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## 2016 Global Outreach: Lincoln Berean in India-Week 2

### *Global Outreach Staff Representatives*

Good morning. I'm Ryan Harmon, the pastor of Global Outreach here at Lincoln Berean Church. This week is a little different than our typical services on the weekend. These two weekends in November we take a pause from our normal series, our normal message, and we just focus specifically on what God is doing around the world to take the gospel to the furthest reaches of the world, to the ends of the earth. That's what we did last week; that's what we're going to do this week. Last week we had this incredible privilege of hearing from two brothers, Sushil and Biman. I don't know about you, but I was challenged; I was encouraged; I was inspired by their story, and they really gave us a glimpse into what India is like. These two guys came from such different backgrounds—from a rural background and from an urban background—and they helped us understand that India is a complex place. They said it's a nation of mini nations, so when you travel from one village to the next, you really encounter a completely different culture, a different language, different food, different customs. Last week our goal was really just to look at India and help you understand a bit more of the context, because we've done so much work there. And now, as we've looked at this urban and this rural side, I hope it became clear that the needs in India are staggering. Think about this for a minute: When we think about urban India, we think about these urban centers, these large cities. In these cities, 450 million people reside in these cities in India alone. That's more than the population of the United States. If we think about the rural aspect of India, 850 million people live in a rural environment, have a rural experience in India. That's more than double our country. Now when you think about that, that staggering scope, just on a human level, the staggering need that presents, it's astounding.

But when we think about the gospel, it's even more staggering. In the 1.3 billion people in India, we would say 2% are Christian—2% know Jesus. Now when you think about our context this morning in Lincoln, more or less 2% of our city calls this their church home—2% of Lincolniters are Bereans. Two percent of India is Christian. It's astounding. So we're so thankful that God allows us to be a part of what He's doing in India.

Today we're going to continue to look at it. We're going to look at two stories today—two guys who are deeply invested in ministry. And the thing that we hope you'll think about, you'll pray through, is really this idea that all of us are called to be engaged in ministry. But what we hope becomes clear as we look at their two stories is: God calls us to different roles. We have different roles to play in the work of ministry, but we're all called to ministry. Before we invite them up, we're going to review our history—Lincoln Berean's history in India, twenty years in two minutes.

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*You may not know this but the country of India is a big deal here at Lincoln Berean. You see, the story goes all the way back to 1992 and it all started with a lightbulb—not a figurative lightbulb, but an actual lightbulb. In 1992 Jeff and Cynci Petersen scraped together all the money they could come up with to give to missions' work in India. They came up with \$45 and they used it to buy a lightbulb that would go into a projector so that people in India could see the Jesus film for maybe the first time. One little lightbulb started it all and since then, so much has happened. So let's get you up to speed in two minutes. In 2002 the Leadership Academy launches to train new pastors and in 2003, the "300 in 3" initiative launches which is this crazy initiative that we're going to take 300 local Indian pastors and train them up to lead a church in three years. The "300 in 3" initiative explodes to reach tens of thousands of people for Christ.*

*Berean churches in India have memberships surpassing 15,000 people and in 2012 the Indian Leadership Building Coalition is launched. This initiative with full Indian leadership has multiplied over the past six years. We're taking pastors to train other pastors so that the movement can spread. Currently we have twenty-one of these guys, as well as eleven interns we are supporting as the church. We also have dozens of lay pastors, gospel movements in eighteen different Indian states, movements that have spread to four different South Asian countries—crazy God-sized stuff and untold sweat and tears and hours on our knees, and there's no possible way to go into it all. So just remember this: Lincoln Berean and India: thousands of lives reached, hundreds of pastors launched, movements spread from country to country. God's done a lot over the past twenty years, and during these two weekends we want to celebrate all that God has done. But rather than having us do that, we thought it would be better to have the people leading the movement in India come and be with us. We wanted you to hear it firsthand from the source.*

*Ryan:*

“Well, would you welcome Brother Samit with us this morning. *(applause)* We're so excited to have Samit with us, and there are a number of reasons for that. Samit is very engaged in the work that we're doing in India. He lives in Kolkata, runs a business there. The thing that I love about Samit is that his heart is for ministry. If you think about the passage in Ephesians 4, where Paul tells us that pastors and teachers and evangelists, all these roles were given to the church in order to equip the saints for the work of ministry. That's us, right? Every one of us; we're the saints; we're the ones to be engaged in ministry. And the thing that's so encouraging to me about Samit is that is his heartbeat; that is what he is all about, and we're so excited to hear how that plays itself out in a business context in India. So, Samit, I gave a really brief intro. Tell us; just give us a little bit of information about yourself, your family, your business.”

