



Reflections

SIBS News Letter

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Form the Principal's Desk...

Pilgrimage with the hallowed memories of the past, we are humble at the unraveling future in the unrelenting grace of God besides the assiduous efforts of the SIBS Ministries' Board and its adherences. Experiencing the anticipated commencement of the BD program with the Senate of Serampore College (University), we are glad at the enrollment of nineteen students and with ATA nine - totaling with the continuing thirty. Along with a competent council the community is blessed to have qualified faculty fraternity and the ever-supportive shouldering of the strong Alumni association. However, as challenges are part of a progressive and progressing community, the ever-protecting Hand of God in the life and legacy of SIBS is an undeniable fact. Your unceasing prayers are appreciated. We assure you the same.

Dr. M.T. Cherian
Principal, SIBS



The Voice of the Alumni

The Theological Education and ministerial formation at SIBS creates a sense of communitarian bonding among its students. For the graduates who are desperate to connect amidst incontrovertible geographical isolation, Reflection bridges the legitimacy of shared emotions. With the initiative of the present administration, the 'paused' magazine revived connecting the broken. We appreciate the consideration of the alumni's entreaty in re-affiliation to the SSC and savor the sacrosanct pasts that equipped and edified the eminent leaders birthed from SIBS. On hearing the inflow of admissions, the alumni expressed their boundless joy. The association met the Principal and gave a proposal to have a liaison officer to connect between the alumni and the college. We are happy that it was welcomed by the principal. As a representative, I urge and encourage the alumni to initiate the Regional Alumni Meet and keep us updated. My appreciation to Mr. Dani Jacob for arranging the Cluster meet in the state of Kerala and for mobilizing prayer and support to the Seminary. We appreciate the Principal, SIBS Council, teaching and non-teaching staff for their service in the ups and downs and we covet our continued prayers and partnership.

Rev. N P Premkumar,
President, Alumni Association.

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Since 1937

(Inter-Denominational Institute)

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COURSES OFFERED

COURSE	DURATION	QUALIFICATION	AFFILIATION/ACCREDITED
B.D. (Regular)	4 Years	Any Degree	SSC
B.D. (orientation)	5 Years	10+2 or Equivalent	SSC
M.Th. (NT/Theo.)	2 Years	B.D./M.Div.	ATA
M.Div.	3 Years	Any Graduate Degree	ATA
M.Div. (UG)	2 Years	B.Th. (ATA)	ATA
B.Th.	3 Years	10+2 or Equivalent	ATA
Christian Worker's Certificate	2 Years	Any Lay Person	SIBS





From a Nervous to A Nerve Minister of God

From a Nervous to A Nerve Minister of God Concealed into the tapestry of time, I am humbled to unravel the fact of SIBS ethos that legitimately saturated into the veins of my spiritual and ministerial formation. To specify, there are but three things besides the rigorous academics that takes the pride of my spiritually-elegant selfhood, Samaj, Missionary Prayer Band and the Sunday practical ministry. They not only held my focus but placated my progress from a nervous to a nerve minister of God. On discovering the destined progressive plan of God for my life, I eschew every thought I ever thought 'self dependently' and repent for the life I have spent as a nominal Christian despite the privilege of being a pastor's daughter. But now, succumbing to God's eternal plan, I thank every individual, my parents, my church, my gurus and the SIBS community that painted me as a beautiful tapestry. I am now ready to serve wherever God wants me to.

David Jessina,
Student, MDiv Final Year.



Testimony of Thanksgiving

Life was normal as usual till one day I was having a few abnormal symptoms like right ear hearing loss and right-side body imbalance while walking. It came as a bang to my family when I was diagnosed with a giant tumour in cerebello pontine angle (near the stem of the brain) which is behind the right ear measuring to a diameter of 5cms. The doctors declared various risk involved after the operation. The risk being – Right side facial paralyses, right eye to be completely stitched, a minor operation in throat for feeding food, tube feeding for nearly 4 months, may have to be in ventilator for at least 3 days and in ICU for 5 days. The operation may take a whole day because the tumour was big. With prayer support from all our relatives, friends, colleagues & loved ones we went ahead with the surgery. All Praise, Glory Camp, Honour to God's name. It was a miracle that there was no facial paralysis, no ventilator, stitch in the eye, no minor operation for feeding though the surgery was for 13 long hours. God had given a promise through Jeremiah 33:6 where it states "Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security."

Mr. Sieti Banu Immanuel,
Husband of Mrs. Helen Jesie Sieti,
Administrative Secretary, SIBS.



The Nostalgic Feel

Despite the limitations I encumbered with, the only place that embraced me in my 'same-ness' and 'own-ness' giving me the desired solace is SIBS. I cherish every moment and learned from every movement of the campus life. Three years of theological learning humbled me to the higher learning and the fleeting time has no reason to stop by than to haunt me with its memories. The classroom atmosphere introduced me to people of different ideological and living backgrounds. The amount of knowledge I absorbed from my teachers matches to nothing. The people I have befriended and the collegiality I shared exhibits the multifaceted and all accommodating person in me. The campus life has moulded me towards the mental, spiritual and academic maturity. In all reticence I thank the Nazarene Church which in the Will of God supported my theological career and my parents for accepting the Will of God in my life. As I travel towards the achievement of desired destiny, the legitimacy of experiences and learnings from SIBS are but my souvenirs. I owe my life to God who chose me to be a slave for the construction of God's Kingdom.

Pratik Pravin Zombade,
Student, BTh Final Year



A Thank You Note

Migrated to Karnataka from Andhra Pradesh and churching into the Karnataka Northern Diocese of the Church of South India, I was fortunate to begin and continue my theological journey in and through the unrelenting support of SIBS ministries. On the completion of my BTh, and MDiv, I was encouraged to pursue my MTh. Today, I express my heartfelt gratitude to the SIBS Council, and the concerned for engineering a convoluted life into a noncomplex and God-fearing academician. I with my family concede our deepest gratitude to the God for SIBS.

Lazarus Kati,
Student, MTh.

Bidding Farewell

The two veterans that served their heart-out for the SIBS community announced their retirement this year. We are blessed by their presence and the unmatched legacy they left behind.

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