

CHRISTMAS LETTER 2018

CHRIST MISSION ASHRAM

KOLKATA, INDIA, DECEMBER 2018

"For a Child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

It gives me immense joy, peace and happiness to once again convey my Christmas greetings of love, joy, peace and hope in this joyful season. I am thankful to God and all of you for your continuous love, mentorship, prayer support, partnership and support to help us serve these 31 years in India. We are delighted to inform you of our ministries and what the Lord has done throughout the year.

*Kolkata Love Reformed Presbyterian Church

By the grace of God our church services (Bengali, English, Hindi) are going well under the leadership of Rev. Sukrit Roy & Monjoy Narzary. The 31st Anniversary of KLRPC was held on 4th March, 2018 with a love feast for lunch. Please pray that, before Christmas, we might be able to replace the roof with blue scope tin on our Church community



• India Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (IRPTS)

The IRPT Seminary was started in 1988, and by God's grace more than 270 students have graduated and are serving in West Bengal, Odishi, Assam, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Bihar, Sikkim, Delhi, and Nepal. We are ever grateful to EVTA, CMAI, and Asian Mission for their prayer and support and for sending visiting professors to faithfully help equip our students.

• IDEAL MISSION SCHOOL: KINDERGARTEN SCHOOLS

We are conducting Kindergarten School at the Church premises of Birajnagar (24 pgs-S), Konkondighi (Island), Purba Surendranagar (Island), Haldia (East Medinipur), Barasat (North 24 parganas), Nischintapur (South 24 parganas), Shiliguri (Jalpaiguri), and Canning Ideal Mission school. It is running under the supervision of nine ladies (formal & informal teachers and volunteers.) We are ever grateful to IDEA Mission and Shinill Church for their contributions. The Ideal school celebrated the Independence Day flag hoisting & will participate in the Christmas Program on December 20, 2018.



*Summer Out Reach Ministries:

The 29th "Summer Outreach Team" was dispatched for one month under the leadership of Rev. Sourendranath Bag & Sukrit Roy on 23rd April with 12 participants. They traveled to Kolkata, Murshidabad, Maldha, Uttar Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, Nepal, Assam, Meghalaya to the Tripura border Mathurapur, Cachar and returned on 22nd May 2018 with our "Gospel Van".

Please pray, our "Gospel Van" has become very old and we need a new one which may cost us \$20,000



• Multi-activities:

1. **Kolkata Presbytery:** On 7th April, 2018 at our Kolkata Mission Center the Spring Kolkata Presbytery was held in the presence of the Lord with many senior pastors from different denominations. Rs. 5900/- were given to Gaiser Logos Presbyterian Church (Nepal) for construction work from the presbytery. Also, the Fall Kolkata Presbytery was held at Grace Community Church on 17th November where we made a decision to be a member of WRF.



2. **Korea Visit:**

By God's grace Sukrit & Lydia went to Korea to attend the KWMA seminar at Busan in the month of June, 2018. The Lord had given a burden to Lydia Roy to take 18 KHASHI pastors, elders, deacons, and deaconess to Korea, from October 24 – November 6, to learn about Korean church growth & to participate in the CAL seminar. Thank God they had a wonderful time.



3. Independence Day:

On 15th August 2018 the Flag was hoisted at Ideal Mission School with parents and students together sharing sweets with each other.



4. A Christmas Get Together:

A Christmas get together will be held on 18th December 2018 at the Lake Land Country Club with retired pastors, headmasters and teachers serving a delicious lunch and giving a gift to every participant. We are thankful to our Lord for this event and especially Dr. and Mrs. Schuurman.



5. **A Four Day Fasting Prayer:** A 'four day fasting prayer' was conducted from 16th to 19th October 2018 in our Fasting and prayer house at Canning campus with the presence of about 107 people in four days where Rev. Biman Mondal closed with communion service.

6. **A Day With Jesus:** A "Day with Jesus" was held on 6th November in the presence of 127 people at Kolkata Love Presbyterian Church where the speakers were Rev. Sujoy Roy, Rev. Suvash Sardar, Bishop Nibaron Das, Dr. Shymal Gupta.

7. VISITORS IN OUR MISSION:

We are grateful to Thai Lampang Church and Shin Banpo Church Vision team for their labor for our land



8. **HOWRAH FESTIVAL OF PEACE:** We are grateful to Rev.Dr. Robert Cunville from BGEAI to organize three days FOP on dated 19th to 21st January in Howrah St. Thomas CNI Church ground where almost 5000 people were reached with gospel

9. **Reformed Presbyterian Fellowship:** was held in Bangalore on 8-12 February where our four delegates participated.

10. **30th Anniversary of Haldia Presbyterian Church:** was held on 2nd October in presence of Rev. Nirmal Sanfui and Rev. Kalyan Maitra, Rev.Sukrit & Sang Yee Roy with a love feast.

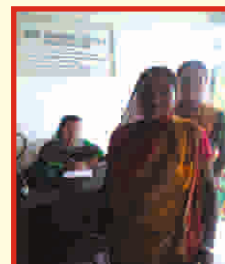
Medical Ministries:

Regular Medical Activities:

1. **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 1000 patients a year.

2. **"Eternal Life Boat":** is going to Sunderban once a month with a medical team consisting of Rohit Ghorai to treat needy patients in the interior parts of Sunderban Islands and doing the cataract operation with the help of Premananda Memorial Leprosy Hospital. We are thankful to the Lord for allowing us to fiber coat the bottom portion of the boat.

3. **Good Samaritan Hospital:** To meet the medical needs of Canning and Sunderban Island people this Hospital has been built. This year Dr. Sushil Ghose, Kuntal Chakraborty and Namita Majumder served and treated many patients. We are ever grateful to HEKO for their extended hand. We need your continuous prayer to run this Hospital in full phase.



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) Pray for the remaining construction work of the Kolkata Mission Centre that it may be completed, and that the Lord may meet the needs and funds for one elevator.
- 3) Pray that God helps us complete the remaining work of the Good Samaritan Hospital & the Lord would grant us all the medical equipment and instruments needed in the Hospital.
- 4) Praise God for generous Christmas gifts for CMA co-workers by Dr. Mrs. E. Schuurman and to all our workers. Pray for good health.
- 5) Pray that God may send many students to our Ideal Mission School & IRPTS for reaching the unreached in India (Matthew 9:37-38).
- 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 and upcoming election.
- 7) Pray that God may bless all the persecuted Christians in India and that churches may multiply.

Thank you for your continuous prayers and support for the past several years. Thank you for investing your time, talent and treasure for extending the Kingdom of God through CMA in India.

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

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