

REACH OUT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

(Accredited by Asia Theological Association-ATA)



Prospectus

Reaching the Unreached at any Cost

REACH OUT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

(A Ministry of Gospel for India)

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**FROM THE HEART OF
THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Student,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

It is my privilege to present Reach Out Theological Seminary for your future ministry. The mission and vision of RTS is clear. It stands for equipping, training and sending native missionaries to the most unreached people groups of India for evangelism and church planting.

We at RTS are committed to cultivate and motivate an academic culture with an emphasis on holy character formation for transformational leadership in gospel ministry and management. We are not just making graduates to survive but equipping the people to succeed in life and make a difference in our nation.

I welcome you all to RTS to sharpen your minds with the Holy Scripture, to shape your destiny in the mission and ministry, to show yourself approved unto God and to mobilize your heart with God for powerful evangelism and church planting. If you have the mind of a scholar, vision of a missionary and the heart of an evangelist, RTS is for you. It is your time and opportunity. Don't miss it. Consider RTS to be your training center for an effective and powerful evangelistic ministry.

May the living God bless each one of you who wish to be here at RTS.

Rev. Dr. Abraham Varghese
President
Reach Out Theological Seminary



FROM THE DESK OF
THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations for choosing Reach Out Theological Seminary for your spiritual and academic guidance. It is my pleasure and joy to welcome and introduce you to RTS.

Since 1989, RTS has been training, equipping and sending young people to fulfill the “Great Commission” (Matt.28: 18 - 20) of our Lord. This is an institution where you can invest your time and energy to be trained and equipped as a “workman who needs not to be ashamed”. We have seen men and women who came to RTS have excelled in their spiritual development, Ministerial zeal, inter relations, academic eloquence, and character development. They will learn to do a life time of good work, reaching their generation with the compassion and winning souls for the kingdom of God.

The entire curriculum and all other programs offered at RTS are built around one central purpose: to train men and women who have a call of God for ministry. We provide the students with a wide range of academic, spiritual and ministerial training. Our well qualified faculty having years of ministerial and teaching experience challenge every student into spiritual discipline and academic excellence. Daily chapel service, morning and evening devotional time, and accountability in all areas of behavior help the student to reflect Christ in their life.

I strongly believe your exposure to the distinctive facilities and resources at RTS will help you to become a man or women of God well qualified and equipped to be a spirit filled well disciplined minister preaching, teaching and winning souls for the kingdom of God. After studying the prospectus carefully, if you feel that the Lord is guiding you to RTS we invite you to apply for your admission immediately. May The Lord bless you richly with His grace and love.

Rev. Binumon P.K
Principal
Reach Out Theological Seminary



**FROM THE DESK OF
THE ACADEMIC DEAN**

Apostle Paul exhorted his dear disciple Timothy “Study to shew they self approved unto God, a workman that needeth to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”. (II Tim. 2:15)

Possessing an instrument and knowing how to use it rightly will be very much advantages. The word of God is the sword of the spirit. It is the most effective weapon to wars against the forces of evil and conquers the territory of our arch enemy, the devil. To liberate the souls under the slavery we must fight the good fight of faith. Our faith is founded upon the God who has revealed Himself in His written word. Therefore a correct understanding of the Scripture is fundamental to our Christian life. Lack of proper knowledge in the word of God will cause us to waver and become subject to false teachings.

It is in this context we seriously think of understanding a thorough study of the Bible. RTS committed to providing excellent teaching of the word of God. We want to impart to the students as much information as possible with a view to establishing him in the faith and inspiring him to share his faith with others.

Rev. E.M Thomas
Dean of Academics
Reach Out Theological Seminary

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 A Brief History of Reach Out Theological Seminary.

In response to a vision to reach the unreached with the gospel and to equip the church for the Service of the Master and also to edify the Saints, Dr. Abraham Varghese started an organization in 1979 named Gospel for India. To train missionaries to share the love of Christ to unreached people groups, he founded this theological institution in 1989 with twelve young men. Even though this institution was started in Delhi, for further expansion and development it was shifted to Kerala in the year 1994. Initially the college was known as Reach Out Bible College, but in 2010 the name has been changed to Reach Out Theological Seminary.

In its early stages this institution offered only certificate programs in Malayalam. The Diploma in Theology program was introduced in 1996, and the Bachelor in Theology and Graduate in Theology courses were started in 2003, The College introduced Master of Divinity program in 2008.

