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Baptist Beats  
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**Interesting Reads**

**BGC Week of Prayer**  
January 8-14, 2017

**National Board Meeting**  
February 27-28, 2017

**School of Orientation**  
April 24-26, 2017

**National Celebration Camp**  
Nakamun, AB  
June 22-24, 2017

**Donations**



**Kevin Schular, Executive Director**

Hello from India! Laura and I are here for ministry with our BGC personnel and then to celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary. Laura took unpaid leave from her work to come with me. Going to India has been a cherished dream for her ever since she read Amy Carmichael's biography as a teen. We have been

saving money and reward points for a long time and we are so glad to be here.

Our BGC couple here is doing tremendous work in the Muslim slums of this city. Last month they saw 400 Muslims attend their Christmas outreach. We are thankful for **all 35 of our** GMPs and their faithful service for the Lord.

January 8-14 is the **BGC Week of Prayer**. An email was sent to our churches and leaders last week but if you missed it the link is elsewhere on this page.

It starts with self examination and confession of sin. We must be on "praying ground" for God to hear us. I trust you will encourage your congregation to pray together with us as we intercede for our Conference, Canada and the world.

On our way to India, we changed planes in Frankfurt. We had time to take the train into the old city and have breakfast. It was Sunday morning, January 1, and the church bells were ringing at St. Katherine's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Laura and I went in pre-service to pray together at the start of 2017.

The plaques on the church wall tell of pastors who have preached the gospel from this site since the 1650s. Some of their pastors lost their lives in Auschwitz for standing against Hitler. What a reminder to be faithful even when the culture around us is going a different direction! Being there and now in India stirs me to greater faithfulness for Christ! Next week we will be in Kolkata and will visit William Carey's church. He was the first English missionary (and a Baptist too) who brought the light of Christ to this nation. His famous quote: "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God" still resonates in my heart.

I am believing God for great things in our BGC conference in 2017!

Thanks for the joy of serving together with you in this season!

## Interesting Reads

1. [Why liberal theology has led to shrinking congregations](#)
  2. [Pastor, Am I a Christian? - A New York Times reporter's conversation with Tim Keller](#)
  3. [7 Things the Bible Says About New Beginnings](#)
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S&J hold jaundiced baby they are treating- child is gaining strength



Laura Schular and our GMPS visit school in Muslim slum area



Kevin & Laura in Lucknow Slum



S&J serving food packages



Teaching through interpreter



Explaining how meds work



One of BGC ministries in Lucknow

- [BGC staff serving in Lucknow slum](#) (video)
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## BGC Week of Prayer - January 8-14, 2017

BGCC Website:

<http://www.bgc.ca/events/week-of-prayer>



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