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Transforming Leaders in Asia

Dear TLA Prayer Partners

Christmas Greetings in Jesus Name.

We write this to update you with some of our ministry prayer requests that you may like to consider this Christmas and share with your friends and relatives.

Our friend Aboo Verghese in Kolkata, whose projects TLA supported this July, has sent us a brief report on how he spent our support of \$500.00. He conveys his appreciation and thanks to all the donors. Aboo desires to appoint one Campus Ministry Coordinator for the city of Kolkata. He has been working alone for more than fifteen years in this metropolitan city with nine university campuses. But now he has one student who is willing to work with him, but he needs to raise salary of \$50 per month. Pray that the Lord will provide the need for the next year.

In 2003, TLA supported two evangelists, one for the state of Assam and one for Arunachal (@\$1000 each). We could not continue the support in 2004, but both evangelists are supported locally and they are doing excellent work. Their ministries have expanded and they have appointed another two workers. Their needs are enormous. It will be good for TLA partners to support an evangelist (@\$1000) in each of these two states for the next year. Shall we pray for it?

We are glad to inform you that Providence Baptist Church of Lanett has decided to support one of our disciples, Mr. Johnson Raih, for his theological study for one year in India. But we are still praying for such sponsorship for another three students. The annual budget for theological study in India is about \$1250.00. Pray that TLA will be able to raise for another three students.

This year our Lord enabled TLA to finance (about \$15,000.00) four Leadership Training Programs (3 TLA +1 UESINE) in India and also enabled our family to travel together and do the ministry there. During this trip we had the privilege to meet many pastors, evangelists and youth leaders. They greatly appreciated TLA's support, but they also earnestly requested TLA to come back with such help in 2005 so that others may benefit. TLA will need \$15,000.00 for 2005. Please pray that the Lord will provide.

Finally, as the Christmas comes with the message of joy and hope, we would like to remind us that there are still many wandering in darkness who haven't heard about the good news of love and salvation. India, which has become famous for outsourcing of job by the corporate in this country, is still a country of more than 900 million people to whom the message of Christmas is still meaningless. They need good news of Christmas more desperately than the jobs. Shall we pray for India this season?

May the good news of Christmas and its news continue to warm your heart as you consider praying for TLA ministries and also for us.

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