

Christmas Letter 2014

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“As for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD. “My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants--from this time on and forever,” says the LORD.

- Isaiah 59:21

We would like to share with you our joy in 2014 by writing this Christmas News Letter. In this joyful season we wish you & your family a meaningful Christmas and a joyful New Year 2015.

We are thankful and appreciate your prayer & financial support for CMA during the past 27 years. We wish that whoever came to know the Gospel and accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior may be blessed by this Bible verse - Isaiah 59:21, and appear before the Lord in His second coming with all their descendants & extended family in India, and the world.

1. Calcutta Love Reformed Presbyterian Church (CLRPC)

By the providence of God and your sincere prayer and love we could complete the 4th & 5th floor construction of the new church and Kolkata Mission Centre. Please pray and extend your hand for the brick and plaster work of each floor which costs US\$20,000 each floor.

This year in our church we conducted three seminars: ‘Church Planting’ by Dr. Bill Smith; ‘Muslim Evangelism’ by Rev. James Khondokar and ‘Dunamis’ by Park Sung. Also this year we celebrated ‘A Day with Jesus’ on 23rd October and four days fasting during 1st - 4th, October.



2. India Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (IRPTS)

By the grace of God this academic year we have already completed two terms and are running the 3rd term by the teaching assistance of Rev.Dr. Sukrit Roy, Rev. Suvash Sarder, Rev. Rabindranath Roy, Manabendra Halder and as a visiting professor Rev. Jang Hyung Bum, Rev. James Khondakar, Rev. Dick Lagewaard, and Rev. Jan Vogel.

The 22nd Graduation service was held on 7th March where Prasanta Nasker and Biswjit Mondal graduated B.Th. Please pray for the renovation of the seminary and dormitory building and for more students in our seminary.



3. Visit to Korea & USA

This year I visited Korea from 24th April, to 6th May for the Chibujang seminar. We were honored to be able to attend Shinbanpo Church's 60th Anniversary and are grateful for their special donation for Kolkata Mission Center.

Sang Yee also went with me to get proper health checkup due to her continuous health problems which she was suffering various illnesses for over 5 months. We thank God for her recovery. She now went to USA on 1st November till 12th December to take care Barnabas, Jemimah and Samuel.

4. Ideal Mission School (IMS)

By the grace of God we have 5 teaching and non teaching staffs at Ideal Mission School. Our pastor's/ evangelist's/believer's children are in school hostel and studying diligently.

Please pray for a separate dormitory building. We are thankful to Elder Jung Sang Kwon who has been sincerely assisting us since its formation.

5. Medical Ministries

By the help of Oikonomos foundation we were able to travel to several villages and islands by MV. Salt & Light vessel & Eternal Life boat and medically treated a total of 5925 patients this year. 30 patients also received cataract surgery by the help of Dr.Park Jae Hyung of Spiritual Wave mission.

And for the past one year our 'Eternal Life' boat has been going to Sunderban Islands every month with a medical team consisting of Indian doctors and their assistants: Dr. Sushi Ghosh (General Physician) and Dr. Pallash Pallab Mondal (Eye specialist), Dr. Samuel Vadeswaram (Child specialist), Kuntal Chakrabarty (Pharmacist), Supriyo Mondal & Namita Majumder to treat needy patients in the interior parts of Sunderban Islands.

i) By the help of Spiritual Wave Mission (31st January to 4th February) 656 patients and by the help of “Dream Church” Medical team (14th-19th August) 765 patients treated. Pray that coming year many more medical teams may come and help our hospital and island medical ministries.

ii) By grace of God and the help of Shinbanpo Prebysterian Church the Good Samaritan Hospital Work has been started and completed. Please pray for the government licensing & finance, medical machine and equipment, doctors and management.

iii) We are also grateful to Green Park Church in London for their regular help to carry on the medical camp at Kolkata Love Church.



6. 25th CMA Summer Outreach (13th May-6th June)

This year in our country the 7th Lok Sabha (Parliament) election was held on the month of April and May, therefore after all the members of our outreach team fulfilled our national duty by casting our votes on 12th May, we left for outreach on 13th May. On our first night (13th) two tires of our bus burst therefore we had to spend the night on the road. The next day we bought new tires from Krishnanagar and proceed towards Shilliguri, our destination.