We are an inter-denominational; Biblio-Christo Centric Theological Seminary. We are committed to train native missionaries and undertake to send them to their own people groups so as to evangelize and plant churches. More than 560 alumni of RTS serve God in various ministries throughout India and its neighboring countries.

1.2 Vision and Mission Statements

Reach Out Theological Seminary is a Seminary which has its vision set on the unknown people groups of India. It has a burden for the people who are out of touch out of reach in the interior parts of this sub-continent. Our commitment is to reach the most Unreached and Unevangelized people.

Our mission and vision is to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matt: 28:18-20) By training, equipping and sending out native missionaries for evangelism and church planting throughout India.

1.3 Statement of Faith

- 1 We believe in the Holy Bible as the only infallible inspired word of God
2. We believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the father, God the Son God the Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the eternal salvation through the atonement sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in the spiritual rebirth through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, Baptism through immersion, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the believer for his sanctification.
5. We believe in the death, the resurrection and the second coming of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the unsaved.
7. We believe in heaven, eternal blessedness of the saved, and hell conscious suffering of the lost.

1.4 Aims and objectives

1. Reaching the Unreached at any cost.
2. To train students to the maximum number to save the maximum number of souls.
3. Offer a systematic and disciplined analytical study of Scriptures.
4. To give enough opportunities for higher studies for brilliant students.
5. To function as a theological college of highly academic excellence.
6. To develop the leadership qualities among the students for an effective Christian Ministry.
7. To send out dedicated ministers to the unreached villages in India.
8. To provide apt training in the field of Cross-Cultural Evangelism and Mission.
9. Teach all nations and fulfill the Great Commission.
10. Evangelize, discipline, edify, equip, and plant churches through professionally trained leaders.

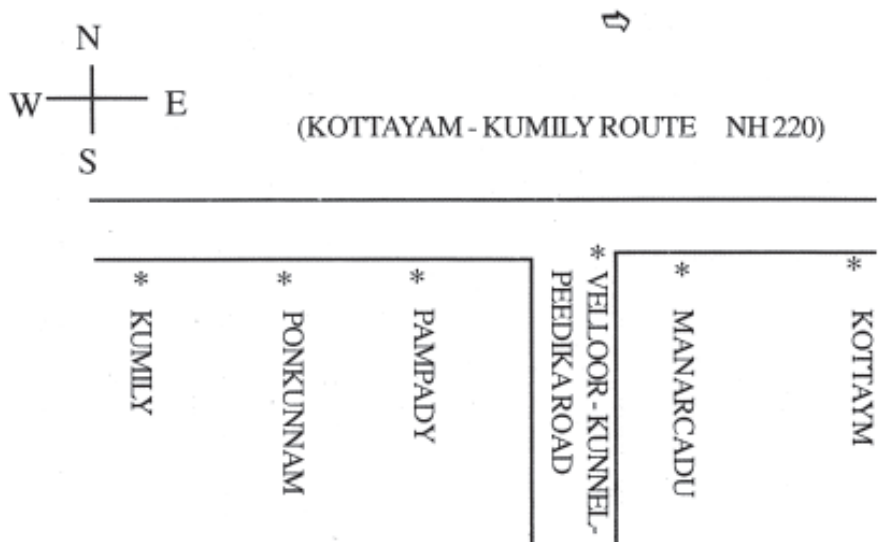
1.5 Location

Velloor is a small village, located in Kottayam Kumaly road (NH220), in the central district of Kottayam in Kerala state, which is 163 km north of its Capital Trivandrum. Velloor is 10 km away from Kottayam Town. RTS Campus is on the side of a by road that begins from Velloor junction which goes to Kunnelpedika. (Nearest Railway station is in Kottayam. International Air ports are in Cochin and Trivandrum)

1.6 How to Reach

Upon reaching Kottayam Bus station (Private which is near by railway station or KSRTC) take any bus goes to Ponkunnam, Kanjirapally, Kumaly via Pampady. Get down at Velloor (7th mile). From Velloor junction the college is 1 km away on the right side of Velloor Kunnelpedika road. Either you can take an Auto or walk to the Campus.

1.7 Location (Route Map)



2. DISTINCT FACILITIES

Our “Two and a Half acre” campus is situated in Velloor, Kottayam District of Kerala state.

