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Dear Friend,

Dialogue, building bridges and developing relationship of trust are pre-requisites to influence others. St Paul wrote, "To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews . . . , so as to win those under the law." (1Co 9:20, NIV). At the same time, St. Paul also wrote, ". . . not everything is beneficial, . . . not everything is constructive." (1 Cor 10:23) We are

expected to continually reflect and inquire, what kind of life would be beneficial and constructive, not only for self but also for those among whom we live and expected to be a blessing to them.

Human life consists of a time for everything and there is a season for every activity (Eccl 3:1-16). But every good and bad thing has an end. And every act comes under the judgement of God. Life is a gift from God and we must enjoy it. However, the END of every life is certain and fixed. We don't know when that end would be but we do know that we will have to give an account of everything. King Solomon, the writer of Ecclesiastes, became much wiser at the end of his life when he discovered that life was meaningless if it is lived without the fear of God. Giving warning to his contemporary he wrote, "*Remember him--before the silver cord is severed, and the golden bowl is broken... "Everything is meaningless!"*" (Ecc 12:6-8)

May the good Lord help us to love and fear him so that we may make best use of our life.

Once again, I am glad to update you through this news letter. Thanks for your prayers and support. **-Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama**

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BICTE Conference, Bahamas

The theme of the 9th BICTE of BWA in Bahamas was Re-imagining, Re-reading Her Story in the Church today. Five papers were presented and there were several respondents. Dr Lama had a privilege to respond to one paper and present his views from Asian perspective. In his paper, the Lord led him to challenge the Baptist family to move beyond Re-imagining, Re-reading Her Story in the Church to Repenting, Resolving, and Restoring the priesthood of Women in our Churches. Many participants appreciated his response. Dr. Asangla also had the privilege to read a paper for Dr. Atola Longkumer.

There were only four participants from India (including us) and 12 from Asia Pacific Baptist Federation (APBF). Thanks to the TLA Board for enabling Dr. Asangla Ao and Dr. Lama to attend the meeting.



Preach the word



People may plan but it becomes a wonderful experience when God executes it in His way. While attending the BWA Annual Gathering Dr Lama was asked to preach in a Church in Bahamas; however, there was a mis-communication. Dr Timothy Lee, Dr Asangla and Dr. Lama waited in the lobby for an hour to be picked up but no one came. They thought that the Sunday would pass without going to any Church.

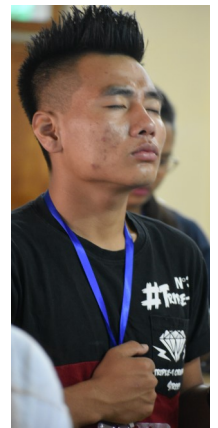


But out of nowhere, Dr Lama received a surprise call from Rev. Dr. Carrington S. Pinder, the Bishop of St John's Native Baptist Cathedral to come and preach in his Church. He was received with a warm welcome with special songs and music. Actually, they were waiting for another preacher for 30 minutes they could not locate. At the end, it turned out to be a wonderful Sunday for them. The Lord spoke through Dr. Lama and there were around 12 who responded to the altar call. Please uphold this historic, second oldest and largest congregation in Bahamas. May God use them in Bahamas in mighty way.



Pastors & Emerging Leaders Training L-2

We praise God for the two simultaneous training programs (Pastors, Leaders and Emerging Leaders Level II, Sept 2-7) held in RRTC Umran. There were 35 participants. Dr. Asangla Ao, Mr. Jerry Lapang, Mr. Lee Deyoung, and Dr. A. K. Lama were the resource persons. The training focused on the Art & Craft of Writing, Expository Preaching, Counseling, A study on Ten Commandments, PBS, The Reformers, and the Essential Doctrines. Thank God for the partnership of Good Books Educational Trust, and the Himalayan For Christ



Motorbike Distribution



We thank God for the life and commitment of the six rural workers who were given away Motorbikes to serve the Lord more effectively on Sept 12th & 26th 2019. Praise God for the donors who have sacrificially made investment for the Kingdom cause. Please pray for the recipients' ministries on Bikes. May the good Lord be glorified through all these.



EGF Itanagar

A two day family retreat was organized from Sept 13-14, 2019 in partnership with the local InterVarsity group (EGF-Itanagar) There were more than 30 participants. Some came as couples and others as one of the spouse representing the family. Most of them were young couples. One of the couples wrote, "After the marriage of 2 years as a young couple we both were lacking so much in so many areas. But today God sent you in the midst of us that we may learn as a Christian. After attending the program my wife and I became fully refreshed both physically & spiritually. Now, my wife is dancing, singing and is open for more discussion. I am really happy as a husband. Please pray for us and be assured of our prayer for your family and ministry." Another wrote, "We all are blessed richly by the sessions taken by both of you, the way you both presented was awesome. May Our loving God continue to bless you, your family and your ministry." Do remember these young couples in your prayers that they will be a blessing to themselves and others around them as well.



The 4th AGM of TLA Educational Trust



The Annual General Meeting of the TLA Educational Trust was held in the Vivanta Hotel, Guwahati on 25th August 2019. Reports on various ministry activities, audit and budget were presented. The presence and warm participation of all the Trustee Members and the invitees made the meeting a success. Rev. Jon Opgenorth, Er. Ngemu Mungshum, Mr. John Padung, Ms Levish Leivon and Mr. Samu John were special invitees this year. Please continue to uphold TLA-ET in your prayers.

Staff news

We are glad to welcome Mr Ritupam Sharma as the Project Manager in TLA-ET. He has completed his Bachelor in Science (Information Technology) and also has an MBA degree (Marketing). As a Christian by birth he had a desire to work in a Christian organization to serve the Lord. So, he left his secular job and decided to be a part of the TLA Educational Trust family from August 2019. He is really interested and excited to work with the team here.

We wish him good luck and blessings.



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