

Transforming Leaders in Asia

Dear Friends in Christ

Greetings in Jesus Name. I trust you are enjoying God's gift of life and good health.

Soon after returning from India in July, I have been busy trying to catch up with my studies. I am glad that I have finished all my course requirements and now I am preparing for my Comprehensive Exam. Next year, by this time, I expect to begin my Dissertation. I am grateful to God for the opportunity of pursuing PhD in the Old Testament. I am the first person from my state and my community to come this far in the academic world. I trust, once I complete, God will use this experience and knowledge for his glory.

The recent trip to India has been of a great value to my family and me. Words and pictures cannot recapture our experience. Yet I have tried to give you a glimpse of it through our web page (www.tlaministries.org). The brief report and the pictures are posted under Mission Trip India. Not only God used us to inspire our friends and relatives but also enabled us to teach and train about 250 Church leaders in three different states. Our relations with key leaders were renewed and we could roughly assess our future plan.

The training of leaders for godliness, for clarity of vision, and for Christ-like passion for His kingdom in Asia remains affirmed as the primary focus of our ministry. I desire to see that we reach out the grass roots leaders in Asia and equip them proactively. We want to mobilize like-minded qualified Christian leaders and unleash them to reach out others. This is a strategic step for impacting both the Church and society in Asia. We have begun to operate in North-east India and we would like to grow as the Lord leads us and as the resources are available. I desire to see that TLA have at least \$10,000.00 per year provided for Leadership Training Program for each country in Asia. I am also praying for Theological Scholarship Fund. This time I met several students who are in theological college struggling to pay their tuition while some desire to go to seminary but have no money. I wish that TLA would be able to raise \$10,000.00 every year for sponsoring students in Seminary. Of course as I visualize the future of TLA ministry I also see the need of a Training/Retreat Center equipped with the necessary infrastructure. We have been hiring hotels every time and obviously it is not the best choice. The Christian leaders would always need a Training/Retreat Center especially in a place where there is none. Please join me, therefore, to pray for it. If we pray together and if His blessing is upon us, it shall come to pass.

Children are doing fine. They feel excited about India and their future return. Asangla is busy with them as she has always been. She is also preparing for her Comprehensive exams. She plans to graduate in 2005.

Thanks again for your prayers. Do let us know how we can pray for you. Please email us your update sometime.

Finally, let us diligently work the works of Him who sent us, *"as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work."* (John 9:4)

Sincerely yours in Jesus

A. K. Lama

