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Dear friends,

I write this with grateful heart for the men and women of God, who in spite of many adversities, continue to be a source of encouragement and blessings to our ministries in South Asia. Last month, our partner ministry leader led me to visit a godly man in his late 90s. He lost his wife few years ago and he lived alone in the retirement home. He was frail and could barely walk to receive us at the door. During our visit of 20 minutes, I did not hear him complain about his personal needs; rather, he had many questions regarding difficulties that missionaries might be facing. At the time of departure, he assured us for prayer and his support, that he would surely see me on the other side of the world to rejoice what the Lord was doing in and through my ministries. Later, our partner ministry informed me that he was a consistent big donor. Often, I am surprised to meet such men and women who are sincerely burdened with the kingdom concerns and they are willing to give sacrificially and generously for the works of God. And some, I don't have the privilege of meeting them because they want to remain anonymous. And yet, their commitment & sacrificial giving bring a great joy & encouragement to us. Fund raising in the present economic and war situation is not easy. And yet there are godly men and women who are unshakable in their commitment to support us. I dedicate this newsletter to these giant supporters. May the good Lord bless them in return manifold.

Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama.

Updates from TLA-ET

Update on Land Development:

- i. The TLA Training Center construction works is progressing. The left wing is nearing to complete. The Building Committee members visited the site on March 4.



Building Committee
along with Construction Team

- ii. Road construction started both between the Director's Quarter and TLA Training Center.
- iii. Tree plantation is going on in the outside of boundary wall.



Motorbike Distribution of the TLA-ET:

This is a project of TLA-ET started in 2006 to distribute bikes to pastors and evangelists who face inconvenience in traveling while working with far flung communities. Till date, 60+ pastors and evangelists received Motorbikes. One of the recipients of the year 2019 shares his acknowledgment and gratitude.

Dorjee Dupir, who is helping Bible Translation works in one of the tribal dialects that does not have any portion of the Bible, writes: *"It was hard for me to do God's ministry as I used to walk from my village through the forest for several days to reach another village. I always take shortest way which takes two days to cross the mountains. But now it takes only 4 to 5 hours to reach another village by bike. I am thankful to God and TLA-ET ministry for their concern and support towards us. Many souls are touched because I could be in the place where the word of God was needed. I am happy and I would request you to pray for my ongoing ministry"*.



Guwahati:

Tailoring Training Centre: 12 trainees have successfully completed a basic training in Tailoring. On March 15, they were given a certificate of completion. Mr. Siamliana Khiangte, Secretary HFC, encouraged them with a short message.



Candidates appearing practical exam (pic up) and Certification Day (pic below)

The same month, out of 28 new applicants, 20 women were selected and their training started from March 16.



Update on Hindi Fellowship:

On February 14, a new cell group of the Guwahati Hindi Fellowship was formed at the residence of one of the believers. Six members from 3 families plan to meet every Saturday for prayers and Bible Study.



Jehanabad:

New House Prayer Groups/ Cottage Meeting: Rejoice with us as 6 new Cottage meetings could be started at Dumri, Panditpur, Salempur Kodihara Paibigha and Masaudi in Jehanabad district of Bihar. Around 35-40 people are attending now. It is led by our staffs.

Pastors and Leaders Meeting: A two days training was held (March 8-9) in Dhanbad, Jharkhand. Around 15-20 people attended. The sessions were on **“Calling”** and **“Personal Bible study”**. The participants were blessed as some of them came from other faith and had never attended this type of training before.



Tuition Center Project:

A Ray of Hope

Priya, a 13 year old girl, is student of 6th grade. Her father is a daily wage laborer. Priya is getting afterschool help at the Tuition Center Karkendra, Dhanbad, Jharkhand since last one year.



When Priya had enrolled to study in the tuition center, she was very weak in studies and her handwriting was also not good. But since she joined the HFC tuition center, she has improved a lot. Now she is able to read and write well. Her parents were deeply impressed and so they visited our staff Mukesh Paswan to thank him. Mukesh shared his testimony and the good news of the Lord Jesus with them. Gradually, they started to come to his house prayer group. And now Mukesh is able to visit their house and pray at their home. Priya’s family is blessed and growing in the Word and Love of the Lord. Please pray for Mukesh and his ministry.

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