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Dear friends,

*The political conflicts in the world around have polarized both religious and secular world. There is so much of fake news and so much of overlap between right and wrong that the common people are confused. Everyone has justification for violence and killing. Even the leaders of United Nations have found it difficult to state their position. Is there any distinct position on any issue today? Can anyone stand boldly like Jesus and claim, "Can any of you prove me guilty of sin?" (John 8:46) The answer is obviously NO.*

*We see such confusion not only at the global level, but also at the national and the local level. We desperately need more men and women of God in every place in the World who might be able to discern and guide our Church, society, and nation.*

*Bible says, "There is no one righteous, not even one;" (Rom 3:10) And then in conclusion it states, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). All human beings need the teaching of Jesus and his forgiveness more than ever before. The ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Words must continue.*

*I am grateful to God for a wonderful team of staff who are relentlessly and courageously serving the Lord. In this newsletter you shall find some highlights of the activities that happened in the past quarter in eastern and northeastern part of India. Please join us to praise and pray to the Lord of the miracles.*

*Thank you for your prayers and support.*

- Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama

## Updates from TLA-ET & HFC

### GUWAHATI, ASSAM, NEWS

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING:** Our staffs organized it in Eternal Life Church, Rupa, Bomdila with the theme *"Inspire self and Lead Others"* on July 8 and 9. More than 50 participants attended the training. Mr. Joy Sharma, Pastor and field staff of Siliguri was the main resource person. (pic right)

*During the training, something wonderful happened. Two participants belonging to ECA church were not in talking terms with each other for many years. One held the position of Church Secretary, while the other served as the Women Leader. Not only were they fellow church members, but they were also relatives. They were not supportive of each other's work in the church. However, on the program's last day, as they listened to the teaching, they both felt and realized the need to work together as the body of Christ and understood their calling to serve together. They changed their heart and in front of everyone recognized their faults and reconciled with each other. They forgave each other, started talking and realized that their examples as church leaders was essential for others.*

**CHILDRENS' PROGRAM:** It was organized by our staffs in Don Public School, Noonmati, from July 11 & 12. More than 40 children participated in the program, making it a vibrant and lively event. Four staff (Mr. Ajay Sarki, Mr. Ritupam Sharma, Mr. Subhranshu and Ms. Laxmi Baraik) taught the children on different topics- Creation of God; Zaccheus and David and Goliath. The positive feedback received from the children further validates the success of the program. (pic right)

**YOUTH PROGRAM:** Our staffs organized this program on August 15 in Grace Baptist Church, Noonmati. The theme of the program was *"Set an example"*. More than 40 youth attended the program. Mr. K. Chuichalung, Pastor of Evangelical Baptist Church and CDW Ajay Sarki were the resource persons. (pic right)



**8TH CERTIFICATION PROGRAM:** The Tailoring Centre could celebrate this for the passed-out trainees on August 17. Altogether 13 trainees made it through. Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama could be present as the Guest of Honor and he encouraged the passed-out trainees to keep practicing and be empowered and generate revenue from what they have learned and help their family even in a small way. (pic right)

On July 29, a flower making training session was organized as an additional component to the existing tailoring training program.

**LEADERSHIP FORMACION 2023:** Our Staffs organized Formacion from September 11-15, 2023 in SVD house, Guwahati, Assam. Sixty pastors and church leaders from Krima VI, Meghalaya and ABAM, Nagaland attended the program. Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama and Mr. Jerry Lapang, the State Secretary of UESI Meghalaya were the main resource persons. The participants commented that they learned new things and had to unlearn the presuppositions they had regarding scriptures. (pic right)

**5TH HFC & 8TH TLA-ET AGM:** It was held on August 20, 2023. It was an opportunity where the activities were updated, decisions were made which set the course for the organization(s)'s future.

**THE SOUTH ASIA ASSESSMENT FOR 2023:** It took place at Hotel Vivanta in Khanapara on August 21 and 22. A total of 15 leaders from various regions across India participated and shared their stories of challenges and blessings. The assessment was facilitated by teams from Words of Hope and ReFrame Ministries. (pic right)

**GOATERY PROJECT:** In the village of Chandrapur, one of the beneficiaries' goats had given birth to a healthy male kid. This development brought not only joy to the beneficiary but also marked a significant milestone for the organization behind the project.

**UPDATE ON LAND DEVELOPMENT WORK:** On July 29 the slab casting of the Left-wing portion of 1<sup>st</sup> floor of TLA Training Centre has been successfully completed. A 1200 sq. ft. Gallery including beams was casted on September 9, where the congregation would sit and can watch the podium down.

### JEHANABAD, BIHAR NEWS:

- ⇒ **BAPTISM:** 114 people were baptized
- ⇒ **9 NEW HOUSE CHURCHES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED:** Pandaul; Dighama; Naroli; Mungila; Beldari; Korma; Imadpur; Lodipur and Buna Bigha
- ⇒ **DISCIPLE TRAINING SEMINAR:** It was held in Shakurabad on September 15 and 16. The chief guest was our Staff Kamlesh Kumar. The theme was "Promote the Word".
- ⇒ **INDEPENDENCE DAY** was celebrated on August 15 in all the 9 tuition centres. Sweets were distributed among the children, parents and villagers.
- ⇒ **TEACHER'S DAY** was celebrated in all 9 tuition centers on September 5. During this event, teachers and students gathered to cut a cake, and the children were educated about the life of India's first Vice President to commemorate the occasion.



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