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## Transforming Leaders in Asia

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### Dear Co-laborers in Christ

Greetings from Birmingham. Thank you for your constant prayers for us. We are glad to inform you that AK has successfully defended his D.Min dissertation. He is excited and looking forward to the Graduation Commencement Service on May 25. As you may know that Asangla has completed her M.Div in December and is doing a part time job as the Women Ministry Coordinator at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham. She is enjoying the ministry among the women in the Church.

### Welcome to Awon

We are also glad that the Lord has used us to facilitate Tamreiwon Shanglai's arrival in US. Tamreiwon Shanglai worked with us in India for more than 11 years. She needed this break desperately. She has begun her MTS study at Beeson Divinity School. We believe that her education, experience, and gain of relationship with believer friends in US will strengthen her ministry in India. She is granted 100% scholarship and currently hosted by one of our friends. She needs automobile for transportation and regular income for living expenses etc. Please pray that the people of God will come forward to invest in her life.

### Ministry Support

Mission Trip to India, planned in January this year, got postponed because of the tense situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan. We had raised \$1300 toward this trip. After consulting with the donor, we decided to donate that money to Dibang Lohit Baptist Church Association in Arunachal Pradesh. They are very happy to receive the gift. This summer the Union of Evangelical Students of India will organize four National Committee Members Training Camps (CMTC). We found such programs very effective to train student leaders for ministry on campus. The Lord has enabled us to send the support for two of the camps (Siliguri and Shillong). Pray that God will bless the effort and investment to His glory.

### More on Family News

We are also to glad inform you that AK has been accepted to pursue Ph.D. in Old Testament Theology both at Fuller Seminary (California) and Trinity Evangelical University (Illinois). AK visited the Fuller campus last year and in the month of March we spent three days in the Trinity campus. We feel that the Lord is leading us to Trinity. AK is particularly excited to work under Dr. Willem VanGemren, who is one among well-known Old Testament scholars in the evangelical world. If everything goes smooth we will be moving in the first week of June, which means losing a secure place, job, friends, children's good schools, and a good neighborhood. We will have to begin all over again. This also means another 3-4 years of hardship in US. Since AK intends to teach theology after returning to India this will be a good investment toward his future projected ministry. If possible Asangla would like to do some more studies in counseling during our stay in US. Thanking you once again for your prayers and friendship. Do update us about you all so that we can pray for you all. With love and prayers in Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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