

2022-2023 Annual Report

Lott Carey Baptist Mission (India)

By

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Superintendent and Secretary/Treasurer

*For a Great Door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many
adversaries*

1 Corinthians Ch. 16 Vs 9

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Lott Carey Convention,

Greetings to you in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

It was in 1947 that the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, USA, entered into a partnership with a small prayer group in Delhi which was shepherded by the Late Rev John H Nelson. Later, he was appointed Superintendent of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India by the Convention. By the Grace of God, the Mission progressed well under the succeeding Superintendents. I take this opportunity to thank my brothers and sisters of Lott Carey for the financial *and* prayer support, without which we could not have been a blessing for hundreds and thousands of poor and needy people in North India. The Lord was with us and carried us victoriously through times of uncertainty and pain during the Covid 19 pandemic. To Him be all Glory and Praise, now and forever!

The Lott Carey Convention started its work in India during the last half of the 1940's. Eight decades of help and support for the fledgling prayer group which started in Delhi, bore fruit and by the Grace of God it has grown to be an organization which employs more than one thousand employees and imparts education to more than ten thousand students. Apart from our clinics in six leprosy colonies, we also have seven Non-Formal Education Projects for children from marginalised sections of the community, and an HIV/AIDS Awareness Programme. We support the education of more than 160 poor children and Nursing students with their education and house them in hostels of different educational institutions. We give financial aid to hundreds of poor and needy people from all sections of the society to help them to start small income-producing units. We help them with any hospital expenditures as and when required. In addition, we support 12 churches and 4 prayer groups which have the potential to grow into full-fledged churches in future.

Rev J H Nelson, Rev Dr Abner Frank Nelson and Dr (Mrs) Ivy Frey Nelson who were the founders of this Mission in India could have never imagined that their faith and initiative, in starting the projects in a humble way, would lead to such exponential growth.

We are so grateful for the prayers and financial support of our brothers and sisters in the Lord, of the Lott Carey Convention, USA without which all these endeavours would not have been possible. We remember their sacrificial giving from meagre resources for their brothers and sisters in the Lord across the globe. May our Lord bless them richly for supporting people whom they have never seen.

Preaching, Teaching and Healing ministries still remain our main foci.

The COVID-19 pandemic took a heavy toll on human lives and resources. Yet, our dedicated staff proved their worth, be it in the field of education, church ministry and healing ministry. Many of our projects were hampered due to this dreaded pandemic, but by the Grace of God, we are slowly coming back to normal. Please do keep us in your prayers as we keep you in our prayers.

Given below is a brief account of our work in India.

1. THE MINISTRY OF PREACHING

During the report year, two more churches, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh and Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, were added to the ten existing churches. We Praise the Lord for granting us places of worship. Now we have 12 churches, including the House Church at Bulandshahr, U.P. Recently, we purchased 330 sq. m. of land at Bulandshahr for construction of a church building.

The relevant details of our churches and prayer groups are given below:

1. Abner Nelson Memorial First Baptist Church, Anandgram, Shahdra, Delhi

Established: 1960.

Pastor: Rev. C. V. Valson

Number of Members: 260 from 90 families.

Sunday School: 70 children

Youth Empowerment Programme: Conducted on 23rd April 2022, 92 youths attended the session.

Vacation Bible School: Held in June 2023. 154 children attended the Vacation Bible School.

Gospel Convention: Gospel Convention was held in on October 29th and 30th, 2022. About 450 people attended from various leprosy colonies and churches.

2. Union Church, 5, Ansari Road, Daryaganj, New Delhi

Established: 1967

The foundation stone of this church was laid by Late Rev Dr W C Somerville in 1967. The church is adjacent to our Mission Headquarters in Daryaganj, New Delhi.

Pastor: Rev. Joel Jagdish Prem

Number of Members: 390 from 96 families.

Sunday School: 38 children

The Annual Gospel Convention of the Church was held on 18th & 19th February 2023. Around 20 families attend our regular online Wednesday prayer meetings.

3. Mount Zion Baptist Mission Church, Indira Chakraborty Gram, (Leprosy Colony), Hapur Road, Karnal, Haryana

Established: 1970

Pastor: Rev. Samson Sagar

Number of Members: 72

Sunday School: 11 children

A Gospel convention was held on 19th November 2022.

