

# CBSI South Asia



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CBSI Bible study has been pivotal in the lives of thousands in South Asia, and many are drawing closer to Jesus through it. As you read the news below, please pray for the people daily impacted by the study of God’s Word—some in areas hostile to the gospel.



Top: Pushpa; Bottom: Aruna

## “THANKS FOR CBSI, FOR I AM BLESSED”

Goa is a small state on India’s western coast. Twenty-six percent of Goans are Christians—the majority being Hindu—and several CBSI classes have started there. Below are stories from Pushpa and Aruna, two of the many impacted by studying God’s Word in Goa.

Pushpa never went to school and could not even recognize letters. When she turned from Hinduism and became a Christ-follower, she was hungry to know God’s Word. She saw her new friends reading the Bible, which she could not do. Pushpa used to “embrace the Bible to my chest and pray that I may read it.”

She learned a CBSI class was starting and knew God answered her prayers. “I joined the class and strived to learn to read,”

Pushpa said. “I took a long time and wrote answers slowly. Now I can confidently say, I can read the Bible, like the others can. Praise the Lord. **Thanks for CBSI, for I am blessed.**”

Aruna came from a Christian family, but she did not know the Bible. Through her CBSI Bible study, she is learning about God on a deeper level. She says, **“Before, I was a Christian just standing on the shore, now I am a Christian diving deep in the deep sea of the love and knowledge of God.”** 🌊

## CBSI IN BANGLADESH ENCOURAGES CHRISTIANS



Josepha

CBSI began in Bangladesh this past year. Bangladesh—bordering India—is a predominately Muslim country with many of the more than one million Christians living in urban areas such as Dhaka, where our first CBSI classes are held. The church in Bangladesh is growing, despite the restrictions and challenges it faces.

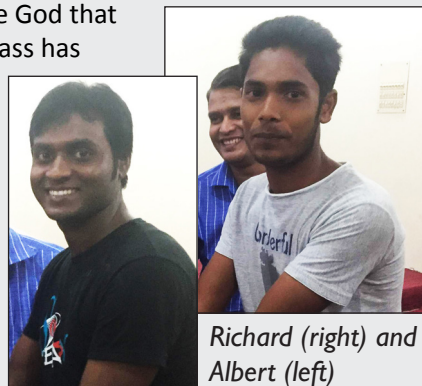
Dr. Josepha is a part of the first class that began in Bangladesh. She has translated the CBSI Children & Youth Ephesians study into Bangla—a process she said has been, personally, very rewarding.

This year, her CBSI class studied *If You Will Pray*, an introductory

study on Nehemiah. Josepha said, “Praise God that CBSI classes started in our church. This class has

helped me study the Bible daily and meditate. I enjoy the group discussion; each participant brings a different perspective, which opens my mind.”

Several others in Josepha’s class were greatly impacted through the study. Richard told us that he was inspired by Nehemiah’s prayer life. Another man, Albert, said, “Nehemiah was a great leader. I now understand the traits of a leader. Bangladesh needs leaders like Nehemiah.” 🌊



Richard (right) and Albert (left)

## KIDS TURN TO CHRIST FROM MUSLIM/HINDU BACKGROUND

A young brother and sister have been in CBSI Children & Youth (C&Y) for a year. Their mother is Hindu and their father is Muslim—but by the grace of God, they trusted Christ and became Christians in their C&Y class! **Pray that these two will grow in their relationship with Jesus, and pray for children in similar situations.**

## SINGAPORE LEADERS HOST REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR TRAINING

Dr. Manokaran, the Regional Director for South Asia, recently visited CBSI leadership teams in Singapore. The teams asked Manokaran to train their Small Group Leaders. Pray for CBSI in Singapore as the ministry reaches out to the many other language groups in the country.

**Thank you** for praying with us for the CBSI ministry in South Asia! We greatly value your partnership.

Yours in His adventure,  
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