*Samit:*

“Hello, everyone. My name is Samit. I have a very loving wife; she really cares for me, and her name is Angelie, and we have two children. One is eight years old. His name is Joy. Another one is two years old; his name is Samit. I'm so excited to come here to meet you all. I believe this is also my church, and thank you for inviting me.”

*Ryan:*

“I dared Samit to wear a Huskers shirt. *(laughter)* He wouldn't do it, but trust me; he was excited about the win last night. It was a good thing.”

*Samit:*

“Yeah, I very glad last night.”

*Ryan:*

“Yeah, that's right. So a year ago, you might not remember, but a year ago we showed a video at our Global Outreach weekend of my friend Clint Runge who runs a creative agency here in Lincoln. We took him to Kolkata, and the whole point in taking him was, we wondered, could we connect business leaders, people that have skills and trades and different skills in the marketplace—could we connect them to leaders in India to help them grow their business, help them expand what they're doing? So we've talked about Samit a little bit; we know a little bit about your business, but not very much. So tell us about your company.”

*Samit:*

“Yeah, I'd love to say that it's a creative company; it's called *InspiringLife Technologies*. We want to inspire life by providing best, you know, ideas, and creative solutions and high tech technology. By doing that we have created some amazing apps, you know, great games, cool

animation, and robust website. And so far, right now, we have clients all over the world, from South Korea, from US, from Canada, from Dubai — many clients from different places. And currently we have been running the last six years; we have about fifty people working with us, so it's amazing how God has worked. And even some of our apps were featured by Apple, and oh, seven apps were featured, and a few of our games got featured in gaming conferences. So we're excited. It's a great journey."

*Ryan:*

"So we were in Kolkata with Samit, and it was incredible. I mean, he really just was expressing to us that he started from nothing six years ago, and it's been incredible to watch what God has done over six years, growing a company in Kolkata from zero to fifty employees—games, apps, IT, all types of solutions like that. I downloaded a game last night; I died really quickly. *(laughter)* And so I need to get a few hints from Samit here. I said when I introduced you this morning that your heart is ministry and that the challenge you face is trying to bring a heart for ministry and an understanding that God has called you to do ministry—you're a full time minister—but He's called you to the role of business leader. So tell us a little bit about what that looks like at ILT. How do you bring these Christian values to your environment?"

*Samit:*

"Yes, we believe God. He has created everything. He owns everything, and it includes my business also. And as a believer, as a Christian, it's my responsibility to run our business in His way. You know, with His value, which we learn from the Bible. And we all know that the Word of God inspires lives. It encourages; it's the *Living Word*. So we want to bring that Word in our company, so we will all get blessed. So for doing that, every Monday we have our Bible study; we also invite our pastors. They also come; they lead the Bible study, and on Friday we have our worship time. It's open for everyone, and many of our people, they join the worship team. So it's so exciting, you know. And we have singing, like God is doing wonders."

*Ryan:*

"You also were telling about an app that some people in your company have taken extra time to work on, to kind of solve a massive problem in India. Gang rape in India is a massive, massive problem. In fact someone was saying, in Delhi they call it the gang rape city. Right? It's kind of the capital of that. So tell us real quick about what they're doing to try to solve that problem."

*Samit:*

"Yes, it's really sad news you know, when we see our country, our city is in that position. Four of our girls knew what they believe, what they trust, so they wanted to come and create a solution to stop this thing. So they're working extra time for creating an app which will solve this problem. So I won't be able to disclose much, but it's amazing, you know, that they are taking in these ideas."