Bible class and Seminars were also conducted in April and May 2023.

Late Rev Dr Abner Frank Nelson and his wife Dr Mrs Ivy Frey Nelson, were the founders of this church.

4. Bethany Baptist Church, Bethany Leprosy Colony, Gannaur, Haryana

Established: 2013

Pastor: Rev. C. V. Valson

Evangelist: Lazar

Number of Members: 94 from 32 families.

Sunday School: 20 children

A Gospel Convention was held in November 2022 and around 350 people attended the Convention.

5. Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Gharounda, Haryana

Established: 2016

Evangelist: Rajiv Masih

Number of Members: 50 from 15 families.

Sunday school: 15 children

6. Ebenezer Baptist Church, Sadabad, Agra, Uttar Pradesh

Established: 2018

Evangelist: Mr Mukesh

Number of Members: 30 from 15 families.

Sunday School: 11 children

At present this is a house church in the Pastor's residence. However, we have purchased an excellent plot of land near the house church and we are waiting for the construction of a proper building for our Non-formal Education Project, which can also be used as a Church during Sundays.

7. Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Panipat, Haryana

Established: 2019

Evangelist: Ashok Deeguti

Number of Members: 30 from 15 families.

The newly constructed church building at Panipat was inaugurated on 17th August 2022. Please pray for this church and its many needs.

8. Bethel Baptist Church, Faridabad, Haryana

Established: 2019

Evangelist: Anumnt Appa

Number of Members: 50 from 15 families.

Sunday School: 20 children attend.

9. St. Thomas Baptist Church, Village Ladhiyapur, Ballabgarh, Haryana

Established: 2020 as House Church.

Evangelist: Prashant Masih

Number of Members: 25 from 7 families

The space for this temporary church was provided by Evangelist Prashant Masih.

10. Nazareth Baptist Church, Village Dabwali, Bhatinda, Punjab (House Church)

Established: 2020 as House Church.

Evangelist: Manoj Masih

Number of Members: 30 from 15 families

11. Cornerstone Baptist Church, Loni, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

Established: 2021 (House Church)

Evangelist: Ashwani Benjamin

Number of Members: 15 from 5 families

Sunday School: 2 children attend the Sunday School

12. Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh

Established: 2021 as House Church.

Evangelist: Yogender Kumar Joy

Number of Members: 30 from 10 families

We recently purchased a 330 sq. m. plot of land for a church and Vocational Training Centre. The construction of the church building is in the final stage and we hope to inaugurate and dedicate the Church by last week of September 2023.

Prayer groups with potential to become Churches in future:-

a) **The Prayer Group at Mursan, in Uttar Pradesh:** About 25 people attend the prayer group. Evangelist Mukesh Kumar is taking care of the flock. This worship group may soon be a house church and later a full-fledged church.

b) **Prayer Group at Samalkha, Panipat, Haryana:** Approximately 10 –12 people attend this prayer group. Evangelist, Mr Lazar conducts the Prayer Meetings. This prayer group will be merged with Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Panipat.

c) **Prayer Group at Bhaigaon, Panipat, Haryana:**

Strength: 15 Evangelist Mr. Lazar conducts the Prayer Meetings. This prayer group will be merged with Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Panipat.

d) **Prayer Group at Pati Kalyana, Panipat, Haryana.** About 10 – 15 people attend the prayer meetings. Evangelist, Mr Lazar, is taking care of this group. This prayer group will be merged with Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Panipat.

2. THE MINISTRY OF TEACHING

The Mission administers the following seven Non-Formal Education Projects in the States of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

a) Little Children's Montessori Base Primary School in Meerut

Established: 1950

Principal: Miss Dolly Lal

Number of children: 142 – Nursery to Class V

Staff: Teaching: 5 Others: 2

The school, fully supported by the Mission is located in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. This school has 142 students from Nursery to Class V. Miss Dolly Lal is the Principal of the school. This is the first non-formal school for poor children. It was established by the Mission in 1950. The grand children of the first batch of nursery students study in this school.

b) Somerville Non-Formal Education Project- Amar Nagar, Faridabad, Haryana

Established: 2006

Teacher in charge: Mrs Anima Kandulna

Number of children: 30

This school is exclusively for children of the migrant quarry workers of the locality. The parents are extremely poor. Our doctor visits the school once in a week to give these migrant labourers and their families the medical support they require. The students are admitted to the local government-run schools after the primary education they receive at this project.

