

# CBS South Asia

God's Work Moving Forward in South Asia



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## Learning the Truth and Growing in Island Country

In Sri Lanka, more than 1,500 people study the Bible through CBS—and the ministry is growing. People are equipped with truth and God is transforming lives.

Ansalan leads a CBS group in his church. A young woman in his class has been known as a gossip for years—a deep-seeded habit.

Through her study of James in CBS, she was convicted and no longer gossips. Many have been amazed by her transformation.

Another CBS leader, Christopher, shared that cult groups are a dangerous problem in his town. He says, “Our people are protected because they know the truth.” They can counter lies and misinterpretation with the truth that is in the Bible.



Sri Lanka Regional Servants Team (bottom) gathered in Colombo, Sri Lanka (top)

Youth have also learned the truth. In Jaffna, in a family of four children, the eldest is 21 and he did not go to church or CBS. The three younger children went to CBS children's classes. When working on their home study questions, the younger three began to ask their oldest brother for help in answering questions. **Gradually, as he helped his younger siblings, the oldest brother's interest in God and His Word grew.** He began going to church and CBS to learn more. Now, he is a follower of Jesus and he's been baptized! Soon, he will begin leading CBS as well.

Leading this ministry are the Sri Lanka Tamil Regional Servants Team and the newly established board. The Servants Team recently gathered for encouragement, planning, and prayer. Praise God for the work He is doing in Sri Lanka through faithful people.

## “Drastic Changes” Happen Through Bible Study

Across India, CBS leaders see lives transformed through the study of God's Word—some even are able to study the Bible despite not being able to read. Unesh, a pastor in Neelavani, found a way to help illiterate men and women in his group study the Bible: they use an audio Bible and discuss questions as a group.



Pastor Unesh (left) and Pastor Karthik and his wife, Vinothini (right)

Other leaders see Bible study truly transforming their youth.

Karthik, a pastor of a church in the Chennai area, has had CBS groups in his church since 2014. He says, “As a church we would like to thank God for this wonderful ministry Community Bible Study International. This Bible study material has transformed believers personal lives according to John 8:32 [‘you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free’].”

**He has personally seen “drastic changes” among the youth—they have started prayer groups and classes, sharing the Word of God in unreached areas.** It is inspiring to see how well the youth are being equipped to move forward and reach their families and friends.

## He Loves Us at Any Cost

By: Someshwar, 20 years old



Someshwar

I came to Lord two years ago. I learn the Word of God through CBS Bible studies.

I am learning many new things very fast. I learned from the story of prodigal son that his father gives him freedom to make decisions, even though he knows that his son is going on a wrong path. Likewise our Heavenly Father gives us freedom of choice to choose right or wrong because he loves us so much. I feel change in my life to love and obey God more and more because he loves us at any cost.

I lost my father one year ago. Now I know I have a loving Father who dwells in heaven but lives with me always. He speaks to me through His Word.

## How Can You Help?

God's work is moving forward in South Asia: CBSI Sri Lanka is registered, Grace is the new national director for CBSI Singapore, Hudson is now the national director for CBSI India, and thousands are being changed by God.

### Do you want to join us?

**Pray** for God to open doors and soften hearts to the gospel.

**Share** what God is doing in South Asia with your friends.

**Donate** to the South Asia Region to help fund leader training and new translations.

### Thank you for your partnership.

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