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Dear Prayer Partners,

Our greatest joy of this quarter has been of seeing a significant progress in the ongoing construction of the Wall and the Gate on the TLA Land. In response to the fund-raising campaign in India we have received a donation of \$3258/- so far. While the TLA Board in USA is delighted to receive two anonymous match grants. We are praying that we shall meet our target to raise \$100K before Christmas. Please join us in prayers.

Despite the lockdown, we have been able to conduct the Bible studies, teachings and training programs through online via Zoom, Facebook, and other social media platforms. We were also able to complete the Annual Audit and the Annual Board Meeting for 2020 smoothly. We hope and pray that the situation will improve and soon we shall be able to start the normal field works.

Please join us in prayers for India and the ministry of TLA-ET in the region.

May the good Lord keep you safe.

Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama

Programs organized from July– September 2020

July 2: Community Development Workers (CDWs) Leaders meeting was held online. The focus was on report writing, story writing and plan CDWs activities in Bihar.

July 3: Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama and Dr. Asangla Ao had an opportunity to speak to more than 24 graduates and students in an online Training Programs hosted by UESI-Assam on Zoom. On June 8-9, he spoke on the topic “Homiletics.” On June 22-23, Dr. Asangla Ao taught on the subject of “Counselling.” And then together they spoke on “Marriage and Family Life” on July 3.

July 4: GBET/TLA-ET/HFC staff fellowship and Prayer meeting was held through Zoom.

July 9: A Hindi Bible Study was conducted for the CDWs and their families. Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama facilitated the study. As a group, they get the opportunity to dig deeper into God’s word and it brings all the CDWs from different regions (Bihar, Jharkhand, J&K and Uttarakhand) together. The PRO of TLA-ET coordinated it. As the Zoom online Bible study is made live in Facebook app, it has helped other people with Hindi language background to join in and receive clarity on scripture interpretation. Till date, the maximum number of viewers are 705 in Facebook only.



One of the viewers Mr. Mari Basar commented, “*Good study for self-introspection*”.

July: Some of the (CDWs) were unable to join the online staff meetings and other fellowships during the lockdown period as they did not have smart phones. In the month of July, TLA-ET distributed new android phones to four CDWs residing in the districts of Gaya, Nalanda and Patna of Bihar. Now they can join all the meetings, mid-week Bible study conducted online through Zoom.



August 14: The staff of TLA-ET & HFC took the opportunity to have a social work in the office. They cleaned and rearranged the office. It was also a good time to have fellowship with each other and support each other by lending a helping hand.



August 22: TLA-ET and HFC AGM 2020 was held successfully through Zoom and Rev. Jonathan L. Ogenorth, representative from Words of Hope and Dr Kurt Selles from Back to God Ministries International were special guests.

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August: TLA-ET distributed the most essential materials like N-95 masks and sanitizers to all the team members of TLA-ET & Himalayan For Christ (HFC), Guwahati and Good Books Educational Trust (GBET) of Ranchi & Lohardaga (Jharkhand), Patna & Jehanabad (Bihar), Pauri Garhwal (Uttarakhand), Udhampur (J & K) and Jaigaon (West Bengal). J & K team (Udhampur Centre) responded, *“We are so pleased and thankful to receive these needful items sent by TLA-ET. These good quality masks will be giving more protection from virus and bacteria. Sir, thank you so much for great concern and care for our team.”*



September 7-9: Pastors and Leaders Webinar Training Program was held, and Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama was the resource person. 37 Pastors & Leaders from six different states of the northeast attended the program. The topic was *“How to do Expository preaching”*. One of the participants commented, *“As a leader I get the opportunity to give sermons and I used to prepare in my own ways. But after attending this program I understand my weaknesses and negligence. Now after attending the training, I am confident that, I got the real tools to prepare sermon. Thank you, Dr Lama.”*



September 14-16: Pastors and Leaders Webinar Training Program was held and Dr. Asangla Ao was the resource person. The topic was *“Pastoral Counseling”*. 37 Pastors & Leaders from six different states of the northeast participated. One of the participants commented, *“I got new learning from Dr Asangla's session. I attended others counseling program but here I learned many new and systematic things. Thank you so much Madam.”*

Capacity Building of Staff:

- ⇒ **September 20:** Ritupam Sharma, Project Manager, TLA-ET could attend a virtual class on *“How to write a winning grant proposal”* organized by Navjivan Center for Development.
- ⇒ **September 23 & 24:** Three staff (Program Manager, Project Manager & CRO) could attend 2 days **Online Training Program on Accessing Government Schemes and RTI** organized by EFICOR, Delhi.
- ⇒ **September 27:** Three staff ((Project Manager, Accountant & CRO) could attend a virtual discussion on *“FCRA- Refusal and Rejection”* organized by Navjivan Center for Development.
- ⇒ **September 29:** Kadalung Panmei, Accountant could attend **Webinar on Decoding the FCRA Amendment Bill 2020** organized by Financial Management Service Foundation.



Update on land development: Boundary wall plastering is going on and Main Gate Construction could be done successfully in the month of September.

Prayers:

Pray for Worship Shade Project: The ministry in rural Bihar is growing rapidly. 2 house churches are in need to extend the area where the congregation can sit and have fellowship. One of them need Rs. 26,040/- (\$352) to extend the roof. And the second one needs Rs. 2,89,000/- (\$3905) to renovate their broken roof and some bricks to enlarge the sitting areas. The congregation is composed of members from a very underprivileged group of society.

Land Development: TLA-ET has a dream to build a training centre of its own and the work has already begun and currently we are in the process of building the wall. We have been giving you updates of the land development work. We seek your prayers toward the financial need for the land development work/training centre project of TLA-ET.

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