

DE FAMILY TO INDIA

Field Address:
Dr. Sambhu Nath De
Bethany House, Theatre Jn
PO Kuruppampady- 683545
Kerala, INDIA

Email: samde52@gmail.com
Cell: 011-91-9388473122
Phone: 011-91-484-2595987
Web: www.fbbcindia.org

Mission Address:
Baptist World Mission
PO Box 2149
Decatur, AL 35602
Phone: (256) 353-2221

PRAYER LETTER: MAY 2012

New Church Building In Manipur

Dear Pastor/Friend,

Here is an exciting report of our ministry:

EVANGELISTIC TRIP: My wife and I spent ten days in the state of Manipur which borders Myanmar. I preached ten times. As a result, **six Hindu persons accepted Christ as Savior and 51 persons dedicated their lives for Christ.** The focal point was the inauguration of Faith Baptist Church in Tanjen, in the midst of orthodox Hindu Manipuri village. We supported the church planter for several years, and we paid 80% of the cost of the new church building. After the dedication of the church, we started the meeting, but we could not proceed because the entire church was sobbing and weeping for about ten minutes! Seeing their tears, I also started to choke. They are so grateful to the Lord. All the members are excommunicated from the village and are threatened with dire consequences by the village elders, but they defied all obstacles and completed the church. The second significant event was that seven students graduated from Manipur Baptist Bible Institute.

There is much more exciting news of our trip given on the second page of this prayer letter. If you have time, please read our report on page 2.



Seven graduates and teachers
Manipur Baptist Bible Institute

EXCITING PROSPECT: MATCHING FUND FOR THE COLLEGE

A dear friend of our ministry has offered \$60,000, yes, sixty-thousand dollars if we can raise the equal amount. It took about ten days for the information to sink in. We never had such a prospect during the past 16 years. I thought the offer was a mistake because it was too good to be true. The friend assured me that the offer is genuine.

In this matching fund project, if we can raise \$60,000, the total fund will **be doubled** to \$120,000! This fund will take care of our necessary dining hall and kitchen project. It also will help us to have a high energy electrical line to the college, in addition to having an electrical transformer for the college. This will help us to have electric power to the new library and to all the new buildings. Every dollar counts for the matching fund and for the ministry.

I did not solicit funds from the special donor. The Lord placed the burden on the heart of this friend of the college, and the donor contacted me. There is an urgent need to build a kitchen and a dining hall so that the hygienic environment is acceptable. The new electrical line will meet all the needs of the college.

Now I urge you to pray for the above need. Would you consider what the Lord may have you to do about the need? All these years the Lord has provided our needs in an exceptional way. My wife and I are grateful for all our prayer and financial supporters. I know that many of you will be praying for us. As you pray, would you kindly offer special prayer for Molly and me, so that we will be faithful in all situations? We also need physical energy and a larger vision.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Thank you.

Your friends,

Sam and Molly, Kerala, India

REPORT ON MANIPUR VISIT IN APRIL, 2012

Manipur is a state in northeastern India, with its capital, Imphal. This state borders Myanmar to the east. The largest people group in this state is Manipuris (Meiteis). The hills are inhabited mainly by 29 major tribal groups. It is very difficult to work among Manipuri people because they are very orthodox Hindus. As a result, the number of Christians among the Manipuris is tragically low. To compound the problem, Manipur is the home of numerous insurgency groups. Our ministry in Manipur is primarily located in Manipur Valley, where orthodox Manipuri Hindus live. Molly and I travelled from South India to Northeast India and arrived in Imphal, the capital city on the evening of April 23. Our four church planters in Manipur and us, six persons, formed an evangelistic team for ten days of ministry.

April 24: We travelled 2 ½ hours (45 km) and went to Thamnapokpi village near Moirang, where our church planter, Nigthem, started a small church. In the open air meeting, ten people raised hands and, after individual counseling, we are convinced that **four souls got saved**.

April 25: We travelled three hours (about 75km) to Tanjeng Khunou, near Sugunu town, where our church planter, Dolendra, started Faith Baptist Church. We **helped to build a church building**. After the dedication of the church, we started the meeting, but we could not proceed. The entire church was sobbing and weeping for about ten minutes! Seeing their tears, I also started to choke. They are so grateful to the Lord. All the members are excommunicated from the village and threatened with dire consequences, but they defied all obstacles and completed the church. **Seven persons dedicated** their lives in the meeting.

