# CHRISTMAS LETTER 2017

# CHRIST MISSION ASHRAM KOLKATA, INDIA, DECEMBER 2017

"They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings- and with Him will be His called, chosen and faithful followers." - Revelation 17:14

# Dear Partners in the Gospel,

Let me start by thanking our Living God for enabling Christ Mission Ashram (CMA) to grow by His grace from a small master seed to become a tree (Matthew 13:32). I am happy to inform you the activities and progress of our ministries for past one year. I am thankful to God and all of you for your continuous love, prayer support, partnership and support to serve 30<sup>th</sup> years of service in India. Here below a glimpse of joy of our activities given below:

# Kolkata Love Reformed Presbyterian Church

By the providence of God our church all services (Bengali, English, Hindi) our going well by the leadership of Rev.Sukrit Roy & Monjoy Narzanary. Also this year by the leadership of Lydia the Church Veranda & Toilet renovation work has been done. By the grace of God 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Church Planting seminars (March & November) and a Revival meeting for three days (21-23 November) was conducted by Rev.Dr.Lee Jong Ho. Please pray that the church may grow in quality & quantity.

# India Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (IRPTS)

God has put in our hearts a special burden to reach & equip the leaders to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. Therefore the IRPT Seminary was started in 1988, and by God's grace today more than 267 students had been graduated and serving in West Bengal, Odishi, Assam, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Bihar, Sikkim, Delhi, and Nepal. We are ever grateful to EVTA, CMAI, Asian Mission for their prayer and support and sending professors for equipping our students faithfully.

#### IDEAL MISSION SCHOOL: KINDERGARTEN SCHOOLS

Beside the spiritual education of our people, simultaneously by the grace of God we are conducting Kindergarten School at the Church premises of Birajnagar (24 pgs-S), Konkondighi (Island), Haldia (East Medinipur), Barasat (North24parganas), Nischintapur (South 24 parganas), Shiliguri (Jalpaiguri), and Canning Ideal Mission school are running under supervision of nine lady formal & informal teachers and volunteers. We are ever grateful to IDEA Mission and Shinill Church for their contribution.

### Summer Outreach Ministries

The 28<sup>th</sup> "Summer Outreach Team was dispatched for one month with the leadership with Rev. Sourendranath Bag & Sukrit Roy with 14 participants to Kolkata, Nadia, Murshidabad, Uttar Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, Nepal, Bhutan, Assam, Meghalaya till Tripura border Mathurapur, Cachar from 6<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> june, 2017 with our "Gospel Van". Please pray for a good harvest and also our "Gospel Van" become old to take far is difficult for a new Gospel van.

# 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CMA & Kolkata Love Church

# Thanksgiving Service

Glory be to God that the Living God has enable us to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Church & CMA on 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 at Kolkata Mission Center in the presence of more than 500 people. 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 was celebrates with a thanksgiving service at KOLKATA MISSION CENTER where Rev. Dick Lagewaard and Rev. Vogel delivered the message and our president Mr. Arnold R Chrestien offer the last prayer & pronounce the benediction & a fellowship lunch was provided to all and had evening revival meeting where Rev.Dr. J. Atchley spoke about the Nine marks of a Growing Church for three days.

# Kolkata Presbytery

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 at our Kolkata Mission Center the Kolkata Presbytery was held in the presence of three hundreds of participants & Rev.Dr. Jacob Atchley brought a special message and the Three Pastoral and two elders and seven deacons ordination was held by the presence of the Lord and many senior pastors from different denomination.

#### Korea Visit

The Lord had giving a burden to Lydia Roy for taking 10 of our pastors who were with us more than 20 years during 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our mission as a seminarian students and pastor, therefore after having the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary she took 10 of our pastors and elders to Korea from 5<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October to learn Korean church growth. In one word it was Wonderful.

# Reformation Sunday Celebration

We had a special Sunday to remember Reformers for their labour for the 500 anniversary of Reformation and remembers Five Slogans: 1. Sola Fide. 2. Sola Gratia. 3. Sola Scriptura .4 . Sola Christus 5. Soli deo Gloria and gave thanks & Glory to God.

## Independence Day

On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 the Flag was hosted at Ideal Mission School with parents and students together and later the Canning Campus Flag was hosted by Lydia Roy where a friendly "Independence Football Tournament " between CMA members vs. Kolkata Love Church Youth Team.

## A Christmas Get Together

A Christmas get together was held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 at Rajbari, Howrah with retire pastors, headmasters, teachers with delicious Lunch and a gift for every participants. We are thankful to our Lord for this event.

## A Four Days Fasting Prayer

A 'four days fasting prayer' was conducted from 27th to 30th September 2017 in our Fasting and prayer house at Canning campus with the presence of about 120 people in four days where Mark Bose spoke.

