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From: **jack chen** <jackf_chen@hotmail.com>
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Subject: India Report ATTENTION LUCILLA WONG; ELAINE WONG
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Dear Lucilla Wong and Elaine Wong,

Greetings to MCBC!

Trust you are doing well in the midst of this pandemic and finding a new normal.

I returned from India just 10 days before the major airlines shut down all flights out of India! Here is a report on the latest happenings in India in the ministry. I've also attached a link to a report that was shared at our Ajax Lighthouse that will give you a glimpse into what the Lord has done so far. You may share this link with careful and prayerful people.

1. LeadersFormation:

Phase 2 was successfully concluded in November and December 2019. All 5 locations celebrated with a graduation service and we gave out Certificates to 124 candidates who successfully completed the 5 years course in spite of floods, torrid summers and persecutions. 3 of us including 2 of my main trainers lost our wives to cancer during this period.

Through these 5 years our leaders and trainers have planted at least 44 new church plants, most of them (except one that had Korean funding and built a huge 5 seater building) are house churches. Nearly 500 new believers have been baptised. Each of these graduates had at least 1 Timothy that they had been training. Upon graduation they gave us a total of 536 other pastors, leaders, church planters and evangelists that they committed to training.

Phase 3 got launched almost immediately! On January 4th, 2020, these 5 locations became 5 hubs in West Bengal reaching into the interior villages and small towns and started the training with the first booklet of the First Principles Series! PTL! Book One was completed by February and they are awaiting the mailing out of the 2nd booklet once the postal services resume their delivery after the lockdown is lifted.

Phase 3 has a very different format from Phases 1 & 2. During 3 chosen months of the year (ie January, May and November) EVERY trainer will meet with 5 or 6 trainees within his locale that is reachable by bus or bicycle and they will complete 1 lesson per Saturday. This way a minimum of travel is involved and no food or lodging costs are involved.

This third Phase will conclude in 2024. Taking India's special challenges into consideration, FEB International has agreed to support this 3rd Phase and my role will continue to be an overseeing manager with several local coordinators ensuring the training continues in the new format. FEB has not insisted on a change of curriculum and we will continue to use the First Principles. I will plan to travel to India once a year to oversee this work and the KHRIS Project.

God as also opened up a new front of involvement in the form of a "Macedonian Call" from a young man in a very new and remote part of Bengal. His name is Pinto and he called us to help him and his group with training. For the last 5 years he has built up a huge ministry to largely non believers that meet in almost 50 locations in small to large house churches. I was invited to speak on Christmas Day 2019 where an estimated 8000 attended on the rice fields of a village called Boinchee. After I gave an evangelistic message and an altar call, almost half the crowd raised their hands and prayed to accept the Christ of Christmas into their lives. I have never had an experience like this in all my years of ministry. Now the follow up work remains to be done. Swapan is going to be the main trainer for this young man Pinto.

2. KHRIS

Much to praise the Lord for in this work. 2 of the girls have completed their Bachelor of Arts. One of them is now doing her MA while working. Others are working toward completing their Grade 10.

The COVID19 pandemic has brought a great disruption to their studies.

A very pressing problem is the government's attempts to clear the streets especially in the Central core of the city which affects the slum kids that we work with. In addition, some of the commercial buildings whose fronts are occupied by these shacks are now getting aggressive in clearing those shacks.

This leads to this next item of GREAT PRAISE and that is the acquisition of our very first "apartment" for the first slum family in our KHRIS Project. Attaching some BEFORE and AFTER photos of the apartment.

This family that used to live in a shack on the streets with no electricity, no water (had to line up at a street tap twice a day to fill a bucket or bottles), no toilet (used to go to a Pay & Use facility each time and pay 20cents for short and 60 cents for long!) now lives in a 1 room apartment with a kitchen, an ensuite bathroom, electricity and running water! And the rent is just \$23 a month!

The attached photos show the BEFORE and AFTER of the apartment. Below is the link to the Powerpoint report.

https://youtu.be/MF_3VesXa-Q

Report starts at the 18.07 minute spot.

Please pray for my work in India – just this past week I had several calls lasting several hours, thanking God for inexpensive calling cards to India! Excruciating is the word that comes to mind thinking of the needs of just our leaders that are in our training as well as the slum kids in the KHRIS project. Some simply have no food, no money and no savings. They spend hours in line just to buy some fresh produce from the markets that are allowed to open for just 2 or 3 hours in the morning. BEFORE that they spend sometimes up to 2 hours in line at the bank to get some money. Most of the ATMs run out of money and don't get restocked till the next day or a few days later!

I am working with my main coordinators to see how we can do something practical to help.

Thankful to God for our "abundance" here in comparison to what they face in India and other countries.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

Blessings,

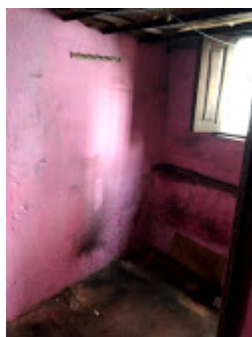
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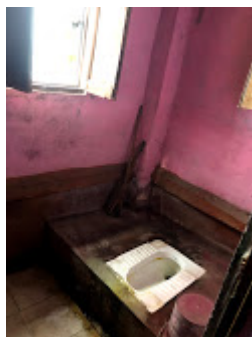
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