Our present Facilities are:-

- 2.1 Main Seminary Building consists of Class rooms, Men’s Dormitory, Principal’s Office, Academic office and Reception.
- 2.2 Gospel for India auditorium and worship center which has a seating capacity of 1000 people with ample space for parking.
- 2.3 Four stored NHCH building which includes President’s Office, Administrative

office, New Hope Children's Home, Ladies hostel, Library with 14000 volumes of Books. Guest rooms, Media room, Staff Room, Tailoring School and a Conference hall.

2.4 Kitchen and Dinning Hall

2.5 President's residence

2.6 Campus site and Building Location

3. CAMPUS LIFE

3.1 Spiritual Guidance and Formation

Reach Out Theological Seminary is committed to the building up of Christian life and character. The Seminary activities, including daily chapel services and dormitory prayers are designed to provide opportunities for spiritual growth. Days of prayer, thanksgiving, missions and spiritual emphasis are an integral part of the Seminary calendar. The RTS community is also blessed by the ministry of anointed men and women of God from around the world. All members of the faculty and staff are committed to the spiritual formation of students and are available for pastoral care and guidance. The community life is designed to foster a vibrant spirituality and the development of Christian character and gifts.

3.2 Christian Ministry

The Seminary facilitates ministerial hospitals opportunities during the weekends for students to gain practical experience and develop skills in ministry. These opportunities include pioneering churches, involvement in local churches, hospital, prisons, and other specialized ministries. The Seminary works closely with Calvary Tabernacle Church evangelism department in providing avenues for ministry to our students.

3.3 Physical and Social life

In harmony with our emphasis on the whole person, the Seminary has provided a multi-purpose sports field, a sports room and other basic facilities for regular games and sports activities. There are tournaments and an annual sports day which draw en-

thusiastic participation of the entire community. Our unique community provides many opportunities within its multi-cultural setting for students to develop social skills and interpersonal relationships.

3.4 Student Organization

The Student Body Council is organised to provide opportunities for the development of student leadership. Besides the elected class representatives, the Student Body Council consists of the Student Body President, Secretary and Treasurer, who are appointed to lead the council. This Council functions under the supervision of the Seminary administration, and promotes community life and development of talents and leadership skills of the students.

3.5 Alumni Association

Reach Out Theological Seminary has an Alumni Association, the goal of this association is to maintain and strengthen the bond that has been created between the student and the Seminary during their years of study at RTS. A student becomes a member of the Association at the time of his graduation. we seek to inform alumni regularly about the Seminary. We offer Seminar and refreshing courses for the personal enrichment. Members of the Faculty visit their area of ministry. The Association also maintains an Alumni Fund through the contributions of the alumni for the benefit of needy alumni and present students. We welcome alumni, friends and well wishers to partner with us in our mission.

3.6 Administration

Reach Out Theological Seminary functions under the auspices of the Christian Organization called Gospel for India. The Seminary is administered by the principal and general administrator under the guidance of the president and general council of GFI. The daily schedule of the Seminary is basically runs on the functioning of academic council

3.7 Councils

3.7.1 Academic Committee

: President

: Principal

: Dean of Academics

3.7.2 Admission Committee

- : Academic Dean
- : Registrar
- : Two Faculties

3.7.3 Student Committee

- : Principal
- : Academic Dean
- : Leader, Secretary and Treasurer elected from the students
- : Representatives from each class

3.7.4 Publication Committee

- : Principal and Administrator
- : Faculty Representatives
- : Student Representatives

3.7.5 Disciplinary Committee

- : Principal
- : Administrator
- : Academic Dean
- : Registrar
- : Chief Warden
- : Faculty Representatives

3.8 Student Hand Book

RTS Implements student’s disciplinary manual/standing orders for a disciplined discipleship. The Manual, consisting of varied rules and instructions, will be given and briefed during the orientation week. Each student is required to sign a separate, solemn declaration stating their commitment to abide by the rules and regulations set by the Seminary.

4. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

4.1 Accreditation

- Accredited by Asia Theological Association (ATA)

4.2 The Courses Offered

Course	Duration	Medium	Qualification for Admission
Diploma in Theology (Dip.Th)	Two Years	English	SSLC passed
Bachelor of Theology (B.Th)	Three Years	English	12 th passed or equivalent
Master of Divinity (M. Div)	2/3 Years	English	For any Bachelor degree Holder, or Accredited B.Th

4.3 Admission Requirements:

RTS accepts students of all race, color, or ethnic origin, sex, age or status. In keeping with the above philosophy, we give due regard to the following:

4.3.1 General Requirements

1. The applicant must be a born again and baptized Christian and a member in good standing with his church with a call to discipleship.
2. The applicant must have a definite Christian experience and call to Gods service.
3. The candidate must be proficient in the language he chooses.
4. The applicant must have attained the age of 18years.
5. Academic Attainment as shown by the school or University examination for different programs as per the specific requirement.

