

Christmas Letter 2008

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“It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation” - Romans 15:20

The year 2008 was a year when Indian Christians had to pass the fiery furnace (I Peter 4:12) in different corners of India such as Orissa, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Assam, and Uttaranchal etc. Throughout this year the living Lord has shown us His grace, mercy and protecting hands and carried us in His wings (Isa. 40:31). By His grace for our Kolkata Love Presbyterian Church we baptized 7 people on Easter. We are also preparing 7 more to be baptized in Christmas. During this one year God has blessed us abundantly, and we praise Him with all our heart.

Kolkata Love Presbyterian Church:

By the grace of God we are having two Bengali and one English/Korean Service in our church every Sunday and two Sunday Schools in Bengali & English. On Tuesday’s we have a youth service, on Wednesday we have worship and on Friday night, we have prayer and home cell worship. We have started a children’s crèche with 35 and have also started an Adult Creech, with 20 members right now. We started this in February and it is from Monday through Friday 8.am to 5pm. We also have a Free Medical Clinic every Friday providing free medicine to the surrounding needy.

I.R.P.T. Seminary:

By God’s grace this year 4 students (Rafael Gayen, Sunil Soren, Suraj Murmu, Tarak Sahu) graduated on February 8th. The sermon was preached by Rev.Dr. Kim Ha Jin. 204 students have been graduated from our Seminary till this day. We also celebrated the HOME COMING DAY on April 11th in our seminary. Rev. Suvro Mondal promised to donate 50 chairs to IRPTS. 10 new students joined our seminary this academic year. We are grateful to the Salt and Light Church for the 2nd floor dormitory construction.

Visit to Korea:

For being with DaeGil Church for 21 years and serving faithfully in His vineyard, from the month of May Shin Banpo Church extended their hand to stand with us as a pasong church. We are warming welcomed by them. We are thankful to them.



Visit to USA:

Praise God that Sukrit, Sang Yee and Jemimah was able to go USA by the help of Asian Mission to meet with Samuel and Esther and also for so that Mr. and Mrs. Roy could have rest.

EE Clinic:

39th Bengali EE Clinic was held from 24th -29th March where 128 people heard the Gospel and 67 of them received Christ. Pray for the Coming 40th Bengali Clinic that will be held through the 6th-11th April of 2009 at Kolkata Love Presbyterian Church.



Summer Outreach Ministry:

The 20th Summer Outreach was held from 21st April -24th May where 3 teams (Joshua-Hill, Caleb-Land, Paul-Island) worked for a month in India.

4 Days Fasting Prayer:

The 21st time for 4 days fasting prayer was held at Canning Fasting Prayer House from 6th-9th October. 120 people attended the fast, where the closing service was conducted by Rev. Kalyan Moitra and Subir Roy.



Daughter Churches:

Out of 120 daughter churches Rev. Mo Jung Sub with 25 team members of E-Land and with the believers of Choto Mollakhali Reformed Presbyterian Church had the ground breaking ceremony of the Church for construction, pray for work.

Ideal Mission School (IMS):

By the grace of God the IMS has two sections in Bengali and English where 15 teachers are involved. Our pastors/evangelists/believer's children are in school and studying in English. Pray for a separate Hostel building. Thanks to Elder Jung Sang Kwon.

Island Ministry:

By the "MV. Eternal Life" and "MV.Salt & Light" boat we have reached More five islands beside 17 Islands in the remote Sunderban area.

Lydia Mission House:

By God's grace this year in July the Kwamyum Church team donated LMS 5 AC in 5 rooms. We are grateful to them.



Medical Ministries:

By the help of Oikonomos foundation through these “MV.Salt & Light” vessels through out this year we treated a total of 15625 patients this year. We also had 62 cataract surgeries by the help of Dr.Park Jae Hyung of Spiritual Wave mission. Please pray for the up coming cataract operation on 23-27 Jan 2009 for success.

a) By the help of Palm En Ceder we are able to build 5 health centers in remote Islands.

b) By the grace of God and the help of Shin Banpo Po Church the Good Samaritan Hospital Work has been started and the ground floor construction has been completed. The first floor is being built at the moment. Please pray for the rest of the finance, utensils, doctors and management.

c) We are also grateful to Green Park Church for helping at the KLPC medical Camp.

Pastoral Conference :

The 15th (March 10-14) and 16th (Dec.3rd-5th) Pastoral Meeting was held at Kolkata Love Church with CMA 20 pastors where many problems were discussed and prayed together for solutions.

BGEAI Festival of Peace-Jadavpur:

Rev.Dr. Robert Cunville, an associates evangelist of Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has willing to conduct a “Festival of Peace –Jadavpur” From 27th-29th March 2009 with the Churches of South Calcutta, please pray for a Grand success.

Literacy Ministries:

By the grace of God this year CMA is going to publish a book called Twelve ReformationHeroes written by G.A.Neilson and translated by Rev.Sukrit Roy. Please pray for its Finance 1000 copies Rs.27,000 (US\$ 600).

Cultivation:

By God's grace we had a good harvest in our Canning Seminary Campus. Our students, with the help of laborers cultivated 10 acres of land.



Prayer Requests:

- a) Pray for 155 co-workers of CMA to be filled with the Holy Spirit to bear fruits.
- b) Pray for Kolkata Love Church Plan Sanction and finance for construction.
- c) For Planting 1000 Churches, Swapnabas (Dream House) and IMS Hostel
- d) For generous Christmas Gift/monthly support to 22 Ordained pastors and 70 evangelists, teachers and others.
- e) Pray for the Festival of Peace, construction of Good Samaritan Hospital, and eye camp.
- f) May God provide our daily needs to serve Him better.
- g) God may bless all the persecuted Christians in India and that the Church may multiply.

Thank you for your continuous prayer and support for past several years. We do believe that in the coming year you will continuously pray for us and extend your hand to march forward. Please pray that this Christmas all the Christians in India will be united, be holy, and serve each other and seek for God's Justice and Peace.

WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR 2009

Yours' faithfully,
Rev. Dr. Sukrit Roy & Mrs. Sang Yee Roy
And all the board members, pastors, teachers, staff, and co-workers.



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