c) Somerville Non-Formal School- & Vocational Training Centre, Anandgram Leprosy Colony, Shahdra, Delhi

Established: 2014

Number of children: 60 in Pre School

Staff: Teaching 2, Others 1

The school is located in the Anandgram Leprosy Colony, Shahdra, has 60 students in the Nursery/ KG and 3 staff members including 2 teachers. The classes are held on the 2nd floor of the church building at the Anandgram Leprosy Colony, Shahdra, Delhi.

Vocational Training Centre (Sewing) : 1 Trainer, 3 Trainees – started in August 2022)

d) Somerville Pre-School & Vocational Training Centre at Bethany Baptist Church, Gannaur, Haryana

Established: 2017

Number of children: 34

Staff: Teaching 1, Others 3

This school, located in Gannaur, Haryana state has got 34 students in the Nursery and Kinder Garten classes and 4 staff members. The first floor of the church in the leprosy colony is used for the school. Established in 2017, this school is administered by Pastor Lazar Masih, with the help of an assistant.

On 17th August 2022, we started a Vocational Training Centre to impart skills in cutting, sewing and using sewing machines, in the first floor of the church building. The centre, has, at this time, one Lady Trainer and 10 Lady Trainees.

e) Somerville Pre-School & Vocational Training Centre for Sewing Skills at Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Gharounda, Haryana

Established: 2017

Number of children: 8 in Nursery

Staff: Teaching 1, Others 1

Vocational Training Centre for Sewing: Trainer 1, Trainees 8

f) Somerville Non-Formal Education Project & Vocational Training Centre, Karnal

Established: 2022

Staff: Teaching 2, Other: 1

Number of students: 21

Vocational Training Centre for Sewing Skills

Trainer: 1

Number of trainees: 10

This project imparts vocational training for ladies. This training includes stitching and tailoring of garments, for ladies. We have employed an experienced teacher for this purpose and supplied 6 sewing machines to the centre. At present, 10 ladies are availing this opportunity.

In the morning, the premises are used as a school that imparts non-formal education to 21 students. After school hours, the same area is used as the vocational centre mentioned earlier.

g) Somerville Non-Formal Education Project & Vocational Training Centre, Panipat

School: 21 Children:

Staff: Teaching – 1 Others: 1

Vocational Training Centre for teaching cutting and sewing

Trainer: 1

Trainees: 10

8 sewing machines were given by the Mission for this project.

h) Ankur Project held at Somerville School, NOIDA, after regular school hours in partnership with Army, Navy, Air Force Wives Activity Trust (ANAWA Trust)

The meaning of the word Ankur in Hindi is *Sprout* or *Seedling*. Through this project, in partnership with a charitable organisation of the wives of military officers, the Mission serves around 350 children from slums and nearby villages in NOIDA. Our Mission has provided the required class rooms and transportation for these marginalised children from slum colonies.

Scholarships and Financial Aid to Poor and Needy

Approximately 164 students were supported by the Mission, during the reporting year, for their education and hostel expenses. 9 of these students received training in Nursing courses and 8 students are receiving professional training from various institutes.

The Mission provides financial aid to many poor and needy persons, be it for their medical treatment or setting up small scale business ventures so that they can feed their families.

Public Schools of the Mission

The Mission has four public schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education. The schools are well known for their academic excellence and discipline and for instilling the right values in young minds. The children are mainly from middle and upper middle-class families in and around Delhi. The total strength of the four schools is nearly 10,000. Due to the pandemic, many parents shifted their residences and there is a marginal decrease in the number of students. The schools are financially self-supporting. All Thanks and Praise be to the Lord.

a) Somerville School, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi-110096

www.somervillevasundhara.in

Students: 2416

Teaching staff: 130

Administrative staff: 127

Principal: Ms Esther Mani.

