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Dear friends,

The Covid19 crisis shall go down in the history to remind us how fragile and insecure humanity is. Amidst many remarkable scientific inventions and discoveries, this event has certainly helped us to discover our vulnerability. The only remedy suggested was social distancing and quarantine. In other words, we were forced to have plenty of time to be with ourselves, with our families and with God whom we expect always to do some miracles in times of trouble.

In the world of activism and fast pace of life, these three essential needs were often ignored. But this crisis has helped us to return to the basics. I rarely heard people talking about family, about God, and about the word "prayer" so often ever before. Many social media posting are focused on playing music with family, praying, and worshipping God publicly. Positively speaking, it has impacted our lifestyle for good, but it will have greater benefit if this transforms our future as well.

Many in our country has learned the basics of health and hygiene. And many have begun to respect the private space. I was often bothered by the way people pushed so close while boarding a train or airplane. The casual washing of plates and glasses in public eating places was another concern. I hope this will transform our future and India will emerge better than before. Of course, the suffering & loss is beyond repair. It has been a costly change. Pray that we don't have to learn this way again.

Amidst this crisis, the TLAET had great opportunities to reach out and serve many daily wagers with food and ration. We are grateful to God for those of you who came forward to donate and enabling us to do the charity works. May the good Lord bless you richly. Let us remain in prayers for a better future.

— Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama

Programs

Jan 7 - 11: The 4th Staff Retreat was held in SVD House, Guwahati, Assam. 35 field staffs, producers, program & project coordinators came together to



pray, evaluate, and plan the activities for 2020. Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama, Dr. Asangla, Mr. Pravir, Ms. Suman and Ms. Anshu led practical seminars. The presence of TLA Board members Ted and Eleanor Vonk was inspiring. One of the staffs commented, "In the retreat, we could examine ourselves whether we are in line with our calling and vision. We could get closer to God and could reflect our role in the ministry and ask ourselves, "Are we doing justice with the ministry?" We got the chance to know about my colleagues too."

Feb 11-15: Pastors and Leaders- Spiritual Formation was held in SVD House, Guwahati. 45 Pastors, evangelists, and youth leaders attended it. Rev. Alan Fadling, President and Founder of Unhurried Living, USA, the Author of InterVarsity publication "An Unhurried Life" & "An Unhurried Leader"; Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama, Founder & Executive Director



of TLA; Mr. Jerry Lapang, State Secretary of UESI, Meghalaya and Dr. Asangla Ao, Treasurer, TLAET were the resource persons. The theme of the program was, "Be still and know that I am God (Ps 46:10)".



One of the participants shared, "I am thankful to TLAET for this program and I received this kind of learning for the first time in my life. I could really enjoy the calmness of the place and could spend quality time with the Lord, and it's a heavenly feeling for me. From Alan's sessions, I learned that only if my cup is overflowing and then only, I can be blessing to others. I need to be yoked with Jesus and not working alone. My confusion regarding the gifts of Holy Spirit was clear during Sir Lama's sessions. I really enjoyed Sir Jerry's classes on Bible study and sermon preparation. And from Madam Asangla, I could learn about monthly family budget and caring of self."

New Initiative

March 2: Started a new project of giving tuitions to children in TLA-ET with the aim to get involved with the communities nearby. 3 students are enrolled till now.



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March 7: 12 newly planted churches in Bihar decided to declare themselves as Baptist by denomination and signed a MOA to form together a Baptist Association named as **“Evangelical Baptist Church of India (EBCI)”** to assist and serve each other. Their church members vary from 24 to 200 members. Rev. Dr. A K Lama facilitated



New Studio in Guwahati

Jan - Feb: Construction of studios has started from the month of January onwards. The construction is audio studio is almost done and video studio is going on. Hopefully by the month of April, it will be ready for use.



Other Programs

Jan 25 & 26: Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama was invited as the speaker for 175 Jubilee celebration of Nagaon Baptist Church, Nagaon, Assam. The theme was, **“Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people- I Chronicles 16:8”**.



March 8: HFC President Dr. Asangla Ao was invited as the guest speaker for the celebration of “International Women’s Day” in an organization called Destination. She spoke on the theme, **“Equal World is an Enabled World.”** Destination is a charitable organization with adults and children with mental health conditions and intellectual disability who are rescued from the streets by different sources.



TLA Training Center

Feb 22: Laying of foundation stone for wall construction was done on this day. Three Board members along with the Managing Trustee of TLA-ET and 4 office staffs could be present on this auspicious day. Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama read Psalm 121 and spoke on trusting in God’s promises. Some of the updates are- temporary house is built, a tube well is bored and wall construction is in process. Received electricity connection and meter box is already installed.



March 13- 15: Rayang Baptist Church hosted Couple’s Seminar in Roing, Arunachal Pradesh. The theme was, **“Building up. Romans 14:19”**. Around 63 participants (43 ladies + 20 gents) registered for the seminar. Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama, Founder & Executive Director of TLA and Dr. Asangla Ao, Treasurer, TLAET were the resource persons. Most participants expressed, **“We needed such teaching.”**



Upcoming Training in May 2020 is Cancelled due to COVID 19 CRISIS:

Salary of six staffs= Rs.288000.00
Administration = Rs.157500.00
Your prayers & financial support is highly appreciated.

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