

CHRIST MISSION ASHRAM

Easter Newsletter 2020

I am happy to write this Easter Newsletter in the Lock-down period due to CORONAVIRUS. We are thankful to our Lord who has protected us from "nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday." (Psalm 91:4-6). As King David says "God is our refuge and strength and an ever present help in trouble", we cried to our living God with a humble heart to forgive our sins and turn from our wicked ways therefore we believe. He hears our prayer from heaven and forgives our sin and heals our land and this world from CORONAVIRUS (II Chronicles 7:14).

This year was the first time in my life I had to worship in my House with my family Sunday Worship, since 22nd and 29th March, 5th (Palm Sunday), 12th (Easter Sunday), 19th and 26th April, 2020; even a few more Sundays I think we have to do. Our Prime Minister & Chief Minister declared to hold Lock-down till 3rd May 2020. The whole world is under this CORONA pandemic; people are dying everyday. People are harassed and helpless, when Jesus saw this situation, He prayed to the father to send laborers (Matthew 9:36-37) as the Lord did same when He heard and looked at the misery of Israel (Exodus 2:23-25, 3:7-10). He came down to rescue them and take them to the promised land, He gave responsibility to Moses.

Therefore Jesus Christ ultimately came down to this earth & died on the cross, buried & resurrected to rescue us from the bondage of sin (Death) and take us to the eternal Kingdom of God in heaven. This year all believers celebrate this Easter in our respective houses. I personally thank God that every Easter Sunday my wife Sang Yee gives Easter Lily to the House of God. She always bought it from New market. But this year when I was getting ready for Easter Worship she brought Easter Lily in a flower vase to our house altar. Lily was grown in our house garden. God is good all the time.

We worship our Living God in Truth & Spirit as true worshipers (John 4:23-24). These days I am experiencing the invisible church and I believe you too. Our Lord is coming, Maranatha. I am happy to give you a brief report from January to April, 2020 of our Mission Activities. I would like to give thanks from the bottom of my heart to all those who continuously prayed, advised, and mentored us for the past 33 years and more.

Kolkata Love Reformed Presbyterian Church (KLRPC):

By God's grace our church's 33rd Anniversary was celebrated on 1st March, 2020 where Rev. Suvash Sardar & Rev. Biman Mondal delivered the message and it ended with a grand feast. On 24th December, 2019 Christmas Eve Program was held where local councilor and police officer in charge Mr. Upadhyaya presented us the Christmas Greetings and cake on behalf of our Chief Minister Mrs. Mamata Banerjee & Police Commissioner Mr. Anuj Sharma and handed over us a flower bouquet with a Christmas Card. 25th December Christmas Worship was held in our KLRPC at 10:30 AM with seven persons baptism/confirmation and communion service. After the worship we had a love feast where about 300 people participated.

On 18th December, 2019; CMA Christmas Get-together was held at TAKI Govt. Guest House where about forty retired pastors, and CMA pastors participated. Rev. Dr. John Thomas delivered the Christmas message and with gifts distribution and lunch all returned to their respective houses safely. This year on Palm Sunday we could not hold the Hosanna Procession with palm leaves due to Lockdown.

Also on Easter Sunday we could not hold any baptism and communion service due to Covid-19 lockdown. By grace of God we distributed CORONA RELIEF to our church, some needy believers, Day Care Center (Asha Joyti Niloy) children's family and Ideal Mission School student's family, and some daughter churches needy believers & needy neighbors. Approximately 250 families Rice-5kgs, Wheat - 5Kgs, Potato 2 kgs, Dal Pulse -1kg, Oil -1kg, Sugar - 1 kg and salt - 1Kg. which cost us rs.500/-. Pray that we may meet more as this lockdown is going to extend from 3rd May till 21st May, 2020.

India Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (IRPTS):

We are thankful to our Lord that we could do the closing service of our IRPTS after 2nd term examination on 19th December, 2019. Seminary 3rd term was reopened on 13th January with fasting & prayer and a special class was conducted by Rev. Frank Schnieder (Book of Jonah) and Rev. Jan Mudde from 20th -24th January, 2020. 3rd term of our academic year 2019-2020 Rev. Sukrit Roy taught Missiology Homiletic II and Rev. Souren Baag taught Book of Acts and Rev. Suvash Sardar taught Early Church History.

Reformed Presbyterian Fellowship Conference:

This year RPF conference was held in Jabbalpur where from our mission three pastors participated from 6th to 10th January, 2020. Rev. Sukrit Roy took a day's morning devotion. It was a very fruitful time to equip ourselves and renew the friendship with friends from different parts of India.

UNITED PRAYER RALLY Procession from St. Paul's Cathedral:

Glory be to God that on 20th January, 2020 an United Prayer Rally started from St. Paul's Cathedral by the leadership of Bishop Paritosh Canning and Mr. Herod Mullick on behalf of BCP to Gandhi's Statue where all denominational participation was there and a message was delivered by Bishop Paritosh Canning for peace & security of all citizens.

