

Life Seminary

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION



The Work is Qualitative (and Quantitative)

Life Theological Seminary is concerned with the business of forming Christian church leaders of character, to pour out themselves into the world, that Christ's power working in them might bring people into community with God and his people, to redeem the world through Christ.

The heart of our Life Seminary world is Orissa state in eastern India. The target of our training is God's ideal for his shepherds, our students, for the character of their proclamation and of their own Gospel experience, their motives and moral qualities, and humility, gentleness and love. We build on a foundation of faith to equip a rising generation of evangelists to reach their own people.

"We are stretching for the next level because the growth in new applicants seeking to be trained compels us."

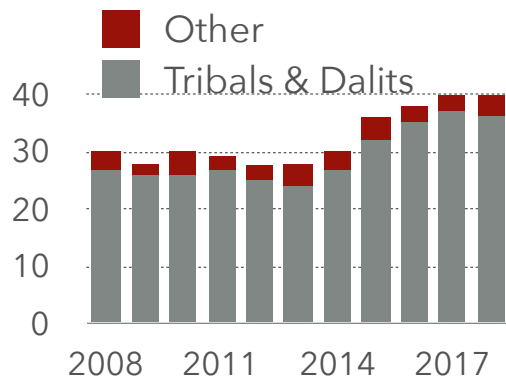
Life Seminary is focused on the Tribal Belt area of India, best known for Hindu fundamentalism and oppression of Dalits (the 'untouchable' class). Our location in Bhubaneswar, Orissa is ideal for contextual training in ministry. Life Seminary is prayerful before God for these outcomes to our work: equipped indigenous ministry workers, Hindus and animists finding new life in Christ, churches growing in breadth and depth, and a multiplication of these fruits into new generations.

BY THE NUMBERS

Return on Investment

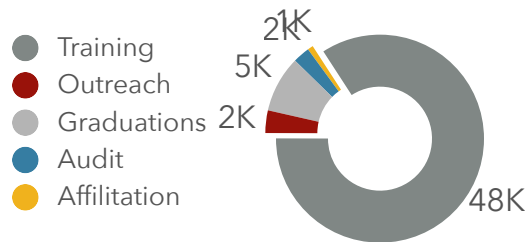
Graduates. Students are recruited from the Tribals and Dalits, mainly among 62 tribes in Orissa. Student body growth in recent years averages +20%. Our graduation rate is 70% with 90% of these serving in evangelism and pastoral ministry, womens' outreach, education and orphan care. Since 2011, graduates total 75 with 40 in training (2018).

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



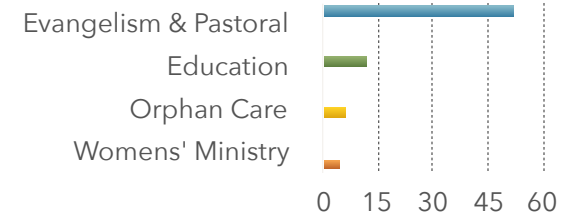
Budget. Life Theological Seminary operates an annual budget in 2018 of RS\$10,000,000 (~US\$60,000) and trains 40 pastoral students total in both B.Th and M.Div degree levels, each a 3 year program (avg. cost US\$1,200/student per yr). Most students are housed with us and

2018 BUDGET



require financial aid. The average annual household income of India is RS\$100,000 (US\$1,600). Our operating expenses are funded by annual giving and tuition, and current facilities are rented.

GRADUATE IMPACT AREAS



ROI. Total financial 3-year investment per graduate is approx. RS\$ 215,000 (US\$ 3,600). Called to evangelism and church planting, graduates show fruits of varying types and levels, among different situations. Our church planters actively witness to 2,500 persons per year, each, and baptize dozens, while strengthening the existing church through leadership in the ministry of the Word, counseling and practical helps.

We welcome your questions and ideas! May God bless you,

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