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Dear friends,

Most religions encourage an appeasement of God by making sacrifices, giving offerings, adorations and worship. People in the past feared the unknown dangers and they believed in the ability of gods and goddesses who can avert the dangers. So they worshipped many gods and goddess: god of sea, god of fire, god of mountains, god of health etc. Humanity spent time pleasing the unknown and superior powers. And the mediators like priests and religious gurus and Babas made a good business out of it.

But somewhere in this process, humanity ignored its sinful nature that continued to offend God. God was looking for penitent hearts more than adoration and offerings. Even the Jews, the children of Abraham failed the understand the true religion: That is why Isaiah wrote in Isa 1:13-15: *“Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations-- I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!”* The Creator God in every religion and faith demands a penitent hearts from his devotees--a true repentance rather than fancy adoration and worship. St. Paul saw this important Bridge of Departure in Judaism and the religions of the Gentiles. So he says in Acts 17:30-31: *“In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.”* We must invite everybody everywhere to repent and turn to God. The Church without penitent hearts and spirit can simply become a place worship and adoration but not transformation. The freshness of the Spirit (Acts 3:19) and the new beginning happens only by submission of our will and life to the Savior of the world—Lord Jesus Christ. May the good Lord transform his Church and our nation.



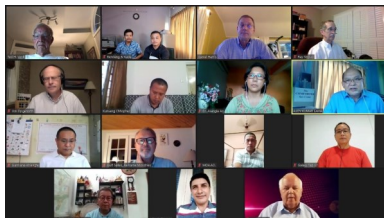
– Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama

Updates from TLA-ET

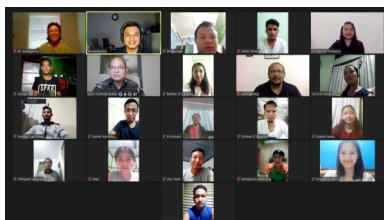


TLA Land Update: A Building Committee (*pic right*) is formed to overlook the project of TLA Training Center construction. Guard room construction is going on (*Pic left*).

Aug 10: AGM was held for both TLA-ET & HFC through Zoom. Trustee members, Donors and distinguished guests were present in the meeting. Many valuable decisions were made for both the organizations.



Sept 20-25: TLA-ET organized “Emerging Leaders Webinar Training Program”. The main speakers were Dr. A.K. Lama, Dr. Asangla Ao and Mr. Jerry Lapang. The topics were-Effective Communication, Counseling (Love, Sex and Marriage) and Inductive Bible Study. 24 participants attended from different states of NE India.



Sept 27- Oct 1: TLA-ET in partnership with Bulwark Production shall have a ‘5 days Webcast Workshop on Mobile Production and Script Writing’.

Updates from EBCG

Worship Services: EBCG opened the church for the congregation to join in the offline Sunday worship service after almost 4 months as per the SOP set by the State Government. People are slowly coming up for counseling and prayers in the church.

Formation of Prarthana Sabha:

The first Hindi Sunday service was held on July 4 and 10 people attended. Mr. Subhanshu Ranjan Deep, Assistant Manager IT of TLA-ET and a BD Graduate from Allahabad Bible College, is assigned as the Pastor of this group and the Hindi Ministry Team will function as Pastoral Committee.



Field visit and House Fellowships:

Two of our staffs visited six mile and Noonmati area regularly for field visits and fellowships. They perform a broad spectrum of duties ranging from providing support by counselling those who faced difficult situations, emotional stresses or significant change in their life. People are helped to cope up with the situation at hand and sometimes even seek out other resources or support for those in need.



Updates from HFC



July 5: A Regional Office of HFC was inaugurated in Jehanabad. The Project Coordinator, Mr Kamalesh Kumar hosted the inauguration online on the Zoom and Dr. A. K. Lama dedicated it. Around 130 people visited the office that day. Dr. Gabriel Jins, Medical Officer of Jehanabad offered a special prayer for the new office.



July 5: Considering further drop in Covid-19 cases in Guwahati, tuition classes are resumed after four months. SOP is maintained and 7 students registered their name in Six Mile centre. Another tuition centre is started in CDW's house, Noonmati. 5 students are taken care there.

Riya started attending Jehanabad Tuition Centre from last year. She belonged to a poor family. She learned well and started to read fluently and write. Her parents were very impressed and they invited the CDW in their place. CDW visited them and shared the word of God with them. Slowly they came to understand and learn about the love of Jesus Christ. They accepted Jesus as their savior. Now, they host the prayer fellowships at their place every Tuesday.



New Staff



From the month of August, Jimmi Carter Marak joined as the Office Peon.



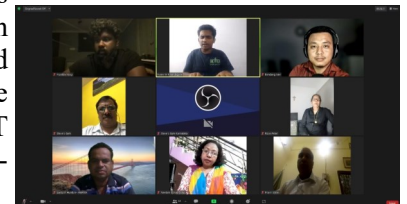
July 28: Seven trainees have successfully completed their 3 months training and 10 new trainees are enrolled in the 2nd batch. The ceremony of certification for the 1st batch and induction of 2nd batch was held on the same day. Economically disadvantaged women and girls have been learning this skill and now, some of them are stitching at home. One of the passed out trainees commented, "I never touched sewing machine in my life and now I know how to cut a material and stitch in machine. I am so happy to learn this new skill. The Instructor is always patient and so we do not feel scared to ask her questions again and again." Ms. Bina Gupta (pic) got the best trainee award.



Capacity Building for staff

August 10-12: The GBET, Ranchi hosted a training program on Communication & Report writing. Two of staffs from Guwahati, Ms Laxmi and Mr Ajay joined. The feedback given shows that it has benefitted the trainees. One of them commented that, "We can write beautiful stories or case studies by using one 'H' and five 'Y's'." Thank you, GBET."

August 31: Bulwark Productions organized a One day free online workshop. TLA-ET Program Manager could attend this training and it was helped him a lot in his work area. TLA-ET collaborated with Bulwark Productions and organized another 5 days webcast workshop on mobile production and script writing for the staffs of HFC/TLA-ET and GBET held in September 27.



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