4.3.2 Academic Requirements

Students who are in the final year of study or awaiting the result can also apply, provided he/she should produce proof of successful completion before the First semester ends. Such candidates may be given provisional admission and will have to produce

the mark sheets for all the previous years of study.

4.3.3 Admission Requirements

Diploma in Theology (Dip.Th) - Two year program

Entrance Qualification

Successful completion of 10 years of schooling plus some experience as an apprentice in a trade, profession and /or ministry

Mature candidate who do not have, meet the required entrance qualification, but at least 25 years of age can be admitted into the program on the basis of qualifying exam set at the 10th standard levels (at least 3 subjects). Not more than 10% of the class should comprise of this category of students.

Bachelor of Theology (B.Th) - Three year program

Entrance Qualification

1. Successful completion of 12 years of schooling or its equivalent.
2. Special cases, older matured candidates (aged 30 and above) who have not completed not their schooling may be admitted upon successful completion of the Diploma program and/ fulfilling a qualifying assessment. Not more than 10% of the class should comprise of this category of students.

Master of Divinity (M.Div) – Two/Three program

Entrance Qualification

1. Successful completion of Bachelor level Degree.
2. Special cases, older matured candidates (aged 30 and above) who have not completed not their schooling may be admitted upon successful completion of the Diploma program and/ fulfilling a qualifying assessment. Not more than 10% of the class should comprise of this category of students.

Degrees/ Diplomas that are unaccredited or accredited by Non- established agencies whose credentials cannot be verified.

1. These degrees (up to M.Div) must be thoroughly examined quantitatively using the Performa to establish gaps, if any.

2. If the unaccredited degrees do not meet the ATA requirements of length and course offering, a minimum of two years of studies in accredited program with a minimum of B-grade may be required to make it equivalent. This is valid only for degree upto M.Div.
3. If the unaccredited degree meets the ATA requirement of length and course offerings, for the purpose of further studies, it may be made equivalent to the ATA degree in the following manner.

Completion of one year of studies at a year lower than the level of which a student with a n accredited degree would be admitted. The candidate must complete this year with a minimum of B-grade for M.Div. For example, a student with an unaccredited B.Th degree may be placed in Ist - M.Div instead of IInd - M.Div where an accredited B.Th graduate can be placed for (Provide entrance requirements are met). Such students may enroll for this one-year program at any college with the particular accredited program. While they need to prove that they completed the required program through a transcript, they need not register for an accredited degree. This option will be available only upto M.Div degree.

Transfer Candidate

Students who leave an accredited program and apply to another ATA accredited member institution can be admitted on the following conditions.

1. They must secure a no objection certificate from the institution that they are leaving.
2. Advanced credit of the work already done is not automatic. If the two programs are comparable- with regards to entrance requirements, graduation requirements, faculty qualification etc. advanced credited can be granted for the subjects completed that correspond to subjects in the curriculum of the member institution the student is being admitted to.

4.3.4 Application must accompany the following Documents and Data

Entrance is granted on the basis of duly filled in application submitted with the copies of all the academic certificates and mark lists, interview and an entrance test. Applicants who do not fulfill the requirements are not admitted.

1. Two Recent passport size photographs.
2. Personal testimony of the applicant indicating his/her commitment to the ministry.
3. Recommendation letter from the Local pastor or District Pastor of the applicant.

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4. Xerox copies of certificates and academic transcripts including seals..
5. Report of physical examination by a medical doctor.
6. Transfer student must have a no objection certificate and recommendation letter from the head of the institution last attended along with official transcript.

4.3.5 Interview

Applicants are interviewed before admission and the applicant must have all required original documents which have been stated above at the time interview. Following the interview selected candidates will be informed of their status on admission. All original certificates, testimonials, records, transcripts will have to be deposited in the Seminary office, which will be returned when the student leaves the Seminary paying all dues.

4.4 The Grading System

The examination, Assignments, Research papers, Seminar papers, Reading Reports. Will be graded in Four categories.

