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Dear friends,

The Spirit of God is at work in India in more aggressive manner than before. I am delighted to see many new faces and more of youths who are passionate to reach out the unreached. There is new insurgence of young evangelicals but they need training, direction, and resources to sustain their growth, passion, and zeal. There is already shortage of good and qualified evangelical trainers, teachers, and mentors. Every new believer or a new leader would like to know how to read and interpret the Word of God correctly so as to grow deeper, stronger and wiser.

The challenges continues to exist at two levels. First, at the level of interpretations—How to understand a biblical text in its context and then find its biblical meaning for our context. Second is at the level of presentation—How to communicate the biblical meaning for our context in such an attractive & effective way so that lessons become relevant to the actual issues people are facing in our society today. Both older and newer Churches continuing to struggle with it.

As evangelicals, if we believe in the transformative power of the Word of God, then we will have to do more to raise faithful expositors and relevant & effective presenters of the Word of God (2 Tim 2:15) both for existing traditional Churches and the newly planted churches.. Asian churches need more of it because she lives in a pluralistic context where spirituality abounds in attractive forms. And a spirituality void of faithful exegesis of the Word of God is dangerous and deceptive. Let us pray for Asia.

Many thanks for your prayers and continued support. This quarter was one of the busiest ones. Since time does not wait for anyone and so, we tried to capture the best of it. Below are some of the updates.

Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama

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Baghmara Evangelistic Meeting

We thank our Lord for the showers of blessings in Baghmara Evangelistic Meetings (Nov 8-11, 2018). The Leaders of Krima III of GBC and the Baghmara Baptists Church organized this event to reach out the town with the Gospel. This town is remote and located close to the border of Bangladesh and yet have produced many great Garo leaders. But the youths of the town is facing many social challenges. During this four days event, several came forward to make their commitments to the Lord. Let us pray that the Lord will continue to inspire them and encourage them to grow in His Word and walk in step with Him in the fullness of His Holy Spirit. May the good Lord also bless the leaders of Krima III and the the local Church in their follow up ministries. May their good work which has begun, grow from strength to strength until His Kingdom's work is accomplished in and through them.



InterServe Ministries Family Reunion



InterSeve is one of the oldest and premier evangelical ministries serving in India. Dr. Asangla and Rev. Dr Lama had the privilege to be invited to speak to the Staff Family Reunion. More that 100 attended the event in Bangalore from Dec 28, 2018 to Jan 1, 2019. Rev. Arul Manohar is the current National Director. Please pray for him

ADI BAPTIST CHURCH COUNCIL

Adi Baptist Council invited Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama to minister in their Biannual Conference held in Pasighat from Feb 15-17, 2019. More than 250 delegates came from remote places of Arunachal Pradesh. The theme was "Worshipping in Spirit and Truth." Churches have been facing the challenges against prevailing misconception and wrong teachings on the Holy Spirit. There was special sessions to understand the biblical teachings on the works, fruit and gifts of Holy Spirit. Please pray for ABC pastors and leaders.



Joint Staff Retreat

It was a wonderful opportunity for the staffs of Good Books Educational Trust, Ranchi and TLA Educational Trust, Guwahati to come together with a theme "Pray & Plan" in RRTC, Umran from Jan 28 to Feb 2, 2019. The resource persons were Rev. Dr. C. R. Gier & Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama. They encouraged them to serve the community selflessly & sacrificially with exemplary spiritual disciplines. The training focused on developing skills of communications through writing & effective use of social media. Ms. Neelam took the seminars on writing while Dr. Lama took a seminar on use of social media. The staffs also spent time in evaluating the past and planning the year 2019-20.



Pastors & Leaders Training



We praise God for 74 Pastors & Leaders from DLBCA who came for training to RRTC Umran (March 19-23, 2019). Most of them had never been to any training and some had never come out of their village. They were eager to learn every lessons taught. May the good Lord shape their life and ministries for His kingdom's cause.



Emerging Leaders Training L -III

Emerging Leaders Training Level III was held in RRTC Umran from Jan 22-26, 2019. Twenty Seven participants from Northeast states and Bhutan attended this training. Mr. Tony Feiger, Rev Dr A K Lama, Ms. Neelam Tirkey, and Dr Asangla Ao were the resource persons. Only 6 participants, who completed all three levels, were qualified for the Diploma certificate. Level I will commence this year from May 21-25, 2019. We hope and pray that these young leaders who are the future of our Church and Society continues to grow in the Lord. Please join us to pray for the youths of our country.



Effective Communication in Hindi & English



Pen is mightier than Sword and it can be true only when we have the skill of writing. Whether it is writing a sermon, an article, an editorial, a news letter, or writing an evangelistic booklets or books there is world around us still waiting to be impacted by the biblical values and views. GBET hosted a series of seminars and workshops in Jammu (Oct 24-28), Bhopal (Nov 20-24), and Ranchi (Feb 26-28). TLAET in partnership with Good Books Educational Trust (GBET) hosted a seminar on Effective Communication in Umran (Jan 22-26). We pray and plan to continue this emphasis in 2019. Please pray with us.

Upcoming Training Program Updates

Emerging Leaders , Level 1 | May 21—25 , 2019
Pastors and Leaders Training | May 21—25 , 2019

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