



Trinidad Bible Institute

Kelly Community Bible Church

Solid Rock Theological Seminary

## Reaching out to Trinidad & Tobago and the Caribbean

**The History:** Birbal Boodram grew up in Kelly Village, Trinidad as a Hindu. He came to know Christ through a Trini missionary at age 16. Later, the Lord called him to Christian ministry and although he had been asked to play professional Cricket, a very high accomplishment in Trinidad, he left there for the U.S. to attend Florida Bible College. After earning his Doctorate in Theology, although he was given the opportunity to remain in the U.S. and lead a ministry, his heart led him back to his homeland where so many like him who had left to be educated in the U.S. would never return. God called him to return to his home town, Kelly Village, Caroni in 1973 and begin ministry to reverse this trend. After three years they had enough new Christians to begin Kelly Community Bible Church (KCBC). Dr. Boodram's parents gave he and his wife Shano Annette some family land and from the shack that was their first home grew the church and Bible Institute Compound that exists today solely by the blessed hand of Christ Jesus.

**Demographics of Trinidad and Guyana:** Trinidad is largely Hindu, with a minority of Muslims and Christians. Neighboring Guyana, which is south-east of Trinidad in northern South America and just east of Venezuela, is demographically similar. Hindus were settled there and in Trinidad from India centuries ago to man sugar cane plantations.

**Kelly Community Bible Church:** Over the 33 years since inception, KCBC, led by Dr. Birbal Boodram, B.A.; M.Min.; D.Min.; ThD., who everyone knows as "Rev.," has flourished by a ministry of

love and hospitality to others regardless of their religion or race. Local Trini people know this church is there for them whether they are members or not. And God uses this love and hospitality to teach unbelievers what He is like through these humble servants in this precious church.

**Trinidad Bible Institute:** Dr. Boodram had a vision and passion for KCBC to spread ministry throughout Trinidad and neighboring South American and Caribbean countries by planting Bible College extensions that educate lay-people and pastors in the true Word of God and correct Biblical teaching based on the Gospel. And in 1989, he formed Trinidad Bible Institute (TBI).

Today, Trinidad Bible Institute plays a key role in building the Kingdom of Jesus Christ through its extension classes in St. Lucia, Guyana and Trinidad. TBI students are first taught by Dr. Boodram and his faculty for two years, and they achieve an Associate Degree in Theology. Then the graduates, under the leadership of TBI, teach new classes of their own people in their own homeland.

**Solid Rock Theological Seminary:** Those who the Lord calls to then pursue full time ministry are able to continue pursuit of their studies with Solid Rock Theological Seminary (SRTS), the parent institution of TBI. Dr. Boodram is Director and Caribbean Coordinator for the Trinidad Extension of SRTS. Studies with SRTS ultimately provide an Internationally Accredited Doctorate of Theology Degree. The main SRTS faculty and campus is based in India with administrative offices in Memphis, TN.

**Little or No Tuition Cost:** All of this theological education is provided at almost no tuition charge, since students are not financially capable of such cost. Hundreds of students have gone through these schools and graduated and are serving the Lord today as Pastors or Lay Leaders in their own churches. They never had to leave their homeland.

God has greatly blessed Dr. Boodram with stalwart, Godly leaders from within KCBC over the past 33 years, and his congregation illuminates God's love through their outreach to the community with over twenty different ministries. Supporting Dr. Boodram is Senior Pastor, Rev. Gangaram (Sam) Samaroo, BTh., a former Hindu and policeman in Trinidad. He is full time Assistant Pastor at KCBC and TBI faculty. Rev. Ramesar (Lolly) Kallap, B.D., also serves as KCBC Assistant Pastor and TBI faculty.

Physical facilities currently consist of the church building, which is contiguous with Dr. Boodram's home. Along-



side this structure sits the Fellowship Building, housing four classrooms, a library and large kitchen for meals and fellowship. Behind this building is a recently completed basketball court which is lighted and fenced in. In addition to basketball and cricket, many cru-

sade evangelistic outreach services and youth functions are held on the court under large tents. Every stick and brick have been provided through the grace of God primarily from supporters in the U.S.



New Believer Baptism

A recent expansion was completed behind this existing Fellowship building, to add alternative dormitory and classroom space and bathrooms with showers on the second floor which could be configured for either couples or groups of men or women. This addition is joined to the back of the current building. The church owns the property behind the basketball court. There are multiple uses for this facility. Seminary students come in from time to time for SRTS module classes. Local TBI classes are held once a week. Dr. Boodram and his church host pastors from Trinidad, Guyana and St. Lucia who need a time of rest and marriage revitalization. Dr. Boodram has a degree in psychology and he and his wife are very active in marriage counseling as well with cou-

ple, pastors and their wives from other countries and providing marriage seminars. Short term mission teams come in many times each year from the U.S., Guyana and St. Lucia and we

now have sufficient space to house these folks at the church compound. In terms of prayer and financial needs, there is no means of church or seminary transportation other than Dr. Boodram's or Pastor Sam's automobiles. Buses must be rented at significant expense for this purpose. Many more people would attend church on a regular basis but for lack of transportation. They have determined that the acquisition of a van that would carry 15 or so people would be of significant value in carrying out their ministries and transporting people to and from the Port of Spain airport, which is nearby, who are coming in and out for reasons stated above. The cost of a used but high quality van of this sort would be \$23,000 U.S.



New Dorm/Class Addition



Basketball & Cricket Court



TBI Graduation

We are in need of additional volunteers with minimum masters degree to go to Trinidad perhaps once a year to teach SRTS modules for a week. As U.S. Representatives for KCBC, TBI and their affiliated ministries, we would encourage you to seek God's will in contributing toward the growth of this tremendous ministry. Because of Dr. Boodram's vision and what God has done in Kelly Village over the past 36 years, countless pastors and laypeople will be educated without ever leaving their homeland by people of their own country teaching true Bible

Based Gospel and will be able to effectively minister to the people of their land. Within Trinidad, their outreach to women, men, youth, the elderly and families will continue to blossom in new believers and life change. Please contact us for more information or to arrange for a Vision trip to Trinidad so you can meet Dr. Boodram and his team and personally observe this ministry operation for yourself.

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