Numeric Grade	Grade	GPA		
First Class	Distinction	80% and above	A+	4.3
	Excellent	75 -79%	A	4.0
	Superior	70-74%	A-	3.7
Second Class	Very good	65-69%	B+	3.3
	Good	60-64%	B	3.0
	Satisfactory	55-59%	B-	2.7
Third Class	Reasonable	50-54%	C+	2.3
	Meager	45-49%	C	2.0
	Poor	40-44%	C-	1.7
Failure	Inadequate	0-39%	F	0.0

4.5 Graduation Requirements

RTS requires that every student who desires to graduate must:

- Secure minimum GPA 1.7 for undergraduate programs and GPA for graduate pro-

grams.

- Have a Minimum of 90% class attendance every semester.
- Fulfill all the requirements of the course like. Mid and final examinations, Assignments, Thesis, Integrated Paper, Seminar papers etc.
- Maintain good moral standing in the community especially by not getting involved in agitation, strike, immoral activities etc.
- Pay all the dues including graduation fee one month prior to the graduation.
- Active participation of reach out ministries
- Recommendation from the Faculty
- Meet all other requirements of the specific program for which the student is enrolled.

5. CURRICULUM

B.Th. CURRICULUM

3 credit hours for each subject

Core subjects	-	22
Electives	-	14, Total 36 subjects
Total Credit Hours	-	108 Hours
Core Credit Hours	-	66 Hours
Electives Credit Hours	-	42 Hours

BIBLICAL STUDIES: (Department of Old Testament)

CORE SUBJECTS

- BS.OT. 101 OT. Survey
- BS.OT. 102 Pentateuch
- BS.OT. 103 OT Prophets (Major)

ELECTIVES

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BS.OT. 104 Historical Books

BS.OT. 105 Poetical Books

BS.OT. 106 Minor Prophets

BS.OT. 107 History of Israel

BIBLICAL STUDIES: (DEPARTMENT OF NEW TESTAMENT)

CORE SUBJECTS

BS.NT. 201 NT Survey

BS.NT. 202 Life of Christ

BS.NT. 203 Pauline Epistles I

BS.NT. 204 Biblical Interpretation (Hermeneutics)

ELECTIVES

BS.NT. 205 Synoptic Gospels

BS.NT. 206 Gospel of John

BS.NT. 207 Book of Acts

BS.NT. 208 Pauline Epistles II

BS.NT. 209 Hebrews & General epistles

BS.NT. 210 Book of Revelation & Daniel

BS.NTL. 211 Preliminary Greek

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY & ETHICS

CORE SUBJECTS

TE. 301 Systematic Theology I

TE. 302 Systematic Theology II

TE. 305 Introduction to Christian Ethics

ELECTIVES

TE. 303 Systematic Theology III

TE. 304 Systematic Theology IV

TE. 306 Christian Apologetics

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

CORE SUBJECTS

CH. 401 General History of Christianity

CH. 402 History of Christianity in India

ELECTIVES

CH. 403 Introduction to Pentecostalism

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION & SOCIETY

CORE SUBJECTS

R&S. 501 Major Religion in India

R&S. 502 Contemporary Indian movements

DEPARTMENT OF MISSION STUDIES

CORE SUBJECTS

MS. 601 Introductions to Mission and Evangelism

MS. 602 Principles of Church Growth

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

CORE SUBJECTS

CM. 701 Preaching and Worship

CM. 702 Church Administration and Leadership

CM. 703 Pastoral Care and Counseling

CM. 704 Educational Ministry in the Church

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ELECTIVES

CM.705 Christian Discipleship

CM.706 Women in Ministry

CM.707 Pastoral Ministry

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL STUDIES

CORE SUBJECTS

GS. 801 Basic Spirituality

GS. 802 Study Methods

ELECTIVES

GS. 803 Healths and Hygiene

GS. 804 Basic Hindi

GS. 805 English

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BS.OT 101. OT Survey (Core): A study of the OT books in their historical setting.

BS.OT 102. Pentateuch (Core): A study of the five books of the Bible with special emphasis on their theological content

BS.OT 103. OT Prophets (Core) (Major): A survey of the four Major Prophets, their relevance to the socio- political and religious life of the people of Israel and their significance to the present times.

BS.OT 104. Historical Books: A study of Old Testament historical books (Joshua to Esther). Special attention is given to Israel's history from the conquest to post exile return.

BS.OT 105. Poetical Books: This is a devotional and expositional study of the books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Lamentations.

BS.OT 106. Minor Prophets: A study of the Minor Prophets and their backgrounds with contents.

