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Dear Friends,

Bible is not only a religious book, but also a book of practical wisdom for life.

It tells us about Abraham, who on the one hand, lied about his wife to save his life, on the other hand, he did not hesitate to sacrifice his only son Isaac in obedience, Moses, on one hand known for humility, on the other hand, lost his temper and thereby lost his entry ticket to the promised land. The Bible also informs us of king David, who is known for adultery and a murder, at the same time, he is known as the most ideal king that even Jesus is described as the king in the line of David. And we all know about the wisest man in the Bible, Solomon, who in spite of all the wisdom ended his life in vanity, chasing after the wind.

The great scientist Pascal said once- in the heart of human beings lie a God-size vacuum—which only God can fill. One may try to feel with everything but nothing shall satisfy. Without God, we can be trapped in a complex cycle of needs and wants. We may have legitimate needs as well as illegitimate wants. It is possible that we may have sufficient and yet we may not be satisfied. Our needs can be ever expanding as well as our wants could be ever expanding. Amidst such a human context, Jesus reminds us, **“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”** May the good Lord help us to heed to his command seriously.

Thanks for your prayers and partnership. I am glad to share some of the good news of our ministry during this quarter.

Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama.

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BWA Conference

Dr. Asangla Ao and Dr. A. K. Lama were able to attend the 9th Baptist International Conference on Theological Education, July 5-7 and BWA Annual Gatherings from July 7-12, 2019 in Nassau, Bahamas. Dr. Asangla read out a paper for Dr. Atola Longkumer, while Dr. Lama responded to a paper presented by Andre Bokundoa from Congo. Dr. Lama completed the five year term as a Chairman of the BWA Commission on Ministry. He is grateful to the TLA ministry that sponsored him to carry on this responsibility for the global Baptist family. During this Conference, Asia Pacific Baptist Leaders had its own regional meeting, It was a wonderful time of prayer and fellowship. Please continue to pray for the leaders of APBF.



Family Conference, Bihar



Patna, a city where Dr. Lama was drawn to the Word of God in 1981 and where he as a young believer tried to lead a Hindi Bible study group in 1983 to 1984. Those days there were very few Bihari Christians and mostly new converts but today scenario has changed in the last 35 years. Many Churches are planted and there are several Bihari Pastors who are in need of spiritual encouragements and good teachings from the Word of God. Around 40 Pastors and family came for a Family Enrichment Retreat from far and remote places. Someone said, "Never heard so clear and practical teachings from the Word of God." Other said, "Nobody treated us with so much of respect and love." Still other said, "Now we know how we can serve the Lord together as a family." One of the leaders told Dr. Lama, "Sir, many come here with their vision and try to extract more by paying us less, but you have come to listen to us and encourage us." Indeed, the need is enormous here but the best strategic ways to meet them is by equipping, encouraging, and empowering those who are already in the spiritual battlefield of Bihar tired, discouraged, and frightened. These are the most precious resource of God. Let us pray and support them.

36th Annual Conference of ABU Y/D

Around 687 youths participated in the 36th Annual Conference of Adi Baptist Union Youth Department. These are the future of our Church and it is wise to invest our time in building them strong. Arunachal has 19 Baptist Associations and the number of active and interested youths may exceed far more than 12000. The church has much bigger task to mentor them. Please pray that our churches will do their best in my beloved state Arunachal Pradesh.



Pastors & Emerging Leaders Training L-1

We praise God for 78 participants (52 Pastors and Leaders +26 Emerging Leaders) who participated in the HFC/TLA training program from May 21-25. The program was sponsored by the Future Leadership Foundation. Rev. Richard Masih, Mr. Surendra Kisku, Dr. Asangla Ao and Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama were the resource persons. Rev. John Jackson could not join us for health reason. Please pray for the participants.



Gift to NECU

TLAET is glad to donate a photocopier machine, one scanner, one laser printer and another normal printer as an Educational grant to the North East Christian University (NECU). Dr. Darlando Khathing, the Vice Chancellor, and Mr Huzo Meru, the Director of Operations, and the team of staffs expressed their profound gratitude for the generous contribution to the development of the University. Pray for NECU as this is pioneering project of Baptist Churches of North East India



Internship

TLA-ET was blessed to have Mr. H B Kowarhring, an M.Div student of Shalom Bible Seminary, to work as an intern from April 30 to June 7, 2019. He wrote, "I am so lucky and blessed to be a part of this TLA-ET family though for a short time. After attending one of the Leadership Training Program sponsored by TLA-ET in 2018, I was determined to come back again for the training but God had a different plan for me. I am truly blessed to get an opportunity to serve TLA-ET as intern. The Lord has been wonderful to me" TLA-ET wishes him all the best for his future endeavors.



Staff news

We bade farewell to Miss Ansu K Thomas, our former accountant cum office secretary on 30 April 2019, She got married in April and beginning a new life. We wish her all the best for her future endeavors.



We welcome Mr Kadalung Panmei as the new Project Assistant Manager cum Accountant for TLAET and HFC. This young man hails from Tamenglong district under Manipur state. He is also gifted in music so he helps in church from time to time. We wish him all the best as he takes up new challenges and involves in the ministry.



New Office Transport

We are grateful to God for a new van to carry out the works of TLA-ET and Himalayan For Christ, Guwahati. Dr. Lama and the members of International Evangelical churches dedicated this vehicle with prayer for ministry in the city. May the good Lord expand the horizon of our ministry in the city.



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