

# Good Samaritan Ministry



## Bible College Project Proposal

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## Testimony from the founder of Good Samaritan Ministry Ashok Mishal



I was born in the 1970's in a small remote village in Odisha, India. My family was very poor, so much so on the day I was born my family had no food to eat that night.

I had a happy childhood albeit with very little, sometimes wearing the same set of clothes for over a year as we couldn't afford to buy more.

When I was around 4 or 5 I was fortunate enough to go to a hostel run by a Lutheran mission, and I remained there for the rest of my schooling. My schooling was free up to year 10 as a result of people somewhere in the world sponsoring children like me to attend.

After my schooling I managed to enrol into a local bible college. I stayed there for around 6 months. It was basic biblical training, and it was there I was chosen to attend another bible college, and from there another college, which was studied in English. Having never spoken English, this was a challenge, but I learnt quickly and completed my Bachelor of Theology.

With this degree I managed to get a position with a large organisation at a bible school interstate. I spent 5 years there teaching young students at the bible college and had many very interesting experiences there.

Following this I enrolled into a Masters of Divinity in Theology, which I completed at a large college interstate in 2002. After completing the Masters, I worked with a couple of different charitable organisations, and continued to serve the Lord.

It was while working that I met my wife-to-be, who had visited India on a mission's trip. We both shared a desire to do charitable work, and so set up Good Samaritan Ministry (GSM), and began to serve those unreached people groups in my home area in Odisha.

The passion to continue teaching biblical study has remained, and this is why we are starting our first bible college. Odisha has a high number of people groups unreached by the Gospel. It is my prayer that young people like me are given an opportunity, and then go on to share the gospel with others, and that GSM can train up more and more people to go and tell others about Jesus.

# **Bible College Project Proposal**

## **Project Vision**

Bible College for 10-20 students, to run over 12 months. The vision of this college is to train and send. Train and send local people into the local communities so that every district in Odisha can know of Christ.

“How are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?” (Romans 10:14-15)

## **Benefits**

Gives Christian Biblical training to 10-20 students over the course of 12 months, to better equip them to serve the Lord and spread the Gospel. Training will include subjects taught by a variety of Pastors, to impart their wisdom and knowledge onto the students to enrich their Christian walk and service.

## **Success Criteria**

Students will initially be chosen by several key identifiers. Good Samaritan Ministry (GSM) will choose interested students who are already connected to GSM and interested students who are based in an area that a GSM community development project has already been set up or planned. The students will be interviewed by GSM leaders, and must show a commitment to Christ, and be morally upstanding and of indisputable character. They must also show a commitment to undertake the training course, and a willingness to serve those around them.

The students are permitted to be of any age and married or unmarried. The training will occur over 12 months, and upon completion GSM will give a certificate to state that they have attended the GSM Bible College Training for 12 months.

## Plan/Approach

- The college will be located on the GSM land near Jaykaypur, in the building on the land.
- There will be a campus manager who will be in charge of facilitating the daily schedule, and assist in the provision of meals to the students.
- The college will be run in a 2 week on campus, 2 week off campus format. This will allow for intense training for 2 weeks, and then practical experience in their native places for 2 weeks, where they will be able to practically apply what they have learnt.
- Strict schedules will be adhered to by all students. For example: Morning Devotion, Breakfast, Class training, Lunch, Class Training, Private individual study, Dinner, Devotion. As well as plenty of opportunities for free time.
- Sunday there will be church services on site, and students will be encouraged to invite local community members to attend, as well as take it in turns to deliver the service.
- GSM will strive to deliver the best education for these students as possible.
- GSM will do their best to assist students with other educational opportunities such as assistance with reading, writing and learning basic English, as well as basic computer/electronic technology understanding, Child Protection training, and basic first Aid training. This will equip the student to be connected to GSM in the future and provide updated information easily and quickly, as well as give them valuable life skills.
- GSM will supply 3 nutritious meals a day, as well as tea and coffee facilities.

- Students will be expected to care for God's creation, including tending to the facilities and showing respect to what God has provided for them to use.
- Students will be given the resources they will require for study, including a bible, notebook, and writing tools.
- Students will be supplied with suitable accommodation, clean and comfortable basic bedding, as well as basic bathroom facilities.
- Students will be required to exhibit excellent personal hygiene, behaviour and attitudes as a representation of GSM in the community.
- Teaching will be delivered in several different formats: Including online face to face teaching from Ashok Mishal (GSM founder), and other bible teachers; as well as local pastors coming for once off or several day instruction on particular topics.
- Our hope will be that Pastors from Australia/other overseas countries would also be willing to impart their knowledge and teaching for the students, and visit India for a one or two week trip to teach the students.
- GSM leaders will give a certificate upon completion, and assist the student to settle into their community upon completion.
- We do not guarantee lifelong financial or organisational support upon completion, but we will do our best to support the student graduate for as long as we can if the resources are available, and the student meets GSM workers criteria.

## **Schedule**

The plan for this particular proposal is for commencement in January 2021. It will run for 12 months as described above. Upon completion, there will be a graduation ceremony, and we will celebrate with the students their success.

## **Cost**

Per student/per month: (\$AUD)

- Accommodation - \$ 30
  - Books, writing materials, uniform etc - \$2
  - Food - \$24
  - Bible Training (Teachers etc) - \$16
  - Other Training (eg. computer) & Incidentals - \$ 8
  - Monthly Allowance/transport - \$20
- = Monthly total per student - \$ 100
- = 12 month total per student - \$ 1200

## **Budget/Finance**

GSM will strive to seek sponsorship for the students from individuals, business and Churches. We will seek sponsorship for the full cost of the student's needs, so that this training opportunity will be accessible to all students, regardless of financial position or social standing.

We would encourage sponsors to support their sponsored student with prayer and we will give regular updates. If the opportunity is feasible, we would encourage sponsors to consider visiting the student during their training to see the incredible gift they have given them. If churches or individuals are in the position to instruct the students we would be delighted to have them visit the students and spend time teaching them for a week or so.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a student to attend a 12 month bible training through GSM.

Contact us if you require any further information or clarification.

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## Sample Daily Schedule

Time	Task
0600-0700	Group Devotion and prayer
0700-0900	Breakfast, shower, free time
0900-1300	Class time; teaching; lectures; (morning tea)
1300-1400	Lunch break
1400-1700	Class time; teaching; lectures
1700-1800	Free time
1800- 1900	Individual Prayer
1900-2000	Group Bible Study
2000- 2200	Dinner, Free time, Lights out

## Sample monthly Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
Church	Daily classes, Group outreach on Saturday, with half day free time. Sunday – church, and half day rest.					Outreach & Free time	On campus
Church						Departure to home	On Campus
Church	Service in native place, minister to others, talk to others, set up ministry work, listen to needs of community. Work on assignments/study.						Off Campus
Church						Return to campus	Off Campus

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