BS.OT 107. History of Israel: A study on the nation of Israel with special emphasis on their history, religious feasts and festivals, language and geographical situation etc.

BSNT 201. NT Survey (Core): A study of the NT books in their historical setting.

BS.NT 202. Life of Christ (Core): A study of the life and ministry of Christ based on the Gospel of Mark.

BS.NT 203. Pauline Epistles-I (Core): A survey of Pauline writings with special emphasis on Rom.1-8.

BS.NT 204. Biblical Interpretation (Core) (Hermeneutics). An introduction to the different kinds of writings in the Bible and the approach to be taken in interpreting them.

BS.NT 205. Synoptic Gospels: A literary and theological study of the parables in the context of historical Jesus, the synoptic gospels, the history of interpretation, and teaching of the church today.

BS.NT 206. Gospel of John: This course explores the fourth gospel distinctive way of telling the story of Jesus Christ. Historical, theological, literary and hermeneutical issues will be considered.

BS.NT 207. Book of Acts: A study of the content of the book with special emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit in the origin and the growth of the early church.

BS.NT 208. Pauline Epistles-II: A study of the background of prison epistles I&II Thessalonians and the pastoral epistles and explicit applications from each epistles is made relevant to the students own spiritual life as well as the use of various Christian ministry.

BS.NT 209. Hebrews and General Epistles: A study of the background of the epistles from Hebrews through Jude. Emphasis is placed upon the student to work his way through the general content of each epistles as well as personal and ministerial application.

BS.NT 210. Book of Revelation & Daniel: This is a study on the positive message of the book of Revelation for today and its relation to the book of Daniel.

BS.NTL 211. Preliminary Greek: An introduction to Biblical Greek, intended to provide students with the necessary knowledge of the language that will enable them to be able to use basic tools like lexicons.

TE.301. Systematic Theology-I (Core): This section covers the study of introduction to Theology and Bibliology (The doctrine of Scriptures).

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TE. 302. Systematic Theology-II (Core): A study of Theology proper (God) and the doctrine of Christ (Christology).

TE.303. Systematic Theology-III: A study of the doctrine of Holy Spirit (Pneumatology). The doctrine of Angeles (Angelogy), the doctrine of Man (Anthropology), the doctrine of Sin (Hamartiology) and the doctrine of Salvation (Soteriology)

TE.304. Systematic Theology-IV: A study of the doctrine of the Church (Ecclesiology), and the doctrine of the last events. { Eschatology)

TE.305. Introduction to Christian Ethics (Core): A survey of contemporary personal, social ethical issues.

TE.306. Christian Apologetics: Studies to strengthen the ability of defending the Christian faith against questions and objections of the present day.

CH.401. General History of Christianity (Core): A survey of the worldwide growth of Christianity in the Christian era.

CH.402. History of Christianity in India (Core): A study of Christianity coming to India and its spread across the country.

CH.403. Introduction to Pentecostalism: This is the historical study of the Pentecostal movements in the world with an emphasis on the way in which its proponents have understood and proclaimed their faith.

R&S.501. Major Religions in India (Core): A study of Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism and Jainism.

R&S.502. Contemporary Indian Movements (Core): A study of contemporary religions and social movements and trends in the sub-continent and their relevance to the Indian Church.

MS.601. Introduction to Mission and Evangelism (Core): Biblical and Theological basis for mission, and contemporary trends.

MS.602. Principles of Church Growth (Core): An introduction to principles of Church planting and Church growth.

CM.701. Preaching and Worship (Core): A study of the principles of Christian worship and preaching.

CM.702. Church Administration and Leadership (Core): A study of the basic principles of management and leadership as related to the Christian Ministry.

CM.703. Pastoral care & Counseling (Core): A study of the basic task of a pastor in his oversight and nurturing of a congregation.

CM.704. Educational Ministry in the Church (Core): Study of the principles of education and educational psychology as they relate to the ministry of teaching in the church.

CM.705. Discipleship: This course describes how one can become true disciples of Jesus Christ.

CM.706. Women in Ministry: This course examines role of women in ministry in the Bible as well as in the history of the Church.

CM.707. Pastoral Ministry: This is a study of the Biblical concept of the pastor, his calling, life, relationship, the principles and practice of his office.

GS.801. Basic Spirituality (Core): A lessons of the basics of Christian life and discipleship.

GS.802. Study Methods (Core): A study of the methods and techniques involved in study, research, paper writing, and so on.