Festival of Peace Barrackpore:

We are thankful and grateful to Rev. Dr. Robert Cunville, Associate Evangelist of BGEA to conduct a Festival of Peace, Barrackpore from 10th, 11th & 12th January 2020 in Barrackpore, Kolkata where almost 2365 people were reached with the Gospel. Out of those three days 550 people have rededicated & received Christ as their personal Lord and savior Jesus Christ. The participants were revived & blessed by the powerful word of God delivered by the servant of the Lord. We are also blessed by the presence of Bishop Paritosh Canning and Bishop Brojen Malakar and others. It was also a beautiful time of unity of all denominations to celebrate the Festival.

KOLKATA PRESBYTERY:

By God's grace on 7th March a seminar was held titled Maximum Truth to Maximum People by Aldrin Bogi from International Bible Society at Grace community Church where our Kolkata Presbytery church pastors, Elders, deacons and believers participated and a new translation of Bible in Bengali was distributed freely.

VISITING PROFESSORS & GUESTS:

- Rev. Frank Schniender & Rev. Jan Mudde from Netherland Reformed Church came to teach our seminary students and pastors from 20th to 24th January 2020. Rev. Frank Schniender taught from the book of Jonah from O.T and Rev. Jan Mudde taught about WISDOM from the book of Samuel, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. It was the first time for Rev. Frank but for Rev. Mudde, it was the sixth time. We are ever grateful to EVTA for extending this partnership & for donation. They have also preached in Kolkata Love Church & to our Pahalampur Inmanuel Reformed Presbyterian church in Hoogly where they also contribute partially for changing the roof of the said church.
- We are happy & thankful to Pokse Presbyterian Church to send Rev. Griffeth Umoi and Elder Keray to help us to build Sunarpur Radhanagar Presbyterian church dated 28th to 29th January, 2020.

- Rev. Sukrit Roy and Deacon Ashis Saha visited Sitapur, UP and started a new daughter on 1st February, 2020 in the midst of many difficulties. We are preparing to build a church for them, the believers themselves tried their best to build till the next level, the remaining portion needed Rs. 90,000/- to complete, please extend your hand.
- By grace of God Rev. Mrs. Sukrit Roy visited Istanbul for a World Prayer School in the month of February last week, and also had an opportunity to visit four churches in Revelation out of seven. Pray that in the coming year month of May in Kolkata a West Bengal Pastor's Conference on Prayer might be able to hold for three days.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF:

As in our country more than 70% people live in villages & urban area and lower middles class, daily laborers, farmer due to lock-down for Corona Pandemic a great economical & food crisis now in our country, we had to stand to our needy believer and neighbor (Daily laborer, maid servants & poor people) with food packets (Rice, Wheat, Dal, Oil, Sugar, salt, etc). Thanks goes to all donors & volunteers to extend their hand at the time of need.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Board members, Pastors, Elders, Evangelists, co-worker and volunteers who are serving in different corners may the Lord protect them from Corona and fill them with the Holy Spirit to serve wholeheartedly.
- God may provide the Elevator for Kolkata Mission Centre and Good Samaritan Hospital equipment.
- More students to Ideal Mission School and our Seminary.
- Healing from Corona and all doctors, nurses, and paramedical, police, volunteers protection.
- Corona Relief may reach to the need and return to normal life, our country and world.
- God may open the blind eyes & heart of the people of the world to receive the gospel/Jesus and be saved.
- Believers may keep their White garments blameless to meet the coming Lord.

Pictures



Christmas program at Ideal Mission School



CMA Christmas get together



Salt & Light Boat for Outreach in the Sundarban Islands



BGEA Festival of Peace, Barrackpore with Dr.Robert Cunville



Filling decision cards by counselor



Sukrit & Sang Yee at Hierapolis, Turkey

Easter Lily



Haldia P. Church Boundary Complete

Ideal Mission School Students with Jesus's Life Story





W.B Chief Minister sending regards through police officers



Christmas Carol team



Inauguration of a believer's new restaurant

COVID-19 Relief









Consulting with advocate about Haldia Church boundary land

COVID-19 Relief at Ideal Mission School Students & Family



Present CMA Board Members



Rev.Mudde & Rev.Schnieder at Immanuel Church

Rev.Mudde & Rev.Schnieder teaching at IRPTS



Rev.Mudde & Rev.Schnieder at KLPC after Sunday Worship service

Thus far the Lord helped us, Kolkata Mission Center



Thank you very much for your love and continuous support for us & CMA.

We love you and pray for you , specially pray for us to God to get rid from this Covid-19.

We wish you all a happy Ressurrection -Assencion-Pentecost in

the Exalted Lord and Savior Jesus name.

Sukrit & Sang Yee Roy

Samuel, Christina, Esther, Ranjit, Jemimah and Barnabas Roy &

All Board Members, Pastors, Evangelists, Teachers, Staffs,Volunteers & Co-workers.

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