

Kristalaya Mercy Mission News Letter

The Mission of KMM is to to fulfill "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless (James 1:27) by Discipling Bengali community Holistically to help them lead a dignified and meaningful life.

### Training in Online mode is going on for the Upper Caste (Majority) Evangelism:

KMM stirs to see the Bengali people are coming to the churches and receiving Christ in the heart as their Savior and Lord and growing in Discipleship and becoming a mature believer. KMM want to see that the pioneers and church planters are equipped and trained. As we have started our online training program for the pioneers, we have kept our focus on how to reach and preach the Gospel to the upper caste and imparted the same to them. Teachers with different dimensional teaching on Discipleship; evangelism with cultural context helping our pioneers to reach the communities which were least thought about to be evangelized or reach. Teachings, sharing personal testimonies, exhortation and encouragement from Pandit M. Upadhyay, M. Choudhury, Rev. V. Mukherjee, Bro. J Banerjee aiding them to move ahead in the church planting mission.

**Testimonies from few of our trainees:** Through this online training program on Upper caste evangelism program and movement indicate certain gradual changes which are taking place. Out trainees, brothers and sisters, pioneers in Christ, are reaching out the community. People are learning how to pray and are gradually believing in Christ. They are coming to the church or house fellowships. Some are sharing their troubles, problems and asking the brothers and sisters to pray for them and their families.

**Sister Jharna Pandit:** "Many housewives from Brahmin background want to know more about God. They want peace in their life and peace in their household. They are eager to come to the house fellowship but are reluctant to leave their idols, age old traditions and rituals.

**Brother Prasante De:** "Mr. Anil Barik's wife is in Seeker's stage whereas he was living a life of waywardness. His wife was troubled in her heart for her husband. She and the other believers

prayed for her husband. Anil Barik left his old ways and now is coming to church. He is giving testimonies of how Lord is changing him. He wants to receive the Lord as His Savior and Redeemer. Praise the Lord!"

There are various such testimonies of our pioneer brothers and sisters of how their reaching out to the community is bringing changes and how the people from the upper castes are coming to know the Lord and receiving Him.



Flood in Midnapur district and thereafter KMM distributing essentials to the believers

In the month of July/August few districts were affected by flood due to release of water from DVC (Thermal and Hydel Power station). Most of our believers and pioneers' families were affected. The cultivated lands, sesame cultivation, haystack, fuel, fodder for the cattle all was under water and got rotten under the sun. All the toil and their hard labor are washed away in the flood. Thus, KMM could distribute relief and essentials to the believer's families in the month of September. The distribution program came to an end with Prayers and Love Feast where all the believer's families gathered together.

### Stationary items /Bag distribution to our center kids: -

KMM always stood beside the under privileged children for their overall development. Our KMM educare tutors not only provide education on school curriculum but ensure a wholesome personal upliftment through character formation and fostering the values that is needed. We even provide them with study materials. We praise the Lord as we could distribute bags according to the age and class category and other stationaries to our KMM Center Kids in the month of September.



# 15<sup>th</sup> August:

## Independence Day celebrations along with the center kids:



Sunday School Kids performed dances on patriotic songs in our Siliguri premise. KMM staff members and the kids sang National Anthem while hoisting the National Flag.



#### Sunday Church Service in Hindi language started in Siliguri Centre:

Siliguri is a multicultural city with so many ethnic people. Several major, minor and regional languages and dialects are spoken in the city. Where most of the people could communicate in