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From the Executive Director

Dear friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On the one hand we know God's immense desire to reach out all human beings and on the other hand, we also notice human's desperate hunger for divine miracle to happen. People from all walks of life and religions are longing for the magical touch of God, seeking either physical, financial, emotional or spiritual healing in their lives. We all desperately desire a 'quick solution' from God. So is the reason we see the sea of people circling in Mecca, or millions taking bath in the river Ganges in Kumbh Mela, or thousands gathering around any place of pilgrimage. A healing crusade draws more people. These represent the desperate needs of humanity desiring for the favor of God. How should Christians respond to such need? Can we perform some magic in their lives? Can we dictate the sovereign God? Certainly not but I believe we can pray and preach the Word of God faithfully. Rest will be taken care of. The power lies in the Word of God and so let us put our trust in God and his Word. —**Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama**



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Registration of TLA Educational Trust

The Lord has enabled *Transforming Leaders in Asia* to serve his Church in this part of the world in various capacities by strengthening the Church ministry through training the Pastors and Christian leaders from 2002 onwards. Although TLA is registered in the US and is an International body, for the purpose of administrative convenience, there has been a growing need to register a *Trust* in India. So after much prayers, the Lord has opened the door for "TLA Educational Trust" to be registered here in Guwahati under the *Indian Trust Act 1882, Book IV/4594/2015 Kamrup Metro*, on 23th of November, 2015.

The Board of Trustees are Rev. Kampu, Rev. Dr. A.K. Lama, Dr. Asangla Ao, Mr. Siamliana Khiangte and Mr. T. Moa. The advisory board comprises Mr. Tejedor Tiewsoh, Mr. Moatoshi Imsong, Mrs. Bina Sena and Mr. Johnson Raih. The other advisory members are from the Partner agencies by virtue of their office: President of TLA; President/Vice President of Words of Hope; Director/ Representative of Back to God Ministries International; Representative of the donor agencies annually nominated

We seek your prayers that as the *Trust* takes its official stride forward, God may be honoured, and also that it may be fruitful in its various endeavors.



Report from Sadiya Mission Field

We can see some visible fruit sprouting out from the TLA mission field under the leadership of our field staff Budhin Mahanta. The following is an extract from his quarterly report: The "Immanuel Youth Club" organized a "Tree Plantation Program" in creating environmental awareness in the Podum Pukhri area. This drive opened up the scope of meeting new friends and contacts. One of the vices in this area is the problem of alcohol addiction. During home visitations Budhin shares with people about the effects of alcohol. He has visited 18 families in the areas of Patidoi Nogaon, Telikola Majgaon, and Shantipur Town. He has also helped organize seminars on "Church Administration" (Shantipur Baptist Church) and "Leadership Development" (Bogori bari Baptist Church) where around 20 people and 100 people attended respectively. Pray with us for our mission field.



Jharkhand EU/EGF Annual Conference

Praise God for the EU/ EGF Jharkhand Annual Conference (Nov 13-14). Rev. Dr. A.K. Lama did the Biblical Exposition in Hindi as well as wrote his handouts in Hindi. 'It was a new experience' said Dr. Lama. UESI ministry in Hindi is growing in this land but the need to do more biblical teaching in Hindi remains to be addressed. Youths are responding very well. Pray for the Staff workers and the EGF leadership.



"Standing strong" (Jos 1:9) was the theme of the Bhutan Believers' Conference organized by *Drukpa Educational Society* (DES) at Dalseng Para. The highlight of this conference was the time of fellowship amongst the 150 Bhutanese believers, who otherwise are divided by denominations and mission agencies.

Rev. Dr. A.K Lama taught from 1 Peter, encouraging the believers on the preciousness of their salvation and the need for perseverance in their pilgrimage in the midst of persecution. Pastor Kedo (City Church Kohima) taught about the covenant relationship between God and man, and the various aspects of the Kingdom of God. Johnson Raih took a Bible study on "faith" and taught on "Bible and the reliability of God's word." The food prepared by the gifted hands of Aren continues to be cherished long after the conference is over. God continue to bless Kungsang (President DES), Aren, their children and ministries.



Guwahati Medical College EU Camp

The uniqueness of EU Evangelistic camps is the genuineness seen in the lives of the students, seeking for the truth. The Lord touched such 50 lives. We thank God for enlightening the campers' minds and for enabling them to make life changing commitments. Johnson Raih along with other 3 speakers ministered there.



Pastors & Leaders Training Program, Jharkhand

The Pastors and Leaders Training Program (Dec 1-3, 2015) in Jharkhand was conducted in collaboration with *All Churches Committee*, comprising 10 Protestant denominations, Roman Catholic Church, TLA, and Good Books Educational Trust. Around 100 Pastors, seminary faculty members and Christian leaders from



various background attended the Hindi speaking training program. Along with Rev. Dr. A.K. Lama, the other resource persons were Richard Masih and C. Polson.

Trip to Balasore, Odissa

Rev. Dr. Lama was invited by Er Ramesh to speak in the Advent Christmas Celebration organized by the Balasore Technical College, Odissa, on Dec 18, 2015. He also had the opportunity of speaking at a one day Retreat for youths, inaugurated a high tech machine for the college workshop and gave away blankets to students of school for blinds and differently challenged. He was touched by seeing the desperate spiritual and physical needs of so many youth. After listening to his sermon, a medical doctor, a church leader, and few others said that it was the first time they clearly understood the true meaning of Salvation and Christmas. They now agree why people of all religions must consider Jesus seriously. That says a lot on how much training on expository preaching is needed.



Ministry Diary

Rev. Dr. A.K. Lama

1. Visit to Jairampur and speak in the memorial service of the Ex-Finance Minister of Arunachal, Mr. Setong Sena (Jan 25)
2. NECU Meeting Dimapur (Jan 14)
3. DES/Bhutan Believers Conference (Jan 8-10)
4. IIT Guwahati Christmas Program (Dec 25)
5. EBC Annual Conference, Churachandpur Manipur (Dec 11-13, 2015)
6. Visited and spoke at Ranchi Medical College worship (Nov. 27 2015)

Upcoming Programmes

1. BBC Annual Conference, Nalbari (Feb 5-7)
2. Ministry in Indonesia (Feb 15-22)
3. IIT EU Kharagpur (March 4-7)
4. IIT Guwahati (March 12-14)
5. Ministry in Tura (March 25-27)
6. Expository preaching and biblical interpretation seminar (May 10-15, 2016)

Guwahati University EU Advent Christmas

The Guwahati University Advent Christmas was celebrated with the theme, "Immanuel, God with us," on 09th Nov, 2015. 'It was a wonderful opportunity to present the gospel to the students and faculty of the University' said Johnson Raih.



Evangelistic Camp, Yingkiang 2015

The camp in the beautiful Yingkiang town (Nov. 10-12, 2015) was a unique experience. Five churches from different denominations came together displaying Christian unity and organized this camp for their youth under the theme, "Where are you?" Johnson Raih was one of the speakers.



Prayer and Praise

1. Praise God for the arrival of South Asia Bible Commentary and the joy among the people.
2. Please Pray for a suitable land for the TLA Educational Trust Resource Centre.
3. Pray for the Upcoming events mentioned above
4. Pray for Mr. Johnson Raih and his family as they make transition in March
5. Pray for the need of a computer and printer for a pastor in Arunachal Pradesh.

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