Hello,

Today you and I live in perilous times.

As a nation, we are fighting terror abroad and at home. Our families are struggling to stay together while the institution of marriage is being challenged. The government is paralyzed by partisan gridlock, powerless to revive our anemic economy.

But as Christians, you and I aren't powerless, and we don't have to be spiritually anemic. However, there is one special thing needed first before we can help change the world. What's the secret?

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An Amazing Fact: The Navy’s latest submarine, the USS California, is powered by a nuclear fission engine that is capable of running for more than 25 years without refueling. It uses a controlled nuclear chain reaction to create a self-sustaining power cycle. The modern vessel can also produce its own drinking water from the sea and purify its own air supply. In fact, if the crew didn’t need to replenish their food supplies, the California could stay under water for years at a time!

Evangelism Chain Reaction

Just as nuclear fission produces an ongoing source of power for a submarine, God designed His church to be, through the power of the Holy Spirit, a self-sustaining, constantly moving, and growing dynamo of soul winning!

And in that spirit, our global Center of Evangelism program—currently operating in England, Ukraine, and the USA—has been asked to launch a new AFCOE in the rapidly growing country of India!

If you are not familiar with AFCOE, it’s an incredibly effective training program that equips God’s people to reach the lost. We teach people to reach others just as Jesus did, using His method and His message to help complete His mission.

AFCOE Works!

We know the AFCOE model works because I have seen it in action for years and through students like Jesin, who came to AFCOE from India. The tools and training he received empowered him on his return to India to build a healthy and growing congregation.

That hunger sparked in Jesin’s heart at AFCOE remained after he returned home. He continued his education, and I am delighted to tell you today that Jesin will be the director of the brand-new AFCOE program that we are preparing to launch in India this coming June.

But the only way that Jesin was able to come to the United States for AFCOE was because someone helped pay his way. That’s what I hope you’ll be willing to do for another worthy student today.

India’s Great Poverty & Potential

I know that the churches all over the world desperately needs more faithful people like Jesin … and together you and I can help to provide them.

Although the church in India has recently experienced tremendous growth, believers are bombarded by a kaleidoscope of pagan influences. There is an urgent shortage for pastors and evangelists to teach them even the basics.

Because of the economic realities in India, there is simply no way that most of these dear people could afford a traditional seminary education, which can take four or five years to complete even if the teachers and facilities were available. A “Bible boot camp” like AFCOE—with its short but intense training—is a perfect solution.

We know that in these last days, the work of God will not be completed by pastors alone but by equipping all believers to do the work of the ministry. (See Acts 2:16–18.) That is our vision for what AFCOE in India will accomplish! And we can be ready to launch by June 2011, if you’ll help us make this vision a reality.

Ready to Launch

God has miraculously provided everything—a place for the training sessions and gifted teachers who are prepared to share their knowledge and passion with the students. We have some outstanding ministry-minded candidates who come highly recommended by local pastors and church leaders.

These AFCOE students, the passion and hope of the Indian church, are hungry to be trained. But they simply cannot pay any of the normal expenses associated with this training. We must also help provide their transportation, lodging, and food—in addition to their evangelism education—for them to be able to take advantage of this great opportunity.

But the only way they will be able to attend is if they receive a “full ride scholarship” to AFCOE. Right now we have 2,500 talented, gifted, motivated, and inspired leaders who will need a scholarship. But we are starting this year with just 75—the cream of the crop.

True Treasure in Heaven

Remember what Jesus did with just 12? Imagine the impact these students will have as they spread out across churches in India and do the same for others! It’s a gift that will pay off for years to come.

In the first year, we expect a cost of $1,000 per student. Keep in mind, this covers everything for six months of live-in fulltime Bible evangelism training.

I’m asking you to please help us create an incredibly powerful chain reaction and a ministry of multiplication for the gospel in India by helping to provide a scholarship to these students.

For one student to attend, it will cost $167 per month for six months. And it will be worth every dollar!

We have seen the abundant fruit from the AFCOE program in England and Ukraine. Now we just need to put it in place in India that so desperately needs leaders to be given the training to multiply the message—holding evangelistic meetings, pastoring churches, leading Bible studies, training children, serving as medical missionaries, and touching those no one else will reach.

But we can’t do it without you.

Perhaps God will lay it on your heart to sponsor the entire AFCOE training for one overseas student? But no amount is “too little,” and whatever amount you give will be greatly multiplied in the AFCOE evangelism chain reaction!
The course begins in just a few months, so please respond today with the gift that God lays on your heart, knowing that together we can begin something that will reach far into the future and impact multiplied thousands of lives with the gospel.

Yours for the sake of India … and the world,

Pastor Doug Batchelor

- A nuclear chain reaction is one of the most powerful forces ever harnessed by man. But it doesn’t begin to compare to the power of the gospel chain reaction that will start with AFCOE in India. Your financial support for AFCOE is going to be multiplied again and again—so please give today!