But then the bus engine was damaged therefore next night again we had to spend in Kishangang from night 2am-6am. By God's grace we met Mr. Ananad, a local believer who towed our bus with his truck till the garage and dropped us in Shilligury Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. We had the Sunday worship at Shilligury Presbyterian Church and for a week we did outreach to the surrounding church, distributed tracts and sold our gospel books, Bible, and CDs. By Saturday the car was ready therefore we went on Saturday night to Vatabary Presbyterian Church in Assam Border and had Sunday worship there with the believers.

Till Wednesday we did outreach to the surroundings and our youth painted the inside walls of the church. Thursday we went to Malbazar and spent the night at Pastor P. Bose's house. In the morning we did outreach in Malbazar city where 70,000 Bengali people live but not a single Church is there. God gave us a vision to start a church among them; please pray for a God appointed worker. On Friday 30th May we entered into Nepal and went to our Hille Presbyterian Church and stayed with Rev. Dil Aquila.

On Saturday we had a church service at 8am at Hille Logos Presbyterian Church, and also at 11am at Sukhepokhri Logos Presbyterian Church and had lunch together. In the evening we went to Ithari and the next day on Sunday we had worship in the morning at Timpani LP Church and afternoon at Gaiser Presbyterian Church. Please pray that the Lord may grant us a land for Hille LPC. In Gaiser PC we have a land but need to build a church which may cost US\$15000/- Please pray for the fund.

After outreach on Monday at Ithari we left Nepal and entered India and by outreaching on our way as we returned to Kolkata safely on 6th June. Although we had many obstacles in this trip, the gracious hand of God was upon us as He carried the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan, till today He was faithful to us too. (Exodus 19:4) Hallelujah.

7. Pastor' and Evangelists' Meeting of CMA

Please pray for the growth of all the CMA churches, that each church may have the vision to be mother church by reaching 30-40 kms far villages and establishing daughter churches. Please also pray for the upcoming baptism & communion service of all the CMA churches on Christmas Worship..

8. CMA Board Meeting

CMA Board members met on 8th January and 27th March at the CMA office and discussed upcoming important plans. Also the CMA AGM was held on 24th October and the Society was renewed in the Government. By God's grace the Kolkata Love Church Diary was published.

9. Visiting Daughter Churches

Throughout this year, I, along with different guests were able to visit several churches, such as Andul PC, Nischintapur PC, Pahalampur Inmanuel PC, Kamalpur PC, Haldia PC, North 24 pgs PC, Kuemuri PC, Surendra Nagar PC, Kolkata Love PC, Grace PC, Satjelia PC, Parul PC, Nishindra PC, Logos PC, Gaiser PC, Tinpani PC, Kandi PC, Mandir Tala PC, Kumir mar, Radhanagar, Kamalpur, Harma PC, and Shiliguri Philadelphia PC.

At Parul PC a baptism and communion service was held where 8 adults and 15 children were baptized. Pray that their whole family may turn to the Lord as well. At Parul PC 'A Day with Jesus' was also held for the growth of the church. We thank God for the mutation & plan sanction of Parul PC. A burial ground is needed for the church in Hoogly district. Also at Haldia and Kolkata Love PC 'A Day with Jesus' was held with more than 100 participants in each church. Amidst many obstacles the Lord help us to start a new church name Hanidhara PC Church at Howrah.

10. Church Planting Seminar (USA)

We are thankful for Rev. Bill Smith from USA, a church planter, who gave a two-day seminar lecture at Kolkata Love Church to our seminary students, pastors and evangelist about church planting.

He also delivered a message in Kolkata Love Church on Sunday. Please pray that he might be able to teach again for a week in the years to come.

11. 12th Barnabas Rest Festival at IBIZA for Minister's wives (USA)

Rev. Cho Young Soo, Mrs. Lee Jong Soo and Rev. Kim Ill Ho conducted 12th Barnabas Rest Festival at IBIZA Resort, Kolkata where 30 pastor's & evangelist's wives were blessed by lectures, good food and counseling.

