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Dear Pastor,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our Lord Jesus so accurately said in Matthew 9:37 'The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few'.

Recently I was at a conference and I noted there were forty pastors present. I calculated that at least ten of those pastors were either almost 60 years of age or in their 60's. I was sobered by the fact that within 10 years (assuming these men continue to pastor to 70 years of age) 1 in 4 churches represented will need a new pastor. Even as I write this letter, I am mindful of churches around our country that are presently in need of a pastor. The need is great and if we do not take seriously the charge to train men for the ministry, we will have countless churches without a shepherd in a few years.

Sydney Bible Baptist College exists to train men and women for the full time ministry. Please find enclosed a college prospectus and bookmarks. I trust that you might pass on these materials to people within your church family & encourage them to consider God's calling upon their lives and also to pray for the college ministry.

If you would like to have a college representative come to your church to preach and present the college ministry, please let us know. The hour is late and the day is dark; it is high time that God's people 'awake out of their sleep' and be adequately trained for the Lord's service.

At the conclusion of 2017 we were blessed to graduate one full-time student, Brother Steven Khoshaba, from Faith Baptist Church Seven Hills. Steve plans to continue to serve the Lord within his local church and to use his training to equip others.

The college ministry will resume this year on the 5th of February, 2018, with our Registration Night from 6:00 P.M. A service is planned for 7:30 P.M. and we are honoured to have Pastor James Herrington preach the charge to the students,



faculty and guests. **All are welcome to attend this service and the time of fellowship to follow.**

Pastor, if you have people within your church interested in studying at Sydney Bible Baptist College, would you please pass these details on to them? Our church website has the college



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prospectus, a class schedule for semester one and all the information and forms needed for college enrollment. Please direct any questions concerning new enrollments or specific college courses to our Academic Dean, Pastor Sam Joukhadar (0433 499 333), or email us at sbbcollege@optusnet.com.au

The Tuesday Night Course this semester will be Biblical Counseling. This course will run from 7.30-9:00 P.M., and will begin on the 6th of February, 2018. This is a full semester course with credit hours. You can register for this course on the Registration Night.

As we prepare for the commencement of 2018, we covet your prayers for the following:

- ✓ For our 2017 Graduate, Steve Khoshaba, to continue to serve the Lord
- ✓ For people to see the importance of being trained for the ministry. **A call to the ministry is a call to prepare.** There are no short cuts in being well equipped to serve the Lord effectively and for the long haul
- ✓ For the College lecturers, as they prepare their subject materials and prepare to impart their lives to the student body
- ✓ For the 2018 student body, for those whom the Lord is leading to submit to His calling
- ✓ For more Pastors to see the value in a Bible college ministry.

In closing, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the college ministry. We are so grateful for our God's goodness to us over the last forty-three years, and we now stand expectant of His continued blessings in the days ahead.

We do pray that His power and blessing will be upon your ministry in 2018.

Yours sincerely,

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