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Dear friend,

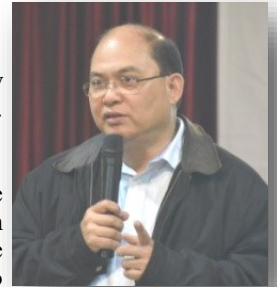
Last couple of months I got few opportunities to talk about our ministries with some new friends and new Churches. Some responded with great appreciation and others with prompt donation for the ongoing ministry. Our great concern has been how to develop long term partners who might share our vision and burden for Asia.

Fund raising and developing partners is another kind of ministry. I love teaching the Word of God and I have taken much time to develop myself as a Bible teacher. But in my life journey I have arrived to a stage when I am responsible for establishing an infrastructure, a system, and a movement that might make the ministry of the Word sustainable even when I am gone. So, I am in the process of a new adaptation. I am learning now how to tell story of needs as well do a faithful exposition of the Word within a given time.

I thank God that we have now more partners than we had three months ago. We received donations a little above two hundred thousand US dollars. And, in India, in spite of the monsoon rain, the construction has progressed well, and the field ministries have been productive. We have some good reports for you to read in this newsletter. As you know, we are anxiously looking forward to start most awaited informal training centers for the emerging leaders and pastors with an emphasis on spiritual formation, biblical exegesis, family care, disciple making and mentoring, and pastoral counseling. We will need \$1.5 million to complete the TLA Training Center by 2023. I invite you, therefore, to join me in prayers for this vision and dream to accomplish on time.

Thanks for your consistent partnership in the ministry. May our good Lord bless the works of our hands.

Rev Dr. A. K. Lama



Updates from TLA-ET

May 3: From the grant received from Good Books Educational Trust (GBET) Ranchi, TLA-ET bought all the necessary stationary items and distributed to the children of the HFC Tuition Centre children. As all the nineteen children belong to poor families, they were very happy and excited to receive.



May 24-28: Pastors and Leaders Training Program Level-I was organized by TLA-ET in SVD House, Guwahati. 32 Pastors from the states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland attended. Various sessions were offered on the topics like *The Art of Interpreting; Spiritual Formation; Pastoral Counselling; Inductive Bible Study and Mobile Production* was taken up. The resource persons were Dr. A.K Lama; Rev. Boipu Serto; Dr. Asangla Ao; Mr. Jerry Lapang and Mr. Bendangmeren T Aier.

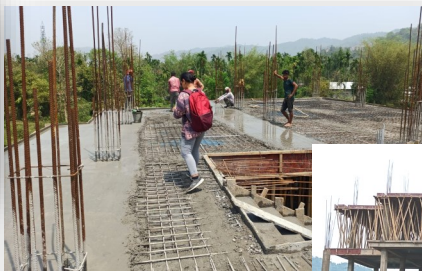


Imsiichila Pongen, one of the participants commented, *“Unlike the other training that I had attended so far, the subject never went off-track, it always gave the total focus on developing the skills that needed improvement. In every session there was learning.”*



TLA Land Update:

- ⇒ The 2nd slab of the Director's Quarter is done. It took place on April 25.
- ⇒ The preparation of the 3rd and the last slab is under progress. Plywood is casted and rods are laid and tied for the cement casting.
- ⇒ The plinth of the TLA training center is completed. Left wing pillars are erected. And Slab Casting has resumed from June 14 onwards.
- ⇒ The TLA Land road construction for transporting trucks to the building site has been completed on May 10, 2022.
- ⇒ Earth filling on the left wing is completed with 110 Truck load.





June 21: IVth Graduation was held for 4th and 5th batch of Tailoring Trainees under HFC Tailoring Training Centre. Total 20 candidates got admitted and 6 of them dropped out. Total 14 of them could appear in the examination held and received their completion certificates. Mrs. Gitanjali Borah Dey from *Elizabeth Home* was the Guest of Honor.

June 21-24: Training on Report Writing & Documentation for Community Development Workers (CDWs) was held in Jehanabad & Patna respectively. It was facilitated by Communication Research Officers of GBET, Ranchi and HFC Guwahati. In Jehanabad, 12 CDWs and Project Manager attended and in Patna 13 CDWs attended it. The CROs took the opportunity to visit the 6 Tuition Centres run by the CDWs. This has helped the CROs to understand the field area, their work and challenges too. After the observation and feedback, they are planning to take up more trainings which will enhance the CDWs to work effectively in the community.



The Project Manager of Jehanabad commented, *“Many thanks to both of you for coming to Jehanabad and giving training. All the CDWs have learnt to write in a very simple and easy way. Everyone writes reports from before but it was not right. After the training, people learned to write well and I also learned how we can write any testimony or story which can be easily understood by the readers. Both of you also visited the tuition centers and gave advice on documentation. I hope that there will be such training in future which will be beneficial for us.”*



June 27: The flood situation in Assam remained grim, taking the death toll to 135. HFC could collect clothes from family and friends and distributed to the families affected by the flood.



HFC Jehanabad News:



- ⇒ 10 new house churches/fellowships started in Neura, Balava Gadaadee, Kalyanpur, Katrasheen, Dhanama, Badahipar, Bairagi, Sekhpura, Balipar and Sahmadpur of Jehanabad District. Pray for the spiritual growth of new house churches and an increase in the number of people.
- ⇒ All total 105 people were baptized in the last quarter.
- ⇒ GBET gave grant and books and stationary (note book, pencil, pen etc.) were



bought and distributed among 240 children of all 9 tuition centres on May 31. The children were very happy to have the new books.

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