

## **News from Peter**

Joy-filled greetings to our Lakeview family in the USA,

It's been looking a lot like Christmas since November, but at Lakeview, we had some catching up to do before we could really enjoy the season. Since the COVID pandemic began to lighten up, we decided to do a two-year combined graduation on December 1. We were pleasantly surprised that 27 out of 36 graduates returned to their alma mater for our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convocation. We are only sorry that we had to limit numbers to 170 to follow government protocols, but that did not dampen the spirit of celebration in the graduates and their families and friends.

Another major happening over the past ten days was the visit by federal officials to “check up” on Lakeview. For three hours on Saturday, December 12, we had to endure a grilling of our trustees, office staff, and organizational leadership. Curriculum, accounts, property documents and student-alumni veracity were examined closely. This was the first-time ever that we have been vetted in this way, and we pray that we will pass the test!

A special prayer request. As the Omicron variant of COVID has hit India, we need God's guidance on re-opening campus-based classes on January 10. Students are eager to return to a more conducive learning atmosphere than online classes at home! But we want to make sure that everyone – faculty, staff, and students – are safe under our care.

The past two years have changed us and our ministry forever. But even if the carollers seem less this year, we trust God's abundance to rest on us as we prepare to face 2022 with His strength and wisdom. We pray that as you celebrate God's love revealed in Jesus, you will be filled anew with His peace, joy and love.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Peter, Cathy, and the Lakeview India family.

Type the following link into your browser to hear from a few of our students.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/yepey9wxgww8w3d/LBC%26S%2021st%20Annual%20Convocation.mp4?dl=0>

## Lakeview Graduation - 2021

The breakout of Covid-19 in 2020 prevented us from having our graduation for the last two years. However, on December 1, 2021, Lakeview celebrated its 21st Annual Convocation. We were all excited because it was the first time that we have had it on campus. It was special because students from 2019-2020 and from 2020-2021 celebrated their convocation together. A lot of people said it was really nice having our convocation on campus, and they even said that we should have it on campus every year. Praise God with us for His faithfulness.

God is good. With His wisdom and strength, we were able to adapt to the times. We are still learning to be better equipped for the future. Thank you for your support. Thank you for your trust, and above all, thank you for your love for us. Please continue to uphold us in your prayers.

-Rex Leonard



## **Chennai Floods - November 2021**

The month of November brought with it intense rains to Tamil Nadu and its neighboring states. Chennai, the state capital, bore the brunt of the damage caused by the cyclonic storms—which formed in the Bay of Bengal, that intensified into a depression, causing heavy rains. The week-long rains inundated Chennai, with water entering homes in several low-lying areas. Terrible water-logging led to traffic woes, and residents were seen wading through knee-deep water in parts of the city. Our campus had been water-logged in a few places with water entering the buildings through the roofs. We need to level the ground so that water does not stagnate. However, while there has been some damage for us on campus, we thank God for His protection.

- Rex Leonard



## **A New Member To The Lakeview Team**

Friends, we are happy to inform you about the addition of a new member to the Lakeview team. Esther will serve as our "Communications Coordinator ". We asked her to share a few words about herself. . .

*I'm Esther Barnabas and I'm excited and grateful to be part of the Lakeview family. I'm married to Anand Barnabas for 16 wonderful years. I worship and serve at the Christian fellowship Church. I love working with children and have enjoyed seeing Gods amazing work in such young lives through the Sunday school ministry. Currently I serve on the Benevolence team of our church and it's humbling to see people experiencing the love of Christ in tangible ways. Prior to Lakeview I've worked in various Christian non- profits for about 15 years. I look forward to the start of this new phase of working at Lakeview.*

-Rex Leonard

## New Online Program

On November 2, 2021, Lakeview's Online Master of Ministry and Certificate of Christian Studies programs for 2021-22 kick-started with lots of anticipation and excitement with 15 students. This fully Online program is the first of its kind in the history of Lakeview Bible College and Seminary. Unlike traditional classes that centers on lectures, this program follows the teaching method that centers on discussions, interactions and activities, both on-class and off-class. This teaching method allows for Facilitator-Student learning, Student-Facilitator learning and Student-Student learning as well. With just two weeks into the program, we are already seeing the fruit of this new learning methodology.

Not only are the students enjoying the experience, the facilitators and instructors too are having a wonderful time of learning through discussions, activities and interactions. Please pray for us as we learn and adapt to this new change.

-John Marshal Henrey



## Students Returning to Campus

Students have been wanting to return to campus for some time now. We have had to comply with the strict Covid 19 protocols but things are looking a lot better now. Students will be returning to campus from January 7th. Physical classes will resume on January 10th 2022 We need your prayers as we get ready for the coming year.

Students are happy to be returning to campus soon.

Type the following link into your browser to hear from a few of our students.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/qvp1olgftomnca7/Students%20feedback%20about%20returning%20to%20campus.mp4?dl=0>

-Rex Leonard