

LONGKUMER UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2017

Greetings Dear Friends,

We trust you have all been experiencing the grace and goodness of God through the adventures, joys and struggles of life. We have been praying for you, especially those enduring the particular challenges experienced through the winter months. We hope the joy of the Lord has borne you through battling the elements, dealing with health matters or the limitations on travel or outdoor activities that can sometimes make the final weeks of winter seem to last forever! We're still enjoying the relative cool of the season, but as temps creep toward the 90's (yes, in February!) we're anticipating the heat and humidity that's on the way!

THANK YOU for Your Prayers! We are grateful that the struggles to access our funds due to the sudden demonetization of 86% of Indian currency in circulation are diminishing. Many people are still suffering from the impact of this action taken by the government, particularly the poor, daily wage laborers and small vendors. But at least now we are able to access our funds and continue our work with less disruption. **TAKU'S BROTHER'S** condition is improving as he continues his battle with throat cancer. We nearly lost him as the toll of six weeks of chemo along with daily radiation treatments culminated in early January. He spent two weeks in the hospital in serious condition, but by God's grace and answer to prayer, he pulled through and returned home. He continues to receive nourishment with feedings through a nasal tube, but has recently regained his voice and is beginning to be able to swallow again! He does have sudden dips in his condition, causing brief visits to the hospital, but we are hoping for positive news when he sees the doctor for tests in the coming days. **Please do pray for his continued healing.**

Ministry Scenes

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES India House Church Project



This ministry continues to expand as God touches the lives of young and old alike. In early January we were able to give instruction and baptism to some of these new believers including an aged man and several young high school and college students who have responded to God's love. Your contributions to the online "House Church Project" help provide urgently needed funds for Bibles. As God's Word is given to those with hunger, seeking hearts lives, families and communities are transformed. **Please continue to pray for the new believers who face serious persecution and the evangelists who risk their lives to share the Living Word of God's love to these people.**

PLEASE DO UPHOLD US & OUR INDIAN PARTNERS IN PRAYER

Grace & Protection of us all, that we would know the presence, wisdom and guidance of the Lord as we travel and minister. Pray for our Brother "Sh.U" who leads the Neighborhood Ministry

Provision: We are still below 100% of the required Personal Support Goal that provides necessary funds for our travel and training programs. **Please also pray and give for the online projects (House Church & Kids 4 Mission)**

Peace and Continuity of Basic Services (i.e. no protest closures/ communication blockages)

Our Family: for our children, grandchild & Katie's parents in the U.S.

INDO-BHUTAN

Traveling through tiger reserves and elephant crossings are the norm when we minister among our colleagues ministering in remote villages along the Indian border with Bhutan. We just completed a 10 day journey during which Taku preached in a church we dedicated in 2012, we traveled to villages to meet with pastors and evangelists of several of the 44 churches and provided a training program for the Association leadership, now totally comprised of local leaders. What joy to see the development as several of these leaders are going for theological education and returning to pastor the churches. These churches continue to develop while also reaching the Bhuddist nation of Bhutan. Increasing numbers of people are becoming believers in Christ and traveling to receive training from these churches in the border.



Please do continue to uphold this ministry in prayer.

India Mission Coordination Committee

We had a fruitful time of ministry with the National Women's Leaders and Anti-Human trafficking commission in November and hope to see the same awareness/training program now conducted at the grass roots level with our within our Partner organizations this year.

OUR INDIA ADDRESS

We have had some problems receiving items sent to the new address we'd presented in our last newsletter. Even though we are aware that items have been sent, **NOTHING** has gotten through to us. Until we can clear up the problem, please send mail to the CBCNEI address we had previously used.

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COMMUNICATION BLACKOUT

Due to political unrest and crisis in the state of Nagaland where we live, all internet and texting has been blocked by the government since Jan.29 to date. We are working on a way to get this out to you. Hopefully lines will be restored soon and we will try to catch up on all yet unseen emails as quickly as possible.

GARO BAPTIST WOMEN 50 YEARS STRONG



Katie was honored to minister as the main speaker at this historic celebration where several thousand gathered in an outdoor pavilion erected for the occasion. The 3 day event with the theme "Fan into Flame" culminated with a commitment challenge. It was a blessing to see people respond to God's Word as they came forward in prayer and proceeded to carry their candles into the darkness.

UPCOMING MINISTRY

- March 10: NECU Ground-Breaking**
- March 28-30 CBCNEI / IMCC "Women of Peace" Conference**, Taku Daily Bible Study, Katie Evening Speaker (Guwahati, Assam)
- March 31-April 2 BOBBCA Annual Meetings** we will be the main speakers at the event (held in Kharagpur, West Bengal)
- April 19-May 6** Hosting/traveling with International Ministries teams
- April 24-27 IMCC Project Writing Training** with Joseph Huse, (Jorhat, Assam)
- April 28-30 CBCNEI Annual Meetings** (Jorhat, Assam)
- May 1-6 International Ministries meetings with all Indian Partners** (Travel through India)

THANK YOU!!

We are so very grateful for your partnership in ministry! You are an integral part in the amazing work God is doing in the lives of people in this part of the world. We are so encouraged by your commitment, prayers, giving and communication.

GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY!