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From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Last time when I handed over the previous issue of *Words of Transformation* to a friend, he responded, "I am so glad to notice how the Lord is using your ministries to touch so many lives. Dr. Lama I am with you in prayers." I was very much encouraged with that feedback. We do need more friends and prayer partners. It is a humble ministry with very little resources to strengthen faithful servants of God in the region. To that effect, by faith we are planning to develop a TLA Center near Guwahati. God has done some miracle toward it and we are praying for more miracles to happen. Would you please join me in prayer?

I am glad to inform you that my Ministry Associate, Bro Johnson Raih, would be leaving us to pursue his PhD research. I will appreciate your prayers for him and his family as they make transition from Guwahati to SAIACS, Bangalore. I shall miss him and his valuable help. Please also pray that the Lord will provide a suitable Associate to work with us. The TLA Edu. Trust which is the Indian chapter of TLA is in growing stage and we anticipate more activities in the days to come. We shall need a gifted and committed youth to lead us. Once again thank you all for your support. – **Rev Dr. A.K. Lama**

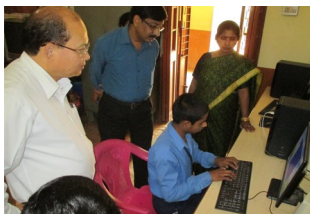


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Visit to St. Michael's Blind School, Ranchi

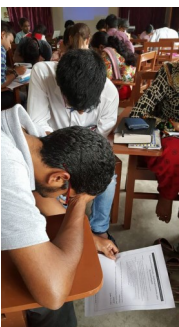
Dr. Lama visited the "St. Michael's Blind School" in Ranchi on 26th February. His statement, "Who is visually challenged depends on what you expect someone to see," summed up his perspective on blindness. This was so because the blind children on whom he was sympathetic upon could read the contents in their braille books while he saw nothing but an opaque white embossed paper. He stated, "I could not read anything. My knowledge failed me to do their way of doing mathematics and use computer." He added, "I am glad that our partner Church in Ranchi exists to empower such special people."



The blind children are intellectually capable and they need modern technology. Good Books Educational Trust in Ranchi has helped this ministry and we are committed to help the cause of such an education even in the days to come." Please pray for their needs.

IIT Kharagpur, Kolkata Camp

More than 40 students and two senior faculty members from IIT Kharagpur came to Dhyana Ashram Kolkata to reconsider the cost of discipleship (5-6 March). Dr. Lama was the resource person. The Lord blessed the camp. Young people who are highly educated and deeply committed to the Lord can play vital role in the transformation of the society and the nation. May the good Lord use them in the high places to be His powerful witnesses.



Visit to TWR Studio Kolkata

We are dreaming of a video and audio STUDIO in the North East India. We previously had one in the Baptist campus (CBCNEI) in Guwahati, but it ceased functioning for more than ten years now. Dr. Lama visited

Trans World Radio (TWR) studio in Kolkata which is the nearest one for NE region and was impressed by their ministry. *Words of Hope* (WOH) partners with

TWR in producing some programs while they broadcast for WOH. Please Pray for Mr. Sukhendu and his team in Kolkata. Do also pray for a studio for the NE Region.



IIT Guwahati Camp

It is delightful to see young and brilliant students seeking to know and love the Lord. More than 20 students from IIT Guwahati and few seniors came along to consider the subject of discipleship at Social Forum, Guwahati. Dr. Lama and Dr. Asangla taught and shared



their lives together with them. Please pray that these brilliant minds will serve the Lord in humility in the places of their work and bring honor and glory to Him.



Dr. Lama visited a very good old friend Mr. Mani (from the 90s) when they together worked for UESI ministry in Jorhat. He is now the Director of an NGO that empowers underprivileged street children in Kolkata. Dr. Lama says, "We also do the same thing in Jharkhand. There is so much to learn from each other and to look out for synergy." Please pray for Mani and his wife Joy. May God bless their ministry.



ICEU Leadership Camp, Imphal

"Fear God and keep His Commandments" was the theme of the ICEU Imphal Leadership camp (21-25 March). More than 80 students attended this camp at St. John School, Imphal. Most of the students who attended the camp were the potential new batch of Committee Members for ICEUs and EUs of various colleges in Manipur for the new academic session. They were taught principles of Servant-



leadership, Biblical models of leadership and some important doctrines like "Trinity," "Second Coming" and "Holy Spirit." Their enthusiasm after the camp was infectious. Johnson Raih was one of the resource persons.



AGM, UESI Manipur

The 2nd AGM of UESI Manipur was held at Chandel (8-10 April). Johnson Raih was one of the resource persons. The venue (United College Chandel) is located beside the beautiful Chakpi river. Speaking on the theme "United in spirit" (Phil 2: 2), Johnson Raih spoke at length on the aspect of



Christian relationship and partnership in the ministry (within UESI family, other ministries and Churches) based on the love of God and the attitude of Jesus Christ. There were almost 200 delegates representing all the 9 districts of Manipur. The Lord is blessing the UESI ministry in Manipur tremendously. Please keep praying for them.

Assam Engineering and Ayurvedic Colleges Evangelistic Camp

Evangelistic camp of EAEU (April 12-15) was held at Capuchin House, Panjabari, Guwahati with the theme, "The Way to the Meaningful Life" (Jn 14: 6). In total, there were 26 campers. The encouraging outcome of this camp is that while some surrendered their lives during the evening devotions and Bible Studies, others opened up during the one-to-one discussions and re-dedicated their lives to Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. Please continue to pray for these precious souls. Johnson Raih along with three resource persons ministered in the camp.



Trip to Indonesia

Dr. Lama visited partner Radio Ministry YKB Indonesia (Feb. 18-22). It was a time for ministry exposure and learning.



Jharkhand Ministry



On Feb 1st, Dr. Lama along with the Good Books team attended the 159th Annual Celebration of God's redemptive hand of deliverance from a severe persecution in 1857.

The program was hosted by the Goessner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jharkhand. More than 40,000 people belonging to various denominations attended the celebration.

PNBA Youth Leaders Training Camp

The Poumai Naga Baptist Association (PNBA), Youth Training Conference was held at the scenic Kathikho Karong Baptist Church (4-6 April). Johnson Raih, along with two others ministered at the Camp. Around 80 BYF leaders from 94 Poumai villages came to learn under the theme, "Youth, an agent for Change." The main subjects taught were, "Paradigm shift in doing youth ministry" and "Dynamic Leadership." During the one-to-one interaction time, the delegates shared that "the right use of social media and technology for youth ministry was one tool they would employ for youth ministry." As these 80 leaders will impact the 90 churches in the region, we thank God for the privilege of ministering to them.



Ministry Diary

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

1. May 26-29 (The Art of Biblical Preaching, Guwahati, WSBK)
2. June 3-5 (GBET Centre, Pauri)
3. June 14-22 (GoPro Congress, Bangkok)
4. July 4-10 (BWA, Vancouver)
5. July 25-29 (ATA Conference, Seoul)

Prayer and Praise

1. Please continue to pray for a suitable land for the TLA Educational Trust Resource Centre.
2. Please pray for the smooth transition of Johnson Raih and his family and for the recruitment of a new staff.
3. Please continue to pray for the need of a computer and printer for a pastor in Arunachal Pradesh
4. Please pray for a full time Church planter to work in the city of Guwahati among cross-culturally married families.

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