*Ryan:*

"Awesome. So here's a question. How's ILT working? Have you seen change? What have the effects been of this approach to business in Kolkata, which I'm sure is very rare?"

*Samit:*

"It's amazing. We see God. He's at work, and we have seen people are coming to Christ. One of them has taken baptism, and even we have seen relationships getting restored. We have seen son and father getting restored. They care more about their family. They care for them. And it's amazing, you know, there are so many testimonies. That doesn't mean we don't have challenges, but when we see the testimony, it's amazing. God is doing wonderful work."

*Ryan:*

“I know that it’s been incredible to hear, as Samit is talking about lives being restored, just because of the influence, the culture that’s been set in place at ILT. He’s really made this commitment to lead it with Christian values, with this understanding that God owns the business, and therefore that shapes everything you do.”

*Samit:*  
“Right.”

*Ryan:*  
“I know there’s this other aspect of what you hope God does with your business, so one of the things that we are always trying to solve in India is: how do we help these churches be sustainable financially? How do we help them grow to the extent that pastors can be paid? That’s a growing challenge when you think about 1.3 billion people. There’s such a need for churches that will reproduce and kind of move rapidly. So one of the ideas we’ve had is: could we have businesses and business leaders like Samit that would be committed to basically helping fund church movements? So I know that’s a passion of yours. Talk a little bit about that aspect of what you hope God does through ILT.”

*Samit:*  
“Yes. Let’s say that you know, long time back, I had a quote. It says, *‘If you don’t have desire to get lost people saved, you have lost the value of being saved.’* You know, I don’t want to lose that value; it’s really God has saved me. I’m saved; praise God! But I see millions of people in India, they still need Christ; they’re not saved. And what can we do? God has called us, you know; He has given us so much resource. So we want to come along with the church by providing funds, by generating funds for them, by generating resources for them, and just standing with them, you know, serving with them so we can, together, reach whole communities; together we can reach many for Christ. So it’s a great joy for us to be part of it. We also know, like, some of our staff are also part of church. Even I serve in our church as a deacon. It’s a great joy for me. And many of our staff, they go to church and same time our pastors, they come to our office and they encourage us. You know, they take Bible study; they counsel our staff, so it’s a great partnership. So we like to encourage our business people to come along and let’s create the moment.”

*Ryan:*  
“Imagine the context real quick. You’re in a country where between 70 and 80% of the people live on less than \$2 a day. And you’ve come from really a context where you didn’t have much, and you built the company. And now the company has grown, and it has 50 employees, and now you’re making some money. And what I’m so inspired by, so challenged by, is Samit’s response to that is not to lose sight, lose vision of the great need that surrounds him. Samit’s not going to be driving a Rolls Royce around Kolkata. He’s not going to be taking vacations to Nebraska or Fiji or something like that. Samit is going to be very intentional. He continues to be very intentional by making sure that if the company makes money, the money is going to go toward churches and church planting movements throughout India, throughout South Asia. The incredibly challenging thing is, in our context, for us to think about. We’re inspired by it.

We told them last year about this connection with Clint Runge, and one of the things we hope people will consider is whether God would have them use some of the experience He has given them to maybe move into coaching relationships, mentoring relationships with some of our leaders in India. Talk about the relationship with Clint. Has that been good? That’s kind of a leading question, but you need to say yes to that by the way. *(laughter)* Tell us about that relationship.”

*Samit:*

“Thank you for bringing him. You know, it’s amazing that we’ve met Clint and we know his profile. It’s amazing. He is very far on the journey, and getting feedback and getting his experience, you know. It was amazing. He speaks with every one of our staff. They were really blessed; they were really encouraged. And he really challenged me, ‘*You know, Samit, you need to grow from survival to success mode.*’ He really helped me. Sometimes he also speaks with me; he counsels me. It’s really amazing. We’re walking together right now. Thank you so much.”