From a humble beginning in 1975 with just over 400 students in a Central Delhi building, we have come a long way, with nearly 2500 students on our rolls and an excellent school building with state-of-the-art class rooms.

b) Somerville School, NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh

www.somervillenoida.in

Students: 3274

Teaching staff: 164

Admin staff: 150

Principal: Mrs Margarita Nalini Arulraj

Established in 1987, the school is known as one of the best schools in the National Capital Region. The school is widely recognized for its academic excellence and extra-curricular activities.

c) Somerville School, Greater NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh

www.somervillegreaternoida.in

Students: 1892

Teaching staff: 108

Admin staff: 109

Principal: Dr Mary Thomas

The school has completed 25 years since its inception. This school has the distinction of being the first school established in Greater NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh.

d) Somerville International School, Sector 132, NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh

www.somervilleinternational.in

Students: 930

Teaching staff: 54

Admin staff: 87

Principal: Miss Marilyn Thomas (Officiating)

This is the tenth year since the school started functioning. The total capacity of this school is nearly 4000, however, being a new school, the student strength is much less than the capacity. The school is fully air-conditioned and each class has been provided air purifiers. Dr Gregory K Moss Sr., former President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, blessed the school building in November 2012, in the presence of the former Executive Secretary/Treasurer of Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, Dr David Emmanuel Goatley.

Involvement of Somerville School Students in Social Work

Monthly food rations are given to nearly 30 families of HIV/AIDS patients by the school children of Somerville School, Vasundhara Enclave. Further, the school supplies food and other essential items, on a monthly basis, to a nearby Christian orphanage, thus considerably helping the 140 inmates who are from the economically backward sections of the society. During the Christmas season, our students collect various gift items and present them to the children of our Non-Formal Education Projects, thus engaging themselves in community welfare work from an early age.

3. THE MINISTRY OF HEALING

a) HIV/AIDS Awareness Project.

Though we had started a mini hospital with 7 beds for HIV/AIDS in and out patients in 2006, we had to close down the same in 2015 due to the increase in the number of patients and financial limitations. Since then, we have been running the HIV/AIDS Awareness Programme to control the spread of the disease in the society, especially among the economically backward classes of the community. Awareness is spread through Magic Shows and Street plays conducted every week and the local people, who are generally poor and uneducated, eagerly attend these shows.

b) Leprosy Clinics administered by the Mission.

1. Lott Carey Baptist Mission Hospital, Indira Chakraborty Gram, Karnal, Haryana. Year of Establishment 1970.
2. Dr Ivy Nelson Memorial Leprosy Clinic, Bharat Mata Kusht Ashram, Gandhi Colony, Faridabad, Haryana. Year of Establishment 1970

3. Lott Carey Baptist Mission Clinic at Navjeevan Leprosy Colony, Vaikunt Dham, Panipat, Haryana. Year of Establishment 1984
4. Lott Carey Baptist Mission Clinic, Navjyoti Leprosy Association, Udyog Nagar, Mangolpuri, Delhi. Year of Establishment 1985.
5. Gandhi Kusht Ashram, Hissar Road, Rohtak, Haryana. Year of Establishment 1985
6. Dr Beverly Scott Memorial Clinic, Bethany Leprosy Colony, Gannaur, Haryana. Year of Establishment 2013.

Leprosy is no longer a dreaded disease. When I joined the Mission in 1975, there was practically no cure for leprosy. Now, the situation has changed and a patient can be completely cured within two years. The latest medicines for leprosy are given to our patients and we are also able to treat people from the nearby slums and villages for their various ailments. Hundreds of thousands of lives are saved by the medicines dispensed by our two doctors: Dr P K Tyagi, who has been with us for more than 40 years and Dr V K Atreja. They are both dynamic experienced doctors who provide selfless service to the patients, over and above the call of duty. All Praise be to the Almighty!

c) Mobile Clinics

The needs of nearly 7000 patients are attended to by our Mobile Clinic services every year. These clinics have made a tremendous impact on the lives of the poorest of the poor in the area who cannot even afford travel expenses to reach the nearest Government-run hospitals. These mobile clinics take our doctors to the areas where their patients live. Thousands of lives have been saved by these clinics. Dr P K Tyagi, is the driving force behind this project.

