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Transforming Leaders in Asia

Dear friend in Christ,

You may be aware of the severe persecution in the state of Orissa and some minor incidence in the state of Assam. In Orissa, four have been killed, several injured, and more than 700 Christian families have been made homeless. In Assam, several of them have been threatened and insulted. Similar situation prevails in the bordering villages of Bangladesh. Please continue to pray for those who are hurting.

We live in Christian dominated area. By God's grace, we are not affected. We continue to serve our Lord Jesus effectively at Shillong Baptist Church and in the northeast region of India. The Lord has done many marvelous things ever since we have returned. This letter would not contain all of the stories, so we give you some highlights here.

Ministry News

In a youth conference attended by 550 youths in January, the Lord blessed AK's preaching in mighty way. 52 youths from other faith accepted Christ and several others rededicated their lives to Christ. To see pictures please visit picasa webalbum of TLA: (<http://picasaweb.google.com/TLAministries/MissionTripToArunachal>)



AK preaches every Sunday at the Shillong Baptist Church (SBC) ministering to 300 to 400 regular attendees. The congregation in the SBC church is mostly comprised by intellectuals, who come from seven states of the northeast region. They are government employees as well students from colleges and universities. The SBC provides a great opportunity to disciple and shape the minds of these future leaders. If you are interested to see a video clip on AK ministry at SBC, please visit You Tube: <http://youtube.com/watch?v=ttyAPIhamRA>

Earlier in October 2007, we donated motor bikes to four Christian workers. They are very happy using the **motorbikes** in remote areas for evangelism and discipleship.



Asangla has been appointed as the **Zonal Secretary** of Union of Evangelical Students of India of Northeast states (UESI-NE: The Indian Chapter of InterVarsity). She has accepted this full time job on honorary basis until they appoint a leader. The ministry has 20 full time campus workers and



has a very wide network and effective ministry among students and laity in seven states of northeast. Unfortunately, the ministry has been facing great challenges in absence of an able leader. Asangla has a great task to rejuvenate the ministry. She covets your prayer.

AK is also enjoying teaching 34 students at John Roberts Theological Seminary. Unfortunately, the training in language, particularly Hebrew, is not given much attention. Not many seminaries have qualified Old Testament professor. Hence, most seminaries produce pastors who lack confidence in biblical studies and exegetical preaching.

We are looking forward to the [TLA Training Workshop in Feb 18-23, 2008](#). We are expecting about [50 pastors and Christian workers with their spouses](#). Mr. Jim Thomason (Chairman TLA) and his wife, Mrs. Eleanor come from the USA. Please pray for their travel and also for the participants who will come from the remote parts of northeast region. Pray for AK, Asangla, and other resource persons. Please pray that God's special blessings will be endowed during this workshop.

We are grateful to God for your partnership in the ministry. We would like you to know that your prayers and sacrificial giving have enabled and empowered us to touch many lives. May the good Lord richly bless you.

We concur with St Paul who wrote, **“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”** (Phil 1:4-6)



Thank you for your partnership.

AK and Asangla

TLA Ministries

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