GS.803. Health and Hygiene: A short course on first aid lectures are given to on the care and protection of the body in all its phases, food, harmful, drugs, disease, and personal hygiene.

GS.804. Basic Hindi: The purpose of this course is to enable students from various language areas to become more proficient in the national language with a view to possible use in ministry.

GS.805 English: A study on Basic grammar and proper usage of English.

M.Div. CURRICULUM

3 credit hours for each subject

Core subjects	-	18
Electives	-	12, Total 30 subjects
Total Credit Hours	-	90 Hours
Core Credit Hours	-	54 Hours
Electives Credit Hours	-	36 Hours

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DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (BS.OT)

CORE SUBJECTS

BSOT.501. Introduction to the Bible, I

BS.OT.L.502. Preliminary Hebrew

ELECTIVES

BS.OT.503. Pentateuch

BS.OT.504. Hebrew Poetry and Wisdom Literature

BS.OT.505. Vision and Mission of Prophets

BS.OT.506. History of Israel

DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (NT)

CORE SUBJECTS

BSNT. 601. Introduction to the Bible, II

BS.NTL.602. Preliminary Greek

BS.603. Biblical Interpretation

BS.604. Biblical Theology, I

ELECTIVES

BSNT.605. Synoptic Writings

BSNT.606. Johannine Literature

BSNT.607. Pauline Theology

BSNT.608. Apocalyptic Literature and Revelation

BSNT.609. Book of Acts

BSNT.610. I & II Corinthians

BSNT.611. Biblical Theology-II

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND ETHICS (TE)

CORE SUBJECTS

TE. 701 Introductions to Christian Theology-1,II

TE. 702 Person and work of Christ

TE. 703 Christian Ethics

TE. 704 Theology in the Asian context with special emphasis on India

ELECTIVES

TE.705 Indian Christian Theology

TE.706. Contemporary Theology

TE.707. Missionary Anthropology

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

CORE SUBJECTS

CH. 801 History of Christianity

CH. 802 History of Christianity in Asia with special emphasis on India

ELECTIVES

CH. 803 History of Pentecostalism

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND SOCIETY

CORE SUBJECTS

R&S.901 Survey of World Religions

R&S. 902 Modern Religions and Secular Movements

DEPARTMENT OF MISSION AND EVANGELISM

CORE SUBJECTS

ME.203 Introduction to Missions and Evangelism

ME. 204 Introduction to Communication: Theory and Practice

PROSPECTUS

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

CORE SUBJECTS

CM. 301 Church and Ministry, Part I

CM. 302 Church and Ministry, Part II

ELECTIVES

CM. 303 Christian Education

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL STUDIES

GS.401 Research Methodology

GS.402 English

MASTER OF DIVINITY

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BSOT.501. Introduction to the Bible-I (Core): An overview of the Old Testament that sets its books in the context in which they were produced.

BSOTL502. Preliminary Hebrew (Core): An introduction to the Biblical Hebrew, intended to provide students with the necessary knowledge of the language that will enable them to be able to use basic tools like lexicons

BSOT.503. Pentateuch: This course is an introduction to the first five books of the Old Testament in which the purpose and the theme of these books will be identified. Attention will be given to the historical background and implications for today, critical question will be addressed.

BSOT 504. Hebrew Poetry and Wisdom Literature: This is a survey of book of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Lamentations. It also exposes the students to literary structure of Hebrew poetry and the principles of interpretation with an emphasis to understand its message for practical living.

BSOT.505. Vision and Mission of Prophets: This course deals with the origin of the prophetic institution and the nature of Hebrew prophecy and its relevance to the political and religious life of the people of Israel.

BSOT.506. History of Israel: In this course will be on the chronological study on the

nation of Israel with special emphasis on their history, religious feast and festivals and language and geographical situation, etc.

BSNT.601. Introduction to the Bible-II (Core): An overview of the New Testament that sets its books in the context in which they were produced.

BSNT 602. Preliminary Greek (Core): An introduction to Biblical Greek, intend to provide students with the necessary knowledge of the language that will enable them to be able to use basic tools like lexicons.

BS.603. Biblical Interpretation (Core): An interpretation to the task of interpreting the Bible in its context and in a way that is relevant to the contemporary context.

BS.604. Biblical Theology-1 (Core): A study of the theological themes of the Bible that is based on the Old Testament.

