



## NEW PROJECTS- NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO INVEST



# BUILD A COMMUNITY BIBLE COLLEGE & A HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENTAL MODEL IN CHHATTISGARH

## Why this project?

This project will transform the targeted community with Christ-centered holistic project approaches and set a new model for others to follow. The project is expected to boost the church planting ministry among the tribals in Chhattisgarh and beyond. Theologically and technologically trained pastors, missionaries, and evangelists shall be a blessing, especially among the disadvantaged believers and people that reside in the remotest regions of the state.

## Beneficiaries

Several tribal communities in and around Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh, India.

The tribals in chhattisgarh require special attention.

About 44.21% of the land of the state is a forest that has some of the remotest and most isolated villages in the country. About 31.8 percent of the total population of the State are disadvantaged tribal communities living in these dense forests. Many of them are completely cutoff from the rest of society without electricity and road connectivity.

## The Project

Establish a holistic development model among the tribal community in Chhattisgarh.

## Some of their Major Challenges

### i) Poverty

Hope India Mission has 14 emerging Central Churches in the state of Chhattisgarh. It's missionaries are fully supported by Hope India Mission. All the believers who make up these churches are poor tribals who depend solely on what the natural climate offers them as rainfall for growing agricultural products. They grow rice, wheat, and pulses when the annual monsoon favors them. Very often the heavy monsoons flood and spoil their crops. They have no insurance on what they produce which always leads to famine and poverty.

### ii) Caste system and Exploitation

Tribal communities are forced to remain at the bottom of the caste hierarchy which exposes them to be exploited by evil people. Moreover, many of their communities live in or close to jungles, far away from cities and towns. However, industrialization and poverty have forced many of them to move to towns and cities where they also face severe exploitation.

### iii) Illiteracy

Chhattisgarh is one of the Indian States where the average literacy rate is far below that of the country. The tribal societies are extremely closed and isolated living in dense groups and the quality of available education is poorer. This leads to a perpetual state of poverty and isolation in the tribal communities.

### iv) Decelerated agriculture growth

Centuries-old agriculture practices and lack of scientific knowledge reduce agriculture productivity to its lowest level. Farmers must wait for the annual monsoon season to start growing. For the rest of the season, the land is unusable for cultivation. By adopting modern agriculture practices like borewells and micro-watersheds, livestock development, promoting vermicomposting and other scientific methods, the land can be made available for cultivation throughout the year, resulting in sustainable agriculture.

*To donate and  
know more,  
please visit our website  
[www.hopeindiamission.org/  
tribaldevelopmentproject](http://www.hopeindiamission.org/tribaldevelopmentproject)*



## Our Solution

### Develop a Vision Campus Model

This project will transform the targeted community with Christ-centered holistic project approaches and set a new model for others to follow.

#### 1. TheoTech Community Bible College

For any challenge, the Gospel of Christ Jesus is the solution. Hope India Mission is eager to expand its existing ministry among the tribal communities of Chhattisgarh. The 14 existing churches are the result of our church planting initiative over the past few years. A Bible School will help equip the future leaders and missionaries required here and our existing church will supply the necessary enrolments for it. The missionaries who work in this part of the world, not only require mere Gospel knowledge but most importantly he/she must be self-sustained and be able to earn for themselves and their family as well. Due to the poor financial status of its believers, a missionary cannot expect a regular flow of tithes or gifts from the believers. Emmanuel TheoTech Community College is set up in such a way to build self-sustaining missionaries. Having a part-time job will not only offer them some income to survive but also will create contacts for his outreach ministry. The TheoTech Community College is designed in such a way to provide IT education, modern life skill, and theological training to native missionaries under a single umbrella. This Bible College will equip missionaries and believers to earn and stand for the Lord.



#### Benefits

- ➔ After the graduation, they can immediately start Tent Making wherever the Lord leads them.
- ➔ Gives them a better wide opportunity to connect with general people.
- ➔ In the unfortunate event of possible persecution or emergency, these trained missionaries can use their life skills at another place and immediately start their ministry.

#### Project Impact

The project is expected to boost the church planting ministry among the tribals in Chhattisgarh and beyond. Theologically and technologically trained pastors, missionaries, and evangelists shall be a blessing, especially among the disadvantaged believers and people that reside in the remotest regions of the state.

#### 2. Mission School - A Primary School

The proposed plan is to build a primary school within the campus. A few classrooms and an office room are the initial requirements to start with. Within one year of the implementation of the primary school, the entire project is expected to become self-sustainable.

While providing quality education, a minimal fee can be collected which would be enough for the operational expenses. The primary school will help impart value and Christ-centered education in an English Medium environment to children residing in the neighboring villages.

#### Scope & Feasibility of the Primary School

In recent years, mission schools started by missionaries have experienced tremendous growth in terms of enrolment. At our mission school in Patna, Bihar,



we were unable to enroll some of the students due to the scarcity of spaces. The discipline and the code of conduct in mission schools have earned an immense positive reputation from the general public. Although Chhattisgarh is known for its lowest literacy statistics, people now are realizing that education is inevitable for them. Despite a major portion of land being forest, the State is known for its population explosion which has now reached over 30 million. These facts are an absolute assurance of the feasibility of this project. More grades can be added to the project in future academic sessions.

#### 3. Sustainable Argi Farm Project Model

Job loss due to the COVID pandemic and the followed economic crisis compelled many migrant tribal populations to return and focus on agriculture. Most of the farmers in tribal areas are still using old methods of farming that result in a very low yield. The promotion of modern techniques in agriculture is currently an urgent need. Establishing a model farmhouse in Ambikarpur will have the following benefits:

#### Impact

It will be a model farm project for the tribals, imparting modern agriculture techniques for sustained farming. It will create new job opportunities for several locals. Most importantly this project will support the 'DAYCARE HOME' for its operational expenses.

#### 4. Day Care Home

A big part of the tribal population in Chhattisgarh still lives below the poverty line and many of the parents are struggling to feed, care and give a primary education to their little children. And life is too hard for many of the one-parent families in Chhattisgarh.

The proposed campus will have a Day Care Home. Primary education and healthy nutritious food will

be served to the children. These children will grow up in a safe environment and receive the attention they deserve.

#### 5. Income Generation & S.H.G

Despite agriculture and dairy farming being the major income-generating sources in rural Chhattisgarh, these are not women-friendly jobs. Village ladies, especially widows and marginalized ones need some projects that they can operate from their houses and use their free time to earn something to support their families. A separate project wing will be commenced at the campus to train them in important life skills. Some of the like-skills that will be taught are making carpets, doormats, tablecloths, candles, soaps, chalks, knitting, tailoring, etc. Collection and marketing of the finished goods are also a part of this project and project sustainability. Self Help Group is a successful way to strengthen the local women.

#### Expected Impact

1. A boost to future church planting ministry. Quality and Christ-centred education delivered through the creation of student-friendly learning will help liberate the next generation from the bondage of caste-based discrimination.
2. This school will be an absolute ENTRY POINT for the nearby local churches (to be planted) to spread the message of love and fellowship of Christ Jesus. The salvation of abundant souls is expected, thereby erecting the local church into a well-established central church and a midpoint for its neighboring daughter churches.
3. Schools begun by missionaries were a great success and blessing for certain rural villages. It was evident that in villages where the language of instruction was English, people's quality of life improved, and reduced caste sentiment was observed.