Institutes
- trained 27,792 indigenous pastors
- awarded 14,696 certificates

All in 20 countries in Africa and 7 other countries in the world



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TPI Fall Missions Trip: November 7-December 7, 2016

We are planning to conduct 4 pastoral training institutes for approximately 570 national pastors in India and Nepal in order to launch TPI in Southeast Asia.

John and Jennifer Balmer from Lynchburg, VA, will be conducting three institutes in India and one in Nepal under the direction of Pastor Sam Kunju Mathai from Mumbai, India, our TPI India Coordinator. We will also be joined by our local coordinators: (1) Pastor Anand Kumar in Hyderabad,

India; (2) Pastor David Raj in Chennai, India; (3) Pastor E. A. Abraham in Bihar, India; and (4) Pastor D. B. Thapa in Kathmandu, Nepal. There will be other local pastors co-teaching with John in each of these institutes.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER A SPECIAL GIFT TO HELP THESE PASTORS GET THIS TRAINING BY OFFERING TO PAY FOR THEIR TUITION, which is \$30 per pastor? You could be launching a pastor's ministry and blessing a pastor's life!

Financial Needs of the Fall Missions Trip and TPI Financial Situation

There is a need to help us train these **570 pastors at \$30 a pastor = \$17,100**, of which we so far have raised about \$4,275, which leaves us a balance of \$12,825.

We have other travel expenses in India and Nepal (\$2,000 - \$3,000), which we are still raising as well.

Would you consider helping us offer this training free-of-charge to these pastors in India and Nepal?

We praise the Lord that we have been able to add with the Lord's help 17 new individual supporters and one new church during this past year since we have become a full-time missionary couple. **We now stand at 82% of our total TPI budget of \$145,000.**

If you would like to support us monthly, make a donation to the India Trip, or make a year-end gift, then make a check out to TPI, include these funds in the envelope provided, and mail it to us.



Above: Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo TPI Institute participants, August 2016.

Right: John with Pastor Lucky at the Harare, Zimbabwe TPI Institute in August 2016. Pastor Lucky proudly shows off the certificates of the two previous TPI institutes he attended.

