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From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving & Christmas is already here. It's time to celebrate God's faithfulness in 2017 and claim his continued presence in the New Year 2018. The Creator of heaven & earth did not only choose to come down once, but He also chose to make his dwelling amidst us forever. He is indeed with all of us manifesting himself in and through our works and services. So, I write this editorial with joy sharing the highlights of 2017.

We have been able to reach out more than 400 leaders and social workers impacting the region of north & northeast India, Bhutan and Bangladesh. We were able to **publish two books, distribute useful literatures, donate two two-wheelers, and help more than 30 couples through marriage enrichment seminars.** Our greatest achievement of the years has been to establish, a long awaited interdenominational and intertribal place for worship "**International Evangelical Church**" in the city of Guwahati.

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Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama

Besides the ongoing activities of the ministries, we were able to gradually move forward towards the ultimate dream of a **Residential School of Discipleship and the TLA Training Center.** We were able to have a "**Contour Survey**" and a group of Architects begun working on the **Master Plan.** We thank God for generous helps from many friends toward this dream. Please pray that we shall have fund to start some activities in the land soon. Please pray for the TLA ET trustee members and the staff as we look forward to the New Year 2018 with an expectation for greater miracles.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

MINISTRY NEWS

LEADERS SPIRITUAL FORMATION, NAHARLAGUN

TLA ET in partnership with Arunachal Baptist Council of Churches hosted a three days **LEADERSHIP SPIRITUAL FORMATION 2017** from 4 to 7 October at YT Hotel, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh. Around **30 leaders**



from 18 Associations came where Rev. Alexroy Medley, General Secretary, Emeritus of American Baptist Churches, and Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama were the resource persons. We are grateful to God for the partnership with ABCC in hosting the LEADERSHIP SPIRITUAL FORMATION 2017. Please continue



to pray for the present leaders of ABCC and the strengthening of ABCC.

TRAINING PROGRAM ON MEDIA, PATNITOP

Good Books Educational Trust, Ranchi, conducted a training program on Media in collaboration with Words of Hope Ministries **from 28 August to 02 September at Patnitop, Jammu & Kashmir.** The resource persons



were Dr. A. K. Lama, Christopher Singh from UK, Rev. Jon Oppenorth, Mr. Lee Deyoung, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted & Eleanor Vonk from USA. **About 27 delegates came from different parts of India, Nepal, and Bhutan.** The main focus of this training program was on the use and application of Radio and Media as means to reach out people with the Good news.



"I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs, and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy and happiness and peace to this world." – Norman Vincent Peale

PASTORS AND LEADERS SEMINAR, DUMKA

In a Pastors and Leaders Seminar, organized by Good Books Educational Trust, from 10 to 13 October in Dumka, Jharkhand, Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama and Rev. Dr.



Alexroy Medley were the trainers. More than 70 Pastors, Evangelists, Missionaries from 8 different denominations and mission agencies attended the training program. The training program was on Expository Preaching conducted in Hindi. All the participants benefited from the training program as it was the first time for most of them attending this kind of Expository Preaching Seminar. At the end of the program, most of them went back expressing their desire of having such seminars for a longer duration and twice in a year in future.

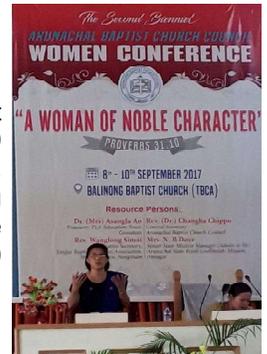


MINISTRY IN AIZAWL

Rev. Dr. Lama and his wife Dr. Asangla Ao were privileged to minister at the Annual Convention of the English Congregation, Aizawl for three days, 19 to 22 Oct. They spoke on the theme "Rooted and Established in Love" (Eph. 3:17).

THE SECOND BIENNIAL APCC

Women Conference was held at Balinong Baptist Church from 8 to 10 Sept 2017. Dr. Asangla Ao, Rev. Changha Chipcho, Rev. Wanglong Simai, and Mrs. N. B. Doye were the resource persons. More than 300 women attended the conference.



TLA ET PASTORS AND LEADERS TRAINING PROGRAM

We praise God for a wonderful group of Pastors & Missionaries (from Manipur, Mizoram, Assam, Arunachal, Sikkim, Odisha, and Bangladesh), who came for the training program on Expository Preaching & Biblical Counselling. The training program was held in Social Forum, Guwahati from 31 Oct to 04 Nov.

The primary focus of this training program was to enable and enhance the participants to prepare sermons from the Epistles and Poetry with proper exegesis which Dr. Lama taught. Secondly, the art and skill of Pastoral Counselling was another area which Dr. Asangla dealt with.



We were blessed to have 19 delegates come for the program. We were amazed and touched by hearing from our Bangladesh brothers who travelled three days just to attend the program. We had a blessed and meaningful time of teaching and learning together. All the participants left the training centre, determined to preach expository sermons in their respective churches. Please uphold them in your prayers.



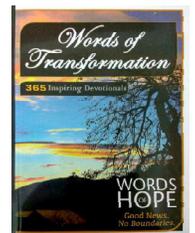
TLA ET LAND UPDATE

TLA ET is delighted to have a team of Architects from 100 Fold Studio to provide all the help in preparing the Master Plan for the Residential School of Discipleship and the Training Centre for Pastors and Leaders in Asia.



TLA ET PUBLICATION

We are thrilled to inform you that TLA ET has republished a book WORDS OF TRANSFORMATION. It is a daily devotional book consisting of 365 inspiring devotionals. We are offering this for a very affordable price of Rs. 100 only. Get your copy, Today!



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