

# LONGKUMER UPDATE

MARCH 2018

Greetings Dear Friends! It is said that "a picture paints a thousands words", so this update will give you a glimpse of what we're doing through photos of the folks we are privileged to minister to and with whom we serve.

## TRAINING PROGRAMS



Our ongoing partnership in ministry with **NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY**'s outreach to the M\*\*m community in Assam continues to bear fruit with ever increasing numbers of new believers being prepared for baptism. November 30-December 2 Rev. Karl Dumas, an ABC Pastor from Utah, joined us in conducting a House Church Leader Training program with 80 leaders of house churches.



The participants expressed their appreciation for the teaching on discipleship and leadership, especially pertinent as the majority have been believers less than two years.



These training programs will continue on a regularly thrice annually thanks to a generous grant from the Great Rivers Region!

**PLEASE PRAY** as we plan to baptize several believers later in March.

## NAGAMESE BAPTIST CHURCH ASSOCIATION LEADERS



NBCA is the most recently formed association within the Nagaland Baptist Church Council. These 64 churches serve the non-Naga's in Nagaland, as well as the growing community of inter-tribal families who are unable to worship in their tribal church of origin due to language barriers. This is a young but growing body of believers!

*These leaders are like sponges, soaking up lectures and engaging in vibrant dialogue.*



## INDO-BHUTAN LEADERS

We continue to provide leadership and discipleship training along the Bhutan border where 49 churches have been planted among the tea garden population. These churches focus outreach within the closed Buddhist nation of Bhutan.



In our last program we'd intended to provide discipleship training to new believers who travel down the mountains from Bhutan. Due to the sudden imprisonment of a Christian the intended participants were unable to leave their village. We suddenly switched gears and

gathered leaders from the new local churches and presented leadership training. **PLEASE PRAY** as we return in March to conduct that discipleship training program for Bhutanese believers.



## ABC DAKOTAS KARBI ANGLONG CONVENTION MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP



We are so blessed to have the opportunity to host three members of our MPT who were able to come and join us in ministry. They represented the ABC of Dakotas who continue to partner in ministry with the Karbi people in Assam. Their time here was packed conducting leaders training, teacher training, encouraging church planters, meeting Convention leaders, visiting schools and a self-support rubber tree plantation project. Our MPT Convener, Dr. Joseph Huse, also presented a stewardship seminar for a national level Baptist leaders gathering.

## GARO BAPTIST CONVENTION SESQUICENTENNIAL



## 200,000 BELIEVERS CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY

Katie was privileged to have a once in a lifetime opportunity to preach in a historic celebration of the first church planted among the Garo tribe 150 years ago. It was a massive gathering! The venue, a tent in the midst of rice fields, was the size of 4 football fields, where 200,000 worshipers sat on straw on the cold ground during all the services. For the Sunday morning service the sides of the tent were raised to accommodate an additional 100,000 people gathered outside! It was a powerful time of worship as voices resounded in the song "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus", a chorus composed by one of their own Garo tribe and now cherished worldwide. This was also attended by Dr. Benjamin Chan, our Area Director and his special assistants for India.

**INDIA BAPTIST SUMMIT OCTOBER 3-6, 2019** We are excited and blessed by the fruit borne from the 2014 India Mission Summit in Kohima where all our Indian partners gathered to seek God and explore ways to work together to reach India. We are encouraged by the successful ministries of the two Commissions on Anti-Human Trafficking and Religious Liberty (Justice for All), as well as the Forums for Women and Youth which were created from that event. We are now actively involved in the planning of the follow-up event, **THE INDIA BAPTIST SUMMIT**, in the South Indian city of Hyderabad. We, along with our Indian colleagues, Area Director, Ben Chan and his assistants, recently spent time in that city meeting with key civic leaders and local Pastors in preparation for the anticipated 1200 participants in the program. **PLEASE PRAY** as we will be making several more trips involving many more meetings to prepare for this event; **PRAY** this leads to enhanced cooperation, networking and unity among the body of Christ in India.



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With **great joy** we continue to visit the villages of these once nomadic herders of buffalo! As we train leaders, meet and encourage congregations, we see God's mighty hand at work. We dedicated a new church where these women worship. **Please pray for the continued outpouring of grace and God's Holy Spirit power among these people.**

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Your Giving

YOUR COMMITMENT TO PARTNER WITH US IN MINISTRY  
EMPOWERS AND ENABLES US TO DO THE WORK  
GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO!  
**MAY OUR LOVING FATHER BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY!**