

# WORDS OF TRANSFORMATION

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*Dear Friends,*

*After a prolonged illness, my brother-in-law went to be with the Lord last week. The lifeless body in the coffin which was so affectionally cared by the family and relatives had to be buried away. In one sense, he was there and yet he wasn't there. I looked around and saw numerous tombstones that marked the final abode of multitudes. My mind wondered—this will be my final abode too—one day my children, grandchildren and relatives might visit me only on the Easter Sunday. Most Christians know the fact that final destination of a true Child of God is heaven and yet the burial ground becomes an obvious place to show our affection to our loved ones on the Easter Sunday. It's important that we make that journey not only Easter Sunday to visit our beloved, but to remind ourselves that one day everything shall come to an end—our pride, achievements, ambition, and possessions. Dust we are, to the dust we shall return. All that we have is the present moment, which we must live and live to its fullness for the best possible cause and for the glory of the Creator God. May God help us to be humble, sacrificial, loving, and serving. Only one life to live and it is better we live it for "Jesus our Lord," who is everlasting to everlasting.*



Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama

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## MINISTRY NEWS

### BHUTAN MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT, (DES)

**Drukpa Educational Society (DES)** conducted its Annual Conference at **Dalsingpara** from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Dalsingpara is close to Jaigaon, Alipurduar district in West Bengal, which shares its international boundary with Phuntsholing, Bhutan. DES mainly focuses on the various people groups of Bhutan. The conference was attended by more than hundred people including adults, youths, and children. Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama took a series on the book of Romans. The Bible study was proven to be beneficial for most of them as they had not attended any systematic study before. Please continue to pray for this people groups of Bhutan.



### BCB & BCBJYF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama along with Dr. Songram Basumatary from Chennai, were invited to minister at the **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of BCB & BCBJYF cum Golden Jubilee Celebration of BCBJYF at BBKA Mission Compound, Tukrajhar, Assam** from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>



**January.** This annual conference was also held to commemorate **100 years of Christianity of Bodo community.** As thousands of people attended the conference, a sense of desire and craving for God's Word was evident in every evening devotion as many of them committed their life to Christ. According to census, as many as 90% of Bodo population is still unevangelized or without the knowledge of Christ. Therefore, please pray for them.

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*"The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith."* - Billy Graham

## KRIMA 1 ANNUAL MEETING

Krima 1 of the Garo Baptist Convention, held its **124 Annual Meeting from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> January** at Nisangram, Meghalaya. Regardless of cold weather, a large number of people showed up for the meeting. As Rev. Lama ministered the



Word of God, people heard his message with undivided attention. An instance is recalled of a lady who acknowledged, *"I was shivering with cold but when the preaching of the Word began, I didn't realize how the time passed by and I wanted to hear more even after a full hour."* Hunger and thirst for the Word of God by the congregation was clearly manifested in this meeting. We thank God for having prepared the heart of these people who joyfully received the Word. We request you to kindly pray for all the churches and its leaders under Krima 1.



## GARO BAPTIST CHURCH SESQUICENTENARY

Garo Baptist Convention celebrated its **150 years of Christianity** at



Rajasimla. More than 2 lacs of people came for the conference. This was perhaps one of the biggest Christian gatherings. Rev. Lama, his wife Dr. Asangla Ao, staff and friends of TLA ET were also privileged to be a part of this great historic event. Rev. Lama being one of the speakers led five Bible Studies from the book of Jeremiah. Despite dense fog and breezing cold in the morning, large number of people flocked in for the Bible Study. Praise be to the Lord most high!



## IEC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

International Evangelical Church celebrated its first Christmas program by inviting friends from other faith. Besides presenting the message of Christmas, they were presented some candies and a Bible. A love feast was arranged after the program. Please pray for these friends that they will have a desire to read the Bible. International Evangelical Church is a new church. Please pray that the church will be instrumental in spreading the Good News in and around the city of Guwahati.



## TRAINING PROGRAMS UPDATE

1. Training program on **Hermeneutics** (10-14 April)
2. Training program on **Expository Preaching and Biblical Counseling** (8-12 May)
3. International Evangelical Church **First Anniversary** (03 June)
4. **Diploma Course** for Young Emerging Leaders. *(Diploma course comprising of three levels. Each level will be for a duration of 5 days. All levels will be held in different months, starting next month April 10-14. This program aims to train emerging young leaders or Christian workers.)*

## BOOKS FOR SALE

We also publish/republish and sale books. The books include South Asia Bible Commentary, Asia Bible Commentary, Words of Transformation, Let the Bible Speak, Search the Scriptures, Biblical Principles of Leadership, How to Understand your Bible, Basic Bible Doctrines, and many more with a minimum discount of 15%. Please contact us to order the books, today!

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