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Dear friend,

This newsletter, "Words of Transformation", highlights the activities of Guwahati, Jehanabad, Siliguri, and Tawang Centre, while the Hope South Asia focuses on Udampur, Pauri, Ranchi, Lohardaga, Patna Centre. The ministry of South Asia have grown because of your prayers and support. The news below on the Staff Retreat has the picture 60 plus staffs. If all were there we would have crossed 70 this time. It was a useful time of evaluation, prayer & planning, and overall a time of renewal of our commitment to serve the Lord with delight and greater vigor.

My biggest concern this month is the completion of the Training Center in Guwahati. Please read the news below. The building is 40% completed, but the work is slowed because of the shortage of fund. A total of \$1 million is needed to complete it on time. Your prayers and generous gift are coveted. Any big or small gift designated for this project is valuable. Once completed, this epicenter of Missions will cause a ripple effect for at least 100 years. If you are long term investor, this is specially for you to get involved.

Once again thanks for your partnership.

Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama

Updates from TLA-ET & HFC



A **combined Staff Retreat of South Asia Ministry** was held in Guwahati, Assam. A total of 61 participants attended the retreat. This was the first get together for the staff after the pandemic. The theme of the Retreat was **"Be strong in grace . . ."** (2 Tim 2:1). Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama and Dr. Asangla Ao were the resource persons. The two Communication Research Officers took up the sessions on reporting and story writing. The Program and IT Manager taught the staffs on the skill of photography and the use of PowerPoint presentations. All the staff had a refreshing time together.

Activities of Jehanabad Centre, Bihar

- **Leadership Development Programm** was conducted by Ranchi Center Staff Team from February 15- 17 at Jehanabad. 60 persons attended it. The theme of the training was "Preach the Word". Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama, Mr. Pravir James Simes, Mr. Vidyut S. Minz and Neelam S. Tirkey were the resource persons.



- On the occasion of **Republic Day**, the team distributed Educational kit to all the children. Parents were invited too and sweets were also distributed to all. Children are very happy to receive the kits.
- 4 new Prayer Centers at Kinjar, Manjauli, Beldari Bigha, and Chamandi have been started.

Guwahati Centre, Assam

Goatery Project: The objective is to financially sustain a few low income families by supplying goats for rearing and multiplication. The team surveyed and identified 4 families in Mairapur and Chandrapur. On February 18, two pregnant goats were handed over to two families in Chandrapur, Guwahati. Assam.



HFC Tailoring Centre: 13 candidates of the 6th Batch who completed three months basic training were given diploma on February 28. A new batch of 13 candidates were welcomed on the same day.



Update on Land Development work (March 6): Slab casting on 1st floor of the TLA Training Centre was completed successfully. The work is slowed down for the next floor because of the shortage of fund. In two months time, the rainy season will slow down the work further. Completion of work is deficit of USD one million.



Literature and Tailoring Center Promotional Program: Kamrup Asomiya Baptist Association welcomed the display and sell of literature and the tailoring products in their 96th Annual Conference held on February 5. It was wonderful experience of connecting with the leaders of the local churches.



Bible Distribution: On March 16, Bibles in vernacular languages (Garo and Assamese) were distributed through the local church at Nolkhuli. This is a special project of making Bible available in a subsidized amount for those who belong to very low income people group but desire to read Bible.



Training on Community Transformation: One staff from Ranchi Center and two from Guwahati participated in this program hosted by the EFICOR, New Delhi from January 16-20. The relevant topics were Integral Mission, Creation Care, Gender Issue and Trafficking. The staffs felt refreshed and equipped.

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