*Ryan:*

“One thing we’re going to keep emphasizing this morning is just we’re trusting that God’s Spirit is going to be speaking to you. And one way that I hope He’s doing that is He’s kind of challenging you with this idea that, listen, we’re all called to ministry. Of course, the way we work that out in our context is going to look different. It’s not going to look just like it’s going to look for Samit. This is the way that he feels God has led him to lead his business and to bring this heart for ministry to bear in this context. But for each one of us it’s going to look a little different, but the bottom line truth is that the ministry is for the saints. The ministry is for us, and each one of us in our own context, surrounded by people that are longing to know the hope of the gospel, and they are living without it right now. So we hope that God challenges you in that way.

“The other thing that we hope you’ll think about, pray about, is whether you would want to enter in to some type of relationship like Clint has with Samit. Just imagine a developing nation, one of the issues they have is they don’t have this massive wealth or bank of resources of people who have done it over the course of decades and decades and decades. This is a new thing, and so bringing expertise, bringing skills and knowledge that are learned on the job, that’s a challenge. So one thing that we just wholeheartedly believe is that God has given people in our church body, who have been in the world of business and all these different markets for so long, that they have expertise and knowledge that maybe, maybe could just help with what we’re trying to do in India. So we’d ask you to pray about that.

“Now one thing we know is that only a very few number of us are going to be called to step into a role of pastor or missionary or church planter or something like that. And that’s why we’re so thankful to hear Samit’s story because God’s called him specifically to the role of business person. And that’s really 99% of us, isn’t it? That’s where God’s put us, and we’re called to be faithful in that context. But we also believe this morning we’d be remiss not to talk about it. We believe that God is calling people in our body to step into a role of pastor or missionary or church planter. We believe that He’s doing that. We believe that it’s an important role—not more important—but we believe that we gotta talk about that piece, because we really want to be a church that is raising up people that God has called to that type of work.

“And so this morning, we’re so excited to not only hear Samit’s story, but to hear Sunit’s story. So Sunit and Kurt, why don’t you come up right now? Sunit is one of our leaders in rural India. He leads our rural movement. And Sunit’s story is one of someone who has been called to be a pastor, to be a missionary. He’s been asked to do that in the face of trials and struggles, and so we’re so excited to hear about his story of perseverance and faithfulness in the midst of all that. Thank you. Would you welcome Sunit? Would you thank Samit?” (*applause*)

*Kurt:*

“As Ryan mentioned, my name is Kurt Freeman. I’m one of the pastors on the Global Outreach team and I think you’ll soon find out you’ll be very blessed having Sunit share with us this morning.

“One of my first times meeting Sunit, I remember it was in the Mumbai airport, and we were having a meal together. I was just trying to have some small talk with Sunit, and I asked him what his story was. And I would say that conversation probably fits into my top three most intense conversations I’ve ever had. I’ve come to learn too, Sunit is a very funny guy. But I think you’ll probably experience the intense part of him this morning. So, hopefully, what we’re able to do this morning is capture part of that story and you’d be able to be challenged by Sunit’s story and his mission lifestyle. So, Sunit, maybe you can just start this time off, and introduce yourself to everybody, and your family, and maybe go ahead and share how it is that you came to know Christ.”

*Sunit:*

“Thanks, Kurt. Good. I am Sunit, and I have a beloved wife, her name is Sunita. Sunit, Sunita, easy to remember, and very soon my daughter will be six years. We have only one daughter. I grew up in a strong Catholic family, even though my dad was from a Hindu belief, but a lot of influence was from my mother’s side. In my very early age as a child and a growing teenager, I was serving in the church as an altar boy. For four years I was altar boy, and my mom was very happy seeing me in a priestly dress. She would visualize that one day her son will be a priest. But very soon, when I was in grade eight, I was kicked out of my school because I was a “black lister”. Eventually I ended up being in a gang. Life became worse and worse. My life was full of immorality, full of crimes; one after another my friends were being encountered by the police. We had close encounters. It was a very terrible and tough time. I had no meaning, no hope, no purpose in my life. That was no joy. People would reject me.