### A Day With Jesus

A "Day with Jesus" was held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in the presence of 147 people at Kolkata Love Presbyterian Church where the speakers were Rev.Sujoy Roy, Rev. Sourendra Nath Bag. Also a revival meeting was held at Haldia, Kolkata, Dumdum Grace, Pahalampur, Dighirpara, Andul, Kamalpur, Presbyterian Church where Rev. Lee Kwang Ill delivered message & rev. Sukrit Roy interpreted.

### Medical Ministries:

# Kolkata Love Presbyterian Church

Dr. Sushil Ghosh (General Physician) and with the help of Mr. Kuntal Chakravarty (Pharmacist) and Mrs. Namita Majumder treat an average of 20 patients every Friday and provide free medicine to a total of 1020 patients in a year.

Our "Eternal Life Boat" is going to Sunderban once a month with a medical team consisting of two doctors Pritpal Singh and Rohit Ghorai to treat needy patients in the interior parts of Sunderban Islands.

#### Good Samaritan Hospital

To meet the medical needs of Canning and Sunderban Island people this Hospital has been built. To run the hospital we need beds, equipments, Dental Chair, X ray machine, Ultrasonography machine and also a soundproof Generator. Please pray for a dedicated manager, doctors, nurses, and technicians for the Hospital and for the government permission to start the I-Phase of GSH( Eye & Dental Care & outdoor), we need sponsors to run this hospital, please pray.

# Prayer Requests

- 1. Pray for the co-workers of CMA & their families to be filled with the Holy Spirit and bear fruit and be able to meet their daily needs. For all CMA churches and their self-support, self-propagation and self-government.
- 2. Thanks God that we are celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CMA at Kolkata Mission Center and by God's grace remaining construction work may be completed, and the Lord may meet the needs and fund for the elevator might be provided by April 2018.
- 3. Pray that God may help us to complete the remaining work of the Good Samaritan Hospital & the Lord would grant us all the medical equipment and instruments needed in the Hospital. Pray also for the upcoming eye operation in February 2018 with Youngpha Songhyohae.
- 4. Pray for generous Christmas gifts for CMA co-works. We praise God for the generous Christmas gift of Dr. Mrs. E. Schuurman to all our workers.
- 5. Pray that God may send many students to our Ideal Mission School & IRPTS for reaching the unreached in India.
- 6. Pray for our nation to know the Lord and that the leaders may be guided by the providence of God to establish, peace, harmony, and justice among the people.
- 7. Pray that God may bless all the persecuted Christians in India and that churches may multiply. Pray for sewing machine for persecuted Christians in Islampur.

Thank you for your continuous prayer and support for the past several years. It gives us great encouragement to know we have a strong body of Christians who continuously pray for us and support us so we can march forward.

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

We wish you and your family
A Joyful Christmas
And a blessed New Year 2018
Yours' faithfully,
Rev. Dr. Sukrit Roy & Mrs. Sang Yee Roy
Samuel, Christina, Esther, Ranjit, Jemimah, and Barnabas
And all Board Members, Pastors, Teachers, Staff & Co-Workers.



Tree Plantation at Shiliguri Philadelphia Presbyterian Church



Worship at Nepal Gaiser Logos Presbyterian Church with 2017 Summer Outreach Team



Sukrit is preaching at Mathurapur Presbyterian English Medium School, Assam (Khasi)



Picture with Hostel Students at MPEMS



Worship at Pokse Presbyterian Church (Bengali) in Shillong (Bengali)



Believers are bringing handful of rice to the worship at Jalpaiguri Presbyterian Church



Summer Team singing at the Worship at Shiliguri Philadelphia Presbyterian Church



Rev. Souren Bag pronouncing benediction at Shiliguri PP Church



Behind the scenes believers cooking for Sunday Lunch Koinonia at SPP Church



A Day with Jesus at Haldia Presbyterian Church



Baptism Ceremony at Grace Presbyterian Church



Christmas Get Together at RAJBARI with Re tier Bishop/Pastors



Local Garpha Police Station Officer offer flower KLPC at KLPC Christmas Eve



Baptism Ceremony at Christmas at



Festival of Peace at Canning with Dr. Robert Cunville (BGEA)



Rev. Dick Lagewaard and Rev. Vogel at KLPC



30th Anniversary Thanksgiving CD Song by KLPC Choir



30th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service at newly built Kolkata Mission Center with Rev. Vogel and Rev. Lagewaard



Mr. Herod Mullick bringing greetings at 30th Anniversary Ceremony



Rev. Dr. Roy conducting the Ordination Ceremony on March 3rd by KLPC at KMC



Three Pastors are making Vow for ordination.



Rev. Sujoy Roy conducting the Communion Service



Group from KLPC



Participants from KLPC



Ordination of three Pastors at KLPC



Sang Yee presenting newly ordained Pastors



Ordination of Seven Deacons



After worship with Believers at Islampur Presbyterian Church



Pastor Kamrul Islam's family of Islampur Presbyterian Church