They also participated in our seminary graduation and ordination services at Canning Campus. We are thankful and grateful to them for such a great ministry.

12. Independence Day

On 15th August, 2014 our National flag was hosted at Ideal Mission School with parents and students together and later in the Canning Campus by Rev. Dr. Sukrit Roy and Dr. Kim Dong Gon, Dr. Kim Yun Hwan (from Seoul Dream Church) to celebrate the Independence Day of India and Korea. A friendly 'Independence Football Tournament' was held between seminary students, CMA pastors, evangelists and Kolkata Love Church Youth Team.

The final game was between CMA Pastors/evangelist/IRPTS students against the Seoul Dream church (Korea Team). This year CMA Pastors-/Evangelist/IRPTS students became the winner and Korea Dream Church was runner-up. We are ever grateful to Seoul Dream Church for their medical, outreach, children and game ministry. They also donated 32 bicycles to our pastors, evangelists and youths.



13. A Christmas get together

It was held on 21st December, 2013 at the Dhyana Ashram of with retired Bishops and Pastors with delicious lunch and a gift of love for every participants (about 40 people) and the Silver multivitamins were presented by brother A.J. Roberts from Martinsburg Community Church.

The retired Bishop and Moderator D.C. Gorai blessed with the Christmas service. Please pray that this year also the "Christmas Get Together" will be held on 19th December at Budbuga 'SwapnaKutir'.

15. Literary Ministry

Although we are facing a financial crisis, still by His grace we have translated three books such as John Stott's 'Living Church,' R.T. Kendal's 'Anointing Today, Tomorrow & Future.' Please pray for the finance of printing two books.

For 500 copies of "Living Church" we need US\$ 500/- and "Anointing Today, Tomorrow" 1000 copies with cost US \$900. Please pray that those who will read it might be transformed.

14. 'Four Days of Fasting' Prayer

Our 'Four days Fasting Prayer' was conducted from 1st-4th October in our 'Fasting and Prayer House' at Canning campus with the presence of about 61 people. On the last day Rev. Andrew Simick delivered the message on prayer and conducted communion service.



Prayer Requests

- i) Pray for the co-workers of CMA & their families to be filled with Holy Spirit to bear fruits and the growth in our Kolkata Love Presbyterian Church & CMA all Churches and their self support, self propagation and self government.
- ii) Pray for Kolkata Mission Center remaining construction work & finance.
- iii) Pray that God may help us to complete the remaining work of Good Samaritan Hospital and start with Ophthalmology, Dental, Pediatrics, Gynecology and Dermatology department & may the Lord grant us all the medical equipment and instruments in the Hospital. Especially for electric connection we need to pay Rs.2, 40,000/= (US\$4000). And also for the future construction of Swapnabas (Dream House) & IMS Hostel.
- iv) For generous Christmas Gift/monthly support to our ordained pastors, Evangelists and teachers and others. Praise God for the generous Christmas gift of Dr. & Mrs. E. Schuurman to our all worker.
- v) Pray for many students to our Ideal Mission School & IRPTS
- vi) Pray for the dedication service of Kandi Church and upcoming Construction work of Parul, Nepal Gaiser Presbyterian Church.
- vii) Pray that God may bless all the persecuted Christians in India and that churches may multiply.



Thank you for your continuous prayer and support for past several years. It gives us great encouragement to know we have a strong body of Christ continuously praying for us and supporting us to march forward.

Please pray that this Christmas all the Christians in India may be united, holy, serve one another and seek God's Justice and establish Peace.

We wish you and your family
a joyful Christmas
and a Blessed New Year
2015

Yours' faithfully,

Rev.Dr.Sukrit Roy & Mrs. Sang Yee Roy
Samuel, Esther, Ranjit, Jemimah and Barnabas
And All Board members, pastors, teachers, staff &
Co-workers.

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Palm Sunday
procession
with palm leaves.



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SDC cutting
youth's hair.



Fish culture
at Canning
Seminary.



Esther Roy
performing
surgery.



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Vision team
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