

# WORDS OF TRANSFORMATION

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*Dear Friends,*

Probably, we are all wondering, “How long O Lord?” The Covid19 crisis seems to be worsening everyday. We are tired and often confused. Sometime we are perplexed about necessity of a complete lockdown. Whether there could be a precise surgical lockdown then a complete one. Welcome to a new world of lockdown.



We need a direct intervention of God more than ever before. Our ears are longing to hear some good news in this time of uncertainty. Let us together pray earnestly for a sign of hope.

Although there should not have been much to report from this lockdown period; however, I am glad to inform you that the work never stopped completely. It slowed down, but it has been progressing. As a matter of fact, I found myself busier than before. I have had a series of Zoom meetings and writing assignments. We also had several staff meetings done more fruitfully than before. Without travel, without hiring a conference room, or arranging meals, the Zoom meetings helped us to achieve much more. We learnt a new method of ministry.

Thanks to you all for your consistent support and prayers. May the good Lord be with you during this time of Crisis. Blessings in Jesus.

– *Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama.*

## Activities Update from April- June

### COVID19 Relief Works:

*Transforming Leaders in Asia- Educational Trust* (TLA-ET) along with *Himalayan For Christ* (HFC) and *Evangelical Baptist Church Guwahati* (EBCG) joined hands together to respond towards the pandemic Covid19 situation by distributing food supplies to some daily wagers and need pastors. The local village chief, pastors, and other migrant daily wage laborers helped in identifying 300 families in need. A packet of milk and biscuits were added for



the small children who would often tag along with their mothers to collect ration for the family. Distribution was done in Jahanabad (Bihar), Belguri, Bengali Basti, and Basistha (Assam) from April 9 to May 9. *Habitat for Humanity, Assam Christian Fellowship and South Point School* also collaborated by providing 130 additional packages of food and transportation.



Moina Nath (left) from Guwahati told, *“We are really thankful to this organization who has come to help us in times of need. With the lockdown, we were overwhelmed with worry. We are happy and blessed that someone took a notice of us.”* Her husband is a daily wage worker.

### New Development:

**A Studio in Guwahati:** Last three months of slow construction works on the Studio in Guwahati have come to an end. The Sound system, mixer and other items are installed and around 11 programs have been recorded as trial. We are thankful to God for the Words of Hope for their support. The first production from this Studio is a relief works video report of the TLA-ET and HFC which you can watch on our Facebook page and our websites (<http://www.himalayanforchrist.in/>) We



plan to record audio gospel message in different regional languages of the North-east region of India. Some staffs have already begun with trial recordings.

**Launching of a New Channel:**

A new YouTube channel in Hindi, “Nirasha me Asha” (Hope in the Hopelessness), has been launched from Guwahati Studio on June 16. Ms. Laxmi Baraik (left) shall lead this channel. Please uphold her in prayers.

**TLA Land Update:** Due to continued Lockdown situation the work progress has been slow. However, the progress is consistent. Please visit the TLA Webpage ([www.tlaministries.org](http://www.tlaministries.org)) to see an update.

**Online Sunday Worship Service and Mid-Week (Wednesday) Bible Study:**

With the help of Zoom and the Facebook, the Evangelical Baptist Church Guwahati (EBCG) is able to continuously live stream the Sunday Worship services and the Mid-Week Bible Study. The number of viewers has gradually increased. Many eagerly join the programs and share their prayer requests. Many viewers from different parts of India and around the world are able to view these programs online. One of the regular viewers, Amulyn Lyngdoh commented, “Looking forward for another blessed time with EBCG.”

Likewise, with the help of Zoom, the Staffs of the Words of Hope Asia /TLA/HFC/GBET/DES are also able to continually keep in touch with each other:



**Online Training Programs hosted by the Training Departments of UESI- Arunachal & Assam:**

Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama had an opportunity to speak to more than 30 participants of UESI Arunachal on Zoom on June 7, 2020. Again, on June 8-9, he spoke to more than 24 graduates & Students of Assam UESI on the topic “*Homiletics.*” On June 22-23, Dr. Asangla Ao taught on the subject of “*Counselling.*” And then together they spoke on “*Marriage and Family Life*” on July 3. One of the participants commented, “*Dear Dr. Lama, your investment in our lives through timely ‘Biblical Preaching’ in amazingly simple manner of precision and brevity is a gift from our sovereign God. Thank God for pouring your precious decades of experience, academic learnings, passion for Biblical preaching and love for students’ ministry. God bless your family, life and ministry.*”

**Strategic Planning for Ministry:**

A series of meeting was held on Zoom in the month of June to determine a new strategy for ministries in Bihar. Action plan was discussed on livelihood project especially for women folks to generate income for the low-income families.

**Publication and Promotion:**

Mr. K. Chuichalung (right) is appointed as the Publication & Promotional Officer of TLA-ET from April 2020. He will also be the Associate Pastor of Evangelical Baptist Church, Guwahati. He completed Master of Theology (Counselling) from Faith Baptist Bible College & Seminary, Kerala. Please uphold him in your prayers.



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