



COTR VOICE

The News Letter of COTR Theological Seminary

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A WORD FROM PRESIDENT



*D*ear COTR Family, Friends, Prayer partners, Alumni,

Greetings from COTR College of Ministries!

We praise God for all His mercy and grace in our lives and ministry. We thank you all for your continued prayers, counsel and financial support for the COTR College of Ministries.

On behalf of the Titus family, Board Members, COTRTS Faculty, Staff, NTC Pastors, we give all glory to God for the past year that He has sustained us; protected us and provided all our needs. Mrs. Mary Titus is doing well in health and spirit; she also gives thanks and love to all.

It is with great joy that we have begun our 28th Academic Year in COTR Theological Seminary. We have 72 students from different parts of India. We thank God for students who have come to study the Word of God at COTRTS, and to be equipped for future ministry.

We praise God for the good news of a new Principal for our Seminary, Mr. Viju Wilson who has joined our leadership team. We have a committed, academic, talented team of faculty who are able to train our young people for ministry.

Nava Jeevan High School, and Nava Jeevan Christian Jr. College also have begun classes and are going on well.

After much destruction from last year's cyclone "Hud-Hud" we are slowly rebuilding and are almost finished with all the remodeling and repair work. We thank all our prayer partners who have helped us physically and financially.

We praise God for using COTR Theological Seminary for last 33 years to equip men and women for His glorious ministry. We continue to seek your prayers and support for the future.

God Bless

In His Commission

Rev. Johnson Titus



New Academic Year Inaugurated

The inaugural program of new academic year at COTR Theological Seminary (COTRTS) was held on 14 June, 2015. Rev. Johnson P. Titus, President of COTR Theological Seminary gave presidential address and inaugurated the academic year. In his address, Rev. Johnson Titus encouraged the Seminary community to serve the Lord through COTRTS and make use of the available resources to widen the horizons of mission. Mr. Viju Wilson, Principal, gave the main speech. He spoke on the topic, "Can Anything Good Come from Nazareth? A Key Question for Re-shaping the Dream based on Jn. 1: 43-50). He challenged the COTR community to collectively walk an extra mile to witness something new and good in academic-spiritual-ministry life of the seminary. Mrs. Mary Titus, Cofounder, offered prayer of blessing. Mr. Victor Joseph, Mrs. Helen Johnson, Pr. Isaac Babu and Mr. Abraham Thomas gave greetings to the beginning of new academic year. Rev. Sunil Kumar Anand introduced the faculty team. Classes were begun on 15th June.



Witnessing the Lord ...



First Sunday of New Academic Year... & Celebrating the Holy Communion...

Welcome to COTR Theological Seminary Family

New Principal

Mr. Viju Wilson is the new Principal of COTR Theological Seminary. He comes from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. He has B.A. (History) degree from the University of Kerala. He did his B.D. (Bachelor of Divinity) at Faith Theological Seminary, Manakala, Adoor; M.Th. (Master of Theology) at Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Centre, Chennai; D.Th. (Doctor of Theology) at South Asia Theological Research Institute (SATHRI), Serampore, West Bengal. He has recently submitted his doctoral dissertation to the Senate of Serampore College (University), and result is awaited. Formerly, he was Lecturer at Indian Theological Seminary, Chennai, Tamil Nadu; Senior Lecturer of Theology at Allahabad Bible Seminary, Allahabad, Utter Pradesh and South Asia Leadership Training and Development Centre, Pipariya, Madhya Pradesh. He has authored a book, *Ecclesiology of Prophetic Participation* and many articles, and co-edited a book *Among the People*. Mrs. Sonia is his wife and they are blessed with a daughter, Sia V. Wilson.



New Faculty Member

Mr. Josfin Raj S.B. has joined COTR Theology Seminary as Lecturer of Theology. He comes from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. He has M.A. (Christian Studies) from Madras University, and did his B.Th. (Bachelor of Theology) and M.Div. (Master of Divinity) at New Life Biblical Seminary, Ayoor; and Master of Theology (M.Th.) in Christian Theology from New Theological College (NTC), Dehradun. Formerly, he was lecturer at Mission India Theological Seminary, Nagpur, and worked as Pastor of Zion Sangham Church Mulloor, Vizhinjam, Trivandrum. He has authored a book, *Pauline Corpus: A Paradigm for Developing Christian Journalistic Ethics in India*. He is married to Mrs. Ross Mary.



New Couples at COTR

Congratulations!!!



COTR Community welcomes Mr. Hirendra Prasad, Lecturer of New Testament and Mrs. Silpa Mol who were married on 18 May 2015. We wish them a happy married life. Keep them in your prayers.



We also congratulate Mr. Joshi, Librarian, COTR Library and Mrs. Sandhya. They were married on 7th June 2015. We wish them happy married life. Keep them in your prayers.

**WELCOME
TO COTR FAMILY...**

New Students @ COTR



SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS DAYS



Spiritual Emphasis Days were conducted on 12-13 June, 2015. Dr. George Thomas and Rev. Harry Thomas were guest speakers in different sessions. They encouraged the entire COTR Community through their ministry of word and prayer. Dr. George Thomas spoke on the theme, 'The Glory of God, and Audibility and Visibility of God's Word.' Students were encouraged to experience and see the glory of God in the midst of all challenges. Rev. Harry Thomas spoke on God's calling, and emphasized the need of being always connected with God for successful ministry experience.

FRESHER'S NIGHT

Fresher's day was celebrated on 22-06-2015 by COTR community in which the returning students welcomed freshers to the COTR family with fun games and wished them all the best as they stay in the campus.



**“IRON SHARPENS IRON”
GLOBAL ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE - 2015**



Topics

**Freedom of Religion in Pluralistic Context of India
&
Didache and *Kerygma* in Today's Indian Churches**



Singing for the Glory of God...

COTR Choir



Faculty Seminar



**Christian Witness in the
Changing Context of India**

**Presentation by
Mr. Viju Wilson,
(Principal of COTR)**



Academic Development Seminar



Dr. Jessy Jaison
was the resource person for
the Academic Development
Seminar on 27-06-2015



Dr. Jessy Jaison with COTR Faculty and M.Th candidates

VISITORS OF THIS MONTH



Rev. Jayan Daniel,
President/Founder of Living Water
Ministries International Inc.



Rev. Mathew Thomas,
New Testament Church of
India, Kerala State President



Bro. R. S. Vijayaraj (RSV),
Nagpur, visited as a consultant
of COTR media centre.

COTR FACULTY TEAM

Viju



Sunil



Mathew



Helen



Rajasekhar



Suhas



Abraham



Rajan



Hirendra



Josfin



Yerri
Office Secretary



Joseph
Librarian



Missionary
Asst. Librarian

ANSWER

(A Bi-annual of COTR Publication)

Invite articles on the theme

TRANSFORMING GRACE

(Titus 2:11-15)

Before August 1st



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