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Dear friends,

Last week I was in Jammu and then in Srinagar of Uttarakhand. I had the privilege of meeting several pastors and evangelist who love the Lord and are passionately working in difficult places. Some of them have some supports while others do not have any. Almost all of them feel lonely and are in desperate need of some encouragement. When I asked one of the evangelists, "What can we do to encourage you in your ministry?" he was taken aback and gently answered, "Sir, nobody has ever asked me that question." I could see tears in his eyes and voice choking as he narrated the struggles he was facing alone in the field.

Our Emphasis: TLA ET intends to equip and empower the servants of God through skill development training, but it also aims to encourage them through networking them with those who have similar love and passion for the Lord. One of the emphases in our training is that we bring servants of God from different denominations and organizations, young and old, and group them together to listen to each others stories and pray for each other. As they meet each other, a synergy is built in the new relationship they develop. They often return with encouragement. They find new friends to whom they can call for prayers and advice. The TLA ET is committed to build the body of our Lord Jesus Christ by bringing men and women of God to each other. I believe that in our unity, we shall see the power of the prayer of our Lord Jesus (Jn 17:21-23) being fulfilled in and through us.

Our Concern: Our vision continues to be firm and strong, but our donations receipt is at the lowest this year. We have always looked to God in faith and have never diverted our time and resources from the field to any fund raising events. And hence, we have lost much of the financial support.

TLA ET is grateful to God for your partnership. During this "Thanksgiving Season," we shall return thanks to God for the past 18 years of journey together. Please take time to pray to God for the needs of this ministry. You may donate online (www.tlaministries.org/?page=donations) and support the ongoing effort. Your every sacrificial gift is valuable to us.

Blessings. — *Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama*

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Serving Overseas Friends of UESI

Asangla and I were on a special assignment with OFUESI in USA visiting it's well wishers and members in San Jose, LA, and Denver encouraging them to support the ministry of UESI (INTERVARSITY) in India. Currently, I am an honorary Vice President of this movement and I am committed to its cause. This is the ministry through which I came to know the Lord in 1983 while studying in a Veterinary College. Many college & university students are coming to know the Lord and many are being mentored for His service in India through this strategic ministry. Please join me in prayers for OFUESI/UESI. May God continue to bless this ministry.



Partnership with FLF



We praise God for a brief halt in St Luis for a fruitful meeting with the leaders of FLF and Baptist Home Ministries on July 26. Together, we discussed and prayed for God's leadership in our partnership. We were encouraged meeting people of God seeking to serve Him with their best. Pray that this meeting will bear some fruits bringing blessings to the Churches in Asia.

Ministry with DNAEC

We were privileged to minister in the 34th Annual gathering of DNAEC (July 26 - 29) in MESSIAH COLLEGE, Mechanicsburg, USA. DNAEC is a unit of St Thomas Evangelical Church, Kerala. More than 200 Indians and Indian-Americans came for this conference. We are grateful to God for the opportunity to minister the Word and we are also grateful to His people who received our ministry with great appreciation. This was our fourth event in a row, but the Lord kept us fresh and energetic. We experienced God's miraculous blessings on health and travel safety during this long trip. And we were greatly encouraged and enriched by the friendship and Christian love received everywhere. Please pray for the Indian American believers in the US.





TLA USA Board Meeting

We thank God for the successful meeting of the TLA USA Board in Brimingham, AL. on July 31. Dr. Asangla and Dr. Lama were able to attend the meeting and present field report. Several important business decisions were made. We are glad to inform you that the following new officers were nominated: Mr Ray Stroup (President), Mr Ted Vonk (Vice President), Mr Lee DeYoung (Secretary), and Mr Brian Pitts (Treasurer). We praise God for his leadership to this ministry. With small budget and humble effort this ministry continues to equip, encourage, and empower full time Christian workers in Asia.

Emerging Leaders Training L-2

The Level Two Emerging Young Leaders Training Program was held at RRTC, Umran, from September 3 to 7, 2018. 57 Young Leaders attended the training program. The feedback of the delegates were very encouraging. Many urged that more of such training may be organized in future.

Rev. Dr. Kurt Selles, Rev. Jon Opgenorth, Rev. Dr. A.K. Lama and Dr. Asangla Ao were the resource persons. The training majored on imparting effective skills of communication and understanding the theology of the Reformers.

The third Level of this training, focused on the learning on the “Skills of Effective Writing,” shall be held in January 2019. Please uphold the event in your prayers.



THE 3RD AGM OF TLA EDUCATIONAL TRUST



The Annual General Meeting of the TLA Educational Trust was held in the Lily Hotel, Guwahati. Reports on various ministry activities, audit, and budget were presented. The presence and participation of all the Trustee Members and the invitees made the meeting a success. Dr. Kurt Selles and Rev. Jon Opgenorth, Ms. Levis Leivon, and Mr. Samu Thomas were special invitees this year. Please uphold the TLA ET in your prayers.

New Staffs of TLAET



Miss Ansu K Thomas, has joined TLA ET as an Accountant cum Office Secretary. She is from Allapuzha, Kerala; however, she was born and raised in North East India. She has done M.Com (Management) from St. Thomas College, Bhillai, Chattishgarh.

Mr Subhranshu Deep, hails from a beautiful town called Bargarh, under the state of Odisha, India. He is married to Salma and they are blessed with a son (5 months old).

He has earned a Bachelor of Divinity from Senate of Serampore University, West Bengal. He is gifted in media ministry like video editing, photography, designing and shooting documentary films. He is also interested in preaching, especially among youth.



Upcoming Training Programs

Emerging Leaders , Level 3 | January 22—26 , 2019
Pastors and Leaders Training | May 20—24 , 2019

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