

WORDS OF TRANSFORMATION

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From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Presenting Jesus as the ONLY Savior of the World in a pluralistic and secular society today has many implications. Some perceive us as the exclusivist, bigoted, and disrespectful to other religions. Others think that we are ineffective and irrelevant force in the public space. It is not surprising when the sacrificial services of the Churches and mission agencies are seen with suspicion and all the good works done is ignored. Didn't Jesus say, "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me." (Mat 5:11)

However, I do believe that we often need to pause & reflect for a needed change in the way we practice our faith and carry out the Great Commission.

TLA Educational Trust is committed to equip leaders and pastors, encourage them in their self-less service to the society, and empower them to serve Jesus with ever increasing zeal and passion even in adversity. I welcome you to participate in our forthcoming training programs.

The Lord has blessed us abundantly in the past few months. We want to share some of them with you through this newsletter. We also covet your prayers for the development of TLA International School and the Training & Research Center that we are dreaming of. You can also be a part of this dream by donating for this project. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama



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MINISTRY NEWS

ONE DAY FAMILY SEMINAR

International Evangelical Church, Guwahati, conducted a one day family seminar program with couples from Bhutan on July 09. There were altogether ten couples in the seminar. Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama and his wife Dr. Asangla Ao taught a session each. The couples went back motivated and energized.

Mr. Kunsang Chhopel receives a Gift of books from Baptist World Allianz (pic on the left)



PASTORS AND LEADERS TRAINING PROGRAM

TLA ET organized four days pastors and leaders training program from July 13 to 16 at the Capuchin House (Assisi Study Centre), Guwahati. Thirty three delegates came for the program. In the four days program, Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama dealt with the doctrines of the church, Dr. Asangla Ao taught Biblical counseling, and Mr. Mosa Anal took sessions on Bible study.

This training program was exclusively for the Mishmi Baptists Churches Council (MBCC), Tezu. The objective of this training program was to teach essential doctrines of the church and Leadership Skills.

During the feedback session, they all showed willingness to come back for level 2 next year. On the last day, they joined Sunday Service with International Evangelical Church and had a blessed time together.



God give me work till my life shall end, and life till my work is done.

- Wilfred Holtby

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Couples' Retreat



The City Fellowship of Guwahati organized a couples' retreat on **July 21-22**, at the Social Forum, Guwahati. Around 14 couples with children attended this program. Rev. **Dr. A. K. Lama** and **Dr. Asangla Ao** were blessed to share the Word of God and their life experiences with them.

The topics discussed were on Biblical Principles of Christian Home, Relationship, and Staying Healthy as a family.

TLA ET Land Update



Contour Survey

We are glad to update you that Land Mapping and Survey was completed on June 23. We are thankful to **Mr. Ransom Sutgna** for all the help. Please continue to uphold us in your prayer in this matter.

Appointment of a New Staff

Mr. Bendangmeren T. Aier is the new TLA ET staff. Bendang hails from Mokokchung, Nagaland. He has a BCA degree from Sikkim Manipal University. He joins the Trust as the Audio Video Assistant. The 29 year old young man is also gifted with music so he helps in praise and worship team in the church time to time.



Counseling Workshop

The women Department of the **Garo Baptist Convention**, organized a Counseling Workshop at the Pine Brook Centre from **June 30 to July 2**. Around 35 women from GBC attended the workshop. **Mrs. Jaksyl Sangma** and **Dr. Asangla Ao** were the resource persons. All the women returned home with rejuvenated spirit and commitment of sharing what they have learned with others in their respective places of ministry.

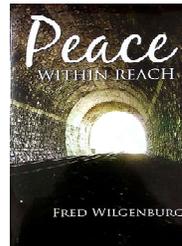


Donation of Two-Wheeler

TLA ET gifted a motor bike to **Mr Goda Kaye**, UESI staff worker and it was dedicated to God for ministry among students in Pasighat on July 30.



Publication of book(s)



We have recently printed a book called **Peace Within Reach**, authored by **Fred Wilgenburg**. Please contact our staff to order this book and other publications.

Books received

TLA ET receives a Gift of books from **Baptist World Allianz**.



Prayer Request

- ✓ The 2nd Biennial Women Conference of Arunachal Baptist Church Council will be held at Balinong Baptist Church, Changlang (Arunachal Pradesh) from **Sept 8-10, 2017**. Please pray for the conference and especially for Dr. Asangla Ao as she will be ministering in the conference and for Mrs. Primrose Anal who will be accompanying Dr. Asangla.
- ✓ Please continue to pray for International Evangelical Church, leaders and members & their families.
- ✓ Pray for the development of TLA ET international school and the Training & Research Center.

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Upcoming Events

1. Sept 8-10: Women Conference, ABCC
2. Oct 31 - Nov 04, 2017: Pastors Training Program Level 2
3. Jan 10-13, 2018: Family Enrichment Seminar