“I know on many occasions, even my parents would say it would have been good if you would have been dead on the day that you got birthed. I had rejection one after the other—no love, and I was constantly struggling with the thought of suicide. But I wanted to live. In those desperate hours of my life, one of my friends, he invited me to a camp organized by Cru—Campus Crusade for Christ. At first I resisted, but eventually, after one month I went there and for the very first time, in that small Christian group, I experienced true acceptance and love. This brought me back again and after a month I came back. And as I was learning the Word of God, I realized what a wretched sinner I am. For all the things I have done in my life, and if at all I have any hope, any meaning and purpose and reason to live, that is only in Christ. Twenty-eighth of October, 1995, I gave my life to Christ and what a difference it was! In a moment I was from darkness and I came into a wonderful light.”

*Kurt:*

As Sunit shared his story with me—that he went from darkness into light—he also shared that was the time that you, for the first time, experienced joy and peace in your life like you had never had. And as he’s continued to share his story with me, I saw that it was marked from that point—once he gave his life to Christ—that he had this joy; he had this hope; he had this peace. But the journey that would then follow after becoming a Christian would be marked with a lot of challenges, with a lot of sufferings, and I’ve asked Sunit if he would just take some time and share that part of his life with everyone here.”

*Sunit:*

“Very soon in my Christian journey, as a young believer, the Lord taught me that life as a Christian, as a believer, is not easy. Your life is not going to be a bed of roses, but a Christian life is a battlefield. One after another I started facing so many ups and downs. The very first year after coming back from a short mission trip, I was admitted to the hospital; I had typhoid—very close to death. Recovering, as we were progressing, things were going well. In ’97 we found out our dad had a heart problem and he passed away in my arms at the hospital. Suddenly our whole world collapsed. We were financially broken. We were almost like in the streets.

And often I would wrestle with the thought: what should I do? Things, instead of getting better, it was becoming worse and worse. Financially it was so tough that there was a point of time in our life when my older brother and myself, we had to share a pair of shoes. Not for a month, not for six months, for a whole three years. When he was going out, I would have to stay back home. I would stay sometimes in my uncle's house, sometimes in other people's houses, and I would do my college. And every evening, because of lack of money, I had to walk down six miles in the night from my college. Life was tough, even as I was progressing. Two successive years I got jaundice. My whole family, growing with six other siblings, it was very tough for my mom, because no one was there to work. Every day my mom walked five miles up and down, ten miles. She was making much room and every month she would get just twenty dollars. And in the midst of all this, I was growing as a Christian, struggling with my faith. But all the time, the Lord was saying to me, *'Keep on going, pressing forward.'* In 2001 I got married to Sunita, and when we were expecting our first child, after a couple of months we came to know that it was going to be a special one. As my son Sahil started growing, I would see so many kids they would ask their dad for candies or various demands. But Sahil, never in his life, he asked me anything. And if my heart was crying that only if he would ask something, I would have been blessed. Sahil never walked in his life. He never talked. He had neurological problems. He was a child similar to my dear friend Steve DeBoer's son Matthew. When we met with Steve, we were so blessed that there is a friend all over the world who understands me. Two years back, early morning, when everything was fine, we found out that something is wrong with my son. I lift him up in my arms, started praying, and he had his last breath. Again, there was another big loss after my dad. I wanted to give up everything and go solitude. Two months later we found that my older sister, who was like our mother to us, she gave her life for us. She had kidney failure. I was donating kidney for her. We had to get our legal papers done. While returning on train, midnight, she had her last breath, all of a sudden. That very moment I had my wife with me, four months of pregnancy, my three-year-old daughter, my dead sister and a couple of luggages. There are fifty other people in the train compartment coach, and had they known that there is someone dead, they would have put us down—no matter where you are. In those desperate hours, the Lord had almost like He had to shut our mouth and He had not allowed any tears. Four hours, my wife and I, we had no tears, no word. I just covered my sister in that dark compartment of the train as if she is sleeping. All of this happening two years back. Trying to deal with all those things, December 25<sup>th</sup> of the same year, preparing to get ready to go to church, we found out that something is wrong with my pregnant wife. With us going to the hospital, we found that we have lost our four-month old child and my wife can not have more children. Life was very difficult, but in all those desperate hours, the Lord was reminding, 'I am with you. I am with you. Keep on moving forward.'"