BSNT.605. Synoptic Writings: A literary and theological study of the parables in the context of the historical Jesus, the synoptic gospels, the history of interpretation, and the teaching of the church today.

BSNT.606. Johannine Literature: This is a study of the gospel of John and the letters of John, with a view to discovering doctrinal truths and their relevance to the present age. The Christology of these books will be the focus of the course.

BSNT.607. Pauline Theology: This course is design to review the critical discussion of Pauline theology with particular emphasis on the structure and coherence of Pauline Thoughts.

BSNT.608. Apocalyptic Literature and Revelation: A study of the apocalyptic literature looking at the literary, historical and theological aspects of the book of Revelation.

BSNT.609. Book of Acts: An exploration of Acts with special attention to the history of early Church. A survey of the development of mission and the work of the Holy Spirit.

BSNT.610. I&II Corinthians: A detailed study of I&II Corinthians. Apostle Paul's ministry in Corinth, his subsequent relations with the church in Corinth, the occasion, purpose, date, and place of writing. A study of the content of the letters with particular reference to the teaching on the Holy Spirit, the Lord' supper, the Resurrection, the problems in the Corinthian church and the Apostle's solutions: the relevance of the teaching of the letter to the church today.

BSNT.611. Biblical Theology-II: A study of the theological themes of the Bible that is based on the New Testament.

PROSPECTUS

TE.701. Introduction to Christian Theology-I&II (Core): An overview of the major doctrines of Revelation, God, Man, Christ, Salvation, Church and Eschatology.

TE.702. Person and Work of Christ (Core): An introduction to the doctrines of the person and work of Christ that includes a historical survey of the Christological debate in the Church.

TE.703. Christian Ethics (Core): An introduction to the basic principles of Biblical ethics and how they apply in modern context.

TE.704. Theology in the Asian context with special emphasis on India (Core): An introduction to contextual theologies in Asia, with special emphasis on India.

TE.705. Indian Christian Theology: This course traces the development of various theologies in the Indian context, is an attempt to evaluate specific trends in Indian Christian thinking.

TE.706. Contemporary Theology: An examination of contemporary views and trends in the theological world and an attempt to relate biblical theology to contemporary thinking's.

TE.707. Missionary Anthropology: A study of the history and science of Man with emphasis on culture, race, government, and customs. Study of missionary role in society.

CH.801. History of Christianity (Core): A general introduction to the spread of the Christian faith across the world, and its impact on local cultures and contexts.

CH.802. History of Christianity in Asia with special emphasis on India (Core): A survey of the spread of the Christian faith across the continent of Asia, and its peoples, their customs and cultures.

CH.803. History of Pentecostalism: This is a historical study of the Pentecostal movements in the world with an emphasis on the way in which the proponents have understood and proclaimed their faith.

R&S.901. Survey of World Religions (Core): An introductory study of the major religions of the world, with an emphasis on those that are predominant in the sub-continent.

R&S.902. Modern Religions and Secular Movements (Core): A survey of the modern religions and secular movements in India, and contemporary trends.

ME.201. Introduction to Mission and Evangelism (Core): An introductory study of the biblical and theological basis for the mission of the Church.

ME.202. Introduction to Communication: Theory and Practice (Core): An introduction to the principles of communication, especially in relation to the task of bearing witness to the good news of Christ.

CM.301. Church and Ministry, Part I & 2 (Core):An overview of the history, Theology and practice of Christian ministry that includes the basics of pastoral care and counseling, worship and liturgy, church management,homilitics, contemporary issues in ministry and leadership training.

CM.302. Christian Education: It is a foundational course examining the meaning, role, definition and function of Christian in the life of the church.

GS.401. Research Methodology: The study of methodology is to enable and enrich the knowledge of library and the field of research to the students. Also it may help the students to write the assignment, thesis, research paper, reading report, seminar paper presentation etc.

GS.402. English: This course is formed or arranged to encourage the students to handle the English language fluently and clearly.

6. FACULTY AND STAFF

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REACH OUT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Academic Calendar

Classes begin & Orientation	-	Third Week of May
First Semester Mid-Term Exams	-	July 1st Week
Independence Day celebration	-	August 15th
Onam Vacation		
First Semester Final Exams	-	Second Week of September
Second Semester Starts	-	Third Week of October
Sports and Games day	-	October 2nd
Second Semester Mid -Term Exams	-	First Week of February
Christmas vacation	-	Christmas week
Second Semester Exams	-	Third Week of January
Graduation	-	Last Saturday of January