April 26: We travelled one hour (35 km), to Mayang Imphal in Upokpi village. Our church planter, Jayanta, had started a fellowship in a village school building. A few months back, a Hindu man forcibly took away the school building and the place of worship was gone. Therefore, we arranged an open-air gospel meeting in the village hall. About 60 Hindu men and women attended the meeting, but no one dared to show interest in Christ publically. But **two men** whispered to one of our team members that they would like to talk about Christ secretly after some time. We have several believers in this village, and we need a church building to take care of the little flock.

April 27: We went to Manipur Baptist Bible Institute, which is a vernacular school that offers a three-month course. We partner in running this Bible institute. I preached and **five persons dedicated** their lives to the Lord. In the afternoon, we traveled 25 km to Laikoi Baptist Church, where **ten people dedicated** their lives. On April 28, I was down with severe diarrhea and fever with convulsion and took rest on this day.

April 29, Sunday: We travelled 7 km and went to Kanchipur where our church planter, Kuber, started Faith Baptist Fellowship in a small rented house. This church is in a strategic location because it is located in front of Manipur University. **Seven persons dedicated** their lives. We praying that the Lord will give us a piece of land to build our own church building. Then we travelled 25 km to Phayang Baptist Church where **two people got saved and five people dedicated** their lives. **On the way, we saw the place where two of our church members were killed about a year back.** It was an emotional time. After this, we went to Khoyathong, and I spoke at Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship where **eight people dedicated** their lives.

April 30: I was the speaker for the graduation service at Manipur Baptist Bible Institute. **Seven students** walked down the aisle to receive their certificates, having completed their three-months course in their own Manipuri language. My dream came true. When I challenged the congregation, nine people **stood up for the dedication** of their lives. Next day, we came back to Kerala.

To God be the glory. We thank God for your prayer and support. The need is so vast. Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest for more laborers for the field.

Sam and Molly, Kerala, INDIA

DE FAMILY TO INDIA

Field Address:

Dr. Sambhu Nath De
Bethany House, Theatre Jn
PO Kuruppampady- 683545
Kerala, INDIA

Email: samde52@gmail.com
Cell: 011-91-9388473122
Phone: 011-91-484-2595987
Web: www.fbbcindia.org

Mission Address:

Baptist World Mission
PO Box 2149
Decatur, AL 35602
Phone: (256) 353-2221

PRAYER LETTER: APRIL 2012

Dear Pastor/Friend,

Here is a brief report about our ministry:

CHURCH NEWS: The construction of Good Shepherd Baptist Church in the state of Andhra Pradesh is over. My wife and I travelled there, and I had the privilege of inaugurating the building on April 1. This is a great progress in our church-planting work. We are thankful to the church in Minnesota for helping us financially to complete the project. Please pray for our church planter, Devasahayam, the pastor of the church.



FAITH BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE: During the past 16 years, we had constant problems with the electricity department. The amount of power for our use was decided about 14 years back. Since then, the department has been refusing to allot us more power, although the college has grown substantially. We could not provide a fan in the dormitory, and we cannot have extra power for the new library. The problem has reached a crisis point.

Kerala Electricity Board proposed that we bring a high-voltage line through an underground cable and buy a transformer to be set on our campus. Only then, we can expect to solve the energy crisis for our college. The cost for this project is \$11,340, which is to be borne by us. The cost includes the underground cable, transformer, and installation charges. Previously, the electricity department gave us estimates twice for the same project, but we could not come up with money and, besides, there were other problems also. This time, we have three months to raise this amount and deposit the money with the government.

I request all our supporting churches and prayer partners to pray to the Lord that He would provide us with the necessary funds.

MANIPUR TRIP: My wife and I are planning to leave April 22 for Manipur, a northeast Indian state located by the Myanmar boarder, and we will return to Kerala on May 1. I have three purposes for the visit. **First**, I want to see the construction of a new church building by our church planter Dolendra. We are funding for the construction. Since the construction the building began, the village elders warned Dolendra of dire consequence. When Dolendra did not stop the work, he and his family members were excommunicated from the village activities. Praise God that the work continues in the face of pressure and persecution. My **second** purpose is to attend the graduation service of Manipur Baptist Bible Institute. The **last** purpose of my trip is to visit our other church planters and do the work of evangelism. Molly and I will be very grateful if you kindly pray for our trip.

Your friends,

Sam and Molly, Kerala, India