

## News and Praise Reports

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### Teaching Across India

Phil Largent, IMD International, President

God brought us to five states in India to join Him in ministering to pastors, ministry leaders, church planters, and Bible school students. We brought the teaching series, *Hearing From God*. In this eight session teaching we speak from a strong Biblical view. The Bible is our teaching source.



**Teaching Aim:** Learn how to discern what God is saying to me.

#### Part #1 Getting Ready to Hear From God

- Session #1 Introductory Principles
  - Overarching Principles (Three)
  - Why is Hearing From God Critical?
- Session #2 Prerequisites (Seven) to Hearing From God



Exercise #1 Hearing From God Devotional

- Part #2 How We Hear From God
- Session #3 Means (Seven) of God Speaking To His Children
- Session #4 Spiritual Factors (Three) to Consider Discerning

- God's Direction
- Exercise #2 Charting God's Direction
- Session #5 What Will We Hear From God
- Exercise #3 What Has God Revealed To You



#### Part #3 Living Out What We Hear From God (Part A)

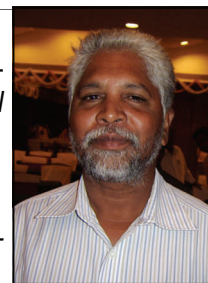
- Session #6 Following God's Direction
- Exercise #4 Letting God Speak To You

#### Part #3 Living Out What We Hear From God (Part B)

- Session #7 What Will Nullify God's Word (Seven Things)
- Session #8 How Should I Respond To Hearing From God
- Exercise #5 How Have I Responded

### Summary

The ministry leaders and recipients express gratitude for us bringing such a relevant teaching. **They tell us things like:** "I have needed this for so long." "Now, I can get directions from God." "I'm so sorry I've done so much without hearing from God." "This teaching is so encouraging to me. I know I can follow this teaching." "God IS speaking to me." "In all my years in ministry, I've never heard teaching like this on this subject." "Please come again and spend more time with us on this subject. We want to know more."



When these teaching opportunities are put alongside the saying, "Ministering to ministers is ministering to multitudes," we are all so encouraged at how God will impact individuals and ministries through these teaching events.

Thank you for joining with us in prayer during these days of ministry in the five states of India.

In January and February 2009, we will take this teaching to five additional countries in South and Southeast Asia.

### Phase 2 & 3 Training –NOVEMBER

Tim Bunn, Paul Chesser, Sherman Drive, and Walter Thrower are bringing phase 2 and 3 training with *God's Plan For Church Planting* in strategic ministry areas of Southeast Asia during November.

These men are serving our Lord in obedience and faith by bringing this continued training in politically and religiously sensitive areas of our world. PLEASE join us in prayer every day of this month—lifting these men to the Lord for His empowerment, His love, His wisdom, His direction, and His protection.

This training has two major uses God is bringing to the surface: (1) Biblical and strategic training of church planters and (2) Biblically establishing and equipping existing churches—making them God-honoring, strong, effective, self-supporting, and reproducing. **Even churches in America are now requesting this teaching.**

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### Congratulations to Makal Family

Santosh Makal, West Bengal India  
Sraya—a beautiful little baby girl joins the Santosh Makal family. Born October 2nd, Sraya (name means “beautiful”) joins dad, Santosh, mother, Mercy, and 5 year old sister, Sneha (name means “loving”).



It was the God-granted privilege to IMD International staff, directors, and partners to engage in specific prayer during our 2007 meeting in Bangkok for this pregnancy. We join Santosh and Mercy in thanking God for hearing our prayers—granting the pregnancy (after two doctors said it could not be) and the healthy birth of this specially graced little girl, Sraya into the family.

### Christ-Followers Suffer Persecution

Many now around the world have begun to hear about the persecution focused on Christ-followers in a few states in India.

This terrible situation more or less began in Orissa state (east coast of India). Thousands of pastors, church planters, and church members have suffered—being beaten, imprisoned, macheted, and burned, as well as houses and churches burned.



(L-leg after machete attack)  
Tens of thousands of Christ-followers escaped into the surrounding forest of their villages. Slowly many have now escaped to neighboring states for refuge.

While in Delhi a couple weeks ago, God granted me the opportunity to meet personally some of these pastors and church planters. A dozen or so men and their families had been brought to this campus outside Delhi.

It was humbling for me to meet these men, see the joy in their faces, and hear their testimonies—all which honored Christ! Now the persecution has spread to several states in India. Do remember these suffering saints before our Heavenly Father.

### Time To Join Phil Closing Soon

Phil is going to be teaching in South Asia and Nepal in early 2009. Myanmar (Burma) is site of the first teaching venue, January 22-30. The second teaching venue is Nepal from January 30 to February 7. Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos make up the third ministry setting from February 8 through 18. Two

days in Bangkok will follow as this teaching team prepares to return home February 20. Even if you can only join Phil for a portion of this teaching mission, you are invited. ☀ Call 303-232-4779 or email [plargent@imdinternational.org](mailto:plargent@imdinternational.org) and discuss this opportunity with Phil personally.

### November Directors' Meeting

Each November our board of directors holds its most involved meeting. This year the meeting is November 21. Will you accept this as an opportunity to intercede for us as we meet and work through our Lord's business? We desire you to be praying for us; **Al Lepper** (California), **Bob Largent** (Arkansas), **Dan Bragassa** (Colorado), **Jerry Bryant** (Colorado), **Koos Basson** (South Africa), **Lesta Johnson** (Colorado), **Phil Largent** (Colorado), **Rob Booth** (Colorado), **Sandra Weingardt** (Colorado).



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### Completing Edit of New Curriculum

Jim Hawley, IMD PRESS Project Manager  
Jim is beginning the wrap-up of a significant editing project on a curriculum to be released anew later this year. The ministry of **Heart Transformation**, with founders/directors Keith & Karen Peterson, has granted this opportunity to IMD PRESS.

God has been using this ministry tool to transform the heart of Christ-followers from a “ministry as duty” state to one of “wholehearted joy and love.” Keep watching this newsletter for the announcement of the release of the fully revised curriculum.

### Death in IMD Extended Family

Jeni, the wife of IMD Africa director Koos Basson, lost her father, Frank Manzini of Cape Town South Africa November 1, 2008 following prolonged failing health. The IMD International family invites you to join us in praying for Jeni, her six siblings and her mother in the death of Frank Manzini, that they might know God's life-impacting presence, His indescribable peace, and His everlasting love.

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