It is only by the Grace of the Lord and the prayers and support of the members of the Lott Carey Convention, that we have been able to carry out these manifold activities. Though I joined the Mission in 1975, I took over as Superintendent of the Mission only in 2012. The Lord has used me as an instrument in His Hand to bring the Good News to people who are living in darkness. The number of churches since 2012 has increased from three to twelve and the number of prayer groups have increased to four. The main driving force behind this increase in evangelization is Rev C V Valson, who joined the Mission in 1993 in a lower position. The Lord enabled him to become a Pastor of the Mission in 2006. It is incredible how the Good Lord works through him to expand His Kingdom and bring the Good News to thousands of people in this country. His mission in life is to bring the Word to the masses and the Good Lord is blessing him with success every step of the way. It is a blessing from the Lord to have such workers in His Vineyard.

Once again, we express our thanks and gratitude for the Lott Carey family in the USA for their support and prayers. May our Lord bless you abundantly for the kindness you have shown to your unseen brothers and sisters across the globe. Please pray for our country with 1.4 billion people, 84% them living on less than seven dollars per day. In spite of our Government's best efforts, the sheer number of people makes it extremely difficult to improve the lot of our marginalized brothers and sisters.

I am attaching a testimony from one of hundreds of lives touched by the Mission. This family lost their breadwinner when the children were only 13 and 6 years old. Their mother used to work as a part time employee with a small manufacturing unit. We came to know about their

plight and gave them funds for education and subsistence. This is the testimony of Sneha, who is the eldest child of the family.

Testimony of Sneha Varghese, U.K.

I am Sneha Varghese, basically a Keralite, brought up in Mangalore.

This is my testimony.

I was in standard 7 and my sister Sandra was in Class 1, when our Dad passed away. We were shattered. My mom was a homemaker. Words cannot explain the situation we were in, I still can't imagine those days without tears in my eyes. I had no idea about the future and what to do to earn money for our school, fees? I was completely lost. But God was with us, He was with us in all our needs. Many helping hands were around us. Once I painted a table cloth in my Church. Rev Eldo Paul Achen was the Vicar in the parish. He took the table cloth to Delhi and talked about us in the Church. That is when Roy Sir approached Achen and said LOTT CAREY BAPTIST MISSION was ready to sponsor my sister and me. By God's Grace and because of this Mission, I completed my B.Sc Nursing. My sister is doing her internship in B.Sc in MLT.

Words cannot express our gratitude and love towards the Mission and specially Roy Sir. Now am working in an NHS Hospital Trust in Coventry, UK.

This would have never happened without you.

Thank you so very much for sponsoring me and making me what I am today.

With lots of love,

Sneha



Sneha Varhgese, Beena Varghese (Mother), Sandra Varghese (Younger Sister)

We have some special needs, which include church buildings in 1) Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh. The church is nearing completion. 2) Sadabad, Dist Hathras, Uttar Pradesh. We are planning to start Non-Formal Education Projects and Vocational Training Centres for women in these places. Funds are required for these projects. Please pray for us so that we can achieve our goals.

I take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Mary George, President of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India and Mrs D A Tressler, Chairperson & Director of Somerville Schools, for the excellent support and motivation received from them. I am extremely grateful for their valuable cooperation and suggestions for the betterment of the Mission. Special thanks go out to the Manager of our schools, Mr Abraham Mathew, Principals of our schools, Doctors of the Leprosy Colonies, Pastors of the Churches, and my colleagues and staff, without whose help, the Mission could not have made such steady progress in various fields.

Our heartfelt gratitude and prayers for the wellbeing of Rev Gina M Stewart, President of the Convention, Rev Emmet L Dunn, Executive Secretary/Treasurer, and Dr John M Alexander. Jr., Chairman Board of Directors of Lott Carey, for their generous support, encouragement and prayers, without which we could not have achieved all that we have done thus far. I thank my brothers and sisters in the Lott Carey Office in the States for their timely help and support. A special word of thanks to Sis Tonga R Peterson who is always there to help us. Special thanks to Rev. Dr Amanda Haines for her concern and care for our Mission work. May God bless the Convention abundantly and reward you all for your sacrificial and selfless service for the upliftment of the poor in India, and your genuine care for the masses half way across the globe.

Getting the Gospel across to the masses is becoming more and more difficult and risky. The very lives of our evangelists are in danger. Please pray for their wellbeing.

Once again, I thank my brothers and sisters of the member churches of the Convention for their prayers and support. May our God continue to bless us as He has always done in the past.

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Superintendent

Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India

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