*Kurt:*

"Thank you for sharing that with us, Sunit. One thing that I've noticed is that as soon as his Christian life began, things continued to be difficult. But what I've seen with Sunit and his family they continued to endure, they've continued to persevere, and where we might look from an outside perspective and say this is an opportunity for someone's faith to decline, maybe an opportunity for someone to walk away from his faith, and say, *'Why does God continue to allow these things to happen to me?'* I've seen Sunit and his family, their faith continued to grow, and Sunit is continually passionate about the mission, where every day he wakes up with the desire to be a missionary, to go out and share the gospel with people. So, Sunit, I just want to ask, 'Why is it that you continue to wake up every morning and continue to do what you do?'"

*Sunit:*

When I came to this new faith, it was a whole lot of different world. I was lost; now I have a new hope here. And very early the Lord was reminding me and teaching me, *'What are you going to do with the rest of your life? Are you going to live for money, for name or fame? Or*

*are you going to live for something that is beyond all other things of this world, that is going to last for eternity?’* And I started seeing myself in debt—a debtor to Christ, the gospel that brought new life to me. And this gives me encouragement and joy that had it not been my friend who brought the gospel to me, I would not have been even alive. How can I be so selfish, a self-centered person that I just care for just myself, and not living for the very purpose for which Christ came? And the Lord was teaching me that He came to seek and to save the lost. What am I going to do; is the agenda of my life going to be different than Christ’s? And this helped me to keep pressing forward. When in our country, day by day, we are seeing so many people dying—thousands and millions of people who have not yet heard the gospel for once—and the keys to eternal life are with me. I have that precious, precious gospel with me. Should I keep on holding it only with me? That gives me strength to keep pressing forward.” *(applause)*

*Kurt:*

“Two final questions I’d like to ask you, Sunit. The first one: let’s say there is someone here maybe that is going through a time of suffering or difficulty right now, or maybe there is someone that in the very near future who is going to face a time of suffering or difficulty. What words would you give to encourage them?”

*Sunit:*

“I would just like to say that I’m not a super hero, not a brave person. I am a common man like you are. I have weaknesses; I have struggles; I have fears. I just fear that day when I stand before the Lord. Will my Savior say, ‘*Well done, My faithful servant*’? I would just encourage that the Lord has blessed you all so much. America has everything in abundance. It’s not just finances, but life itself as well, enough to give meaning and purpose to many, many people, those who are lost. Many are still waiting for their first meal, and you can be a reason for them. You can bring joy and peace to their life. So the sufferings, the pains, the trials that we face are nothing compared to what we are bringing: hope and joy and new life to the lost ones. As the Bible says, ‘Our labor in the Lord will never go in vain.’”

*Kurt:*

“Final question: if there is someone here maybe that is wrestling with that call to missions and maybe they’ve been praying for a while, ‘Has God called me to be a missionary?’ what challenge would you provide for them?”

*Sunit:*

“I would just say, live your life for the purpose for which Christ came. All other things are secondary. All other things are less valuable, but Christ came to seek and to save the lost—and this is our first priority in life. As a believer, I was on my campus as a missionary. I consider myself as a missionary in this world; we all are missionaries, so let us live our life for that call, for that mission, wherever we are.”

*Kurt:*

“Well, thank you, Sunit. I know for me, Sunit has been a great challenge, a great inspiration to me. He makes me want to be a better pastor, a better missionary, someone who is more intentional, constantly sharing the gospel. And I know, I personally know many missionaries, but I would say Sunit is one who legitimately loves the Lord, and is passionate about making Christ known to the nations. So thank you, Sunit, for being with us.” *(applause)*

*Sunit:*

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lincoln Berean and everyone. Whatever we have been able to achieve so far in South Asia, it’s because of God’s grace and you all are the reason for it. So thank you.” *(applause)*

*Kurt:*

“I would just like to end this time and pray, pray over Sunit. I know you’re about to move as well to another area that is very unreached I believe. What percentage Christian is this new area that you’re moving to?”

*Sunit:*

“0.001 out of eight million people.”

*Kurt:*

“And so he’ll be moving in December, I believe. I just want to pray for him and this new journey as he moves. He’s shared, you know, there will be more difficulties to come in the future, so I just want to pray for him in this journey moving ahead.”

*God, we just rejoice at what You’re doing, God, in India. And we thank You for having Sunit with us this morning and challenging us and sharing with us his life. God, I do pray that Your grace would continue to be on him and his family, and that You would encourage them with what they need in times of discouragement. God, that you would continue to cause them to endure and persevere, God, in times when they may want to give up. God, and I do just pray also that You would grant his family health moving forward, that You would grant them a time of protection, God, when You sustain them and protect them from the enemy. God, we do pray for them as they make their way into this new territory, God, that You would bless their ministry efforts. This place that they’re going, 8 million people with less than 0.001% Christian, God, that we would be able to celebrate that You are doing a great work and that many people are coming to know you, Jesus.*

*God, I just pray for everyone here at Lincoln Berean too that has heard the story Sunit shared, and maybe they’re going through a time of suffering right now. God, I pray that they would be encouraged that You are with us every single moment, God, and You never leave us or forsake us. And that we would be reminded of that this morning, God, and also if there’s anyone here just hearing his story, being so passionate and intentional about sharing the gospel, God, that that would just resonate within us and that we would take a greater initiative to be missionaries wherever we are, God, in our workplace, God, or perhaps You’re even calling some to go, that we would be faithful to just be intentional people who share the gospel.*

*Pray all these things in Christ’s name, Amen.*

[Video – Part 2 from last week]

*“If you want to create a movement to further the gospel across the entire global south, which is the goal of the leadership here, the vision that they have, that ultimately means that it’s got to be a self-sustaining movement. So the goal isn’t to just use our resources. The goal is to help use our unique giftings. We have tremendous gifts at Lincoln Berean in this body right here. One of the cool things that we were privileged to do is meet with some local businessmen in India that absolutely have a heart and a passion to further the Kingdom. One of them was Samit. Without any doubt, his passion is not to just become wealthy individually; his goal is to see the Kingdom furthered. Man, that just stirs my heart up. It’s like: what can we do to come alongside this guy?”*

*“I had the chance to get really close with the student body president of one of the colleges. Her name was Vanachy. She was very influential in the school; everybody recognized her. That was*

*so cool because we were able to talk just as friends. She was asking me about my family and my faith, and I was able to ask her about her past, and like, kind of what her scars were. The coolest thing was to see her at that final program we had at the end of the week. She was like, 'It feels so good to be in this environment, to be around real, genuine people, experience real worship.'"*

*"After several visits to India, this was the first medical camp that was actually put on that I was able to be a part of. So it was very exciting. I go with the intention to serve, but ultimately, what really happens is, I'm served. I learn more; I'm given more; I receive more than I could ever give, and it's an amazing relationship that's built as a result of that."*

*"You know, we have this picture of what a missionary looks like, and it's almost always is someone that goes out, that goes over there to do something. But we can all impact people around us, and just tell this wonderful story of this Savior who loves us, wherever we are, wherever we're at."*

*"The discussion that we've had actually many times, has been: how do we take sharing the gospel while in the midst of practicing medicine, which happens while we're in India? How do we bring that back home? And we all admit it's very difficult, and it doesn't come natural. God's call is to your neighbor, to your friend, in your communities. It could be halfway around the world, but for each of us, that call is unique. The key is that we listen and then we submit."*

*"Through the gifts that God has gifted me with, connecting with people and having a real desire to get to know others, I am able to be on a mission field every day. That's what's so cool, is that you don't have to change who you are as a person, but these opportunities are there every day, but you just have to seek them out and be intentional."*

*"The point is to simply be sensitive to that soft voice, that God, and the Spirit would just whisper on you to say, 'I've gifted you in this way, you need to use your giftings.' And if it's in some area related to this, that's awesome. If it's in some other area, that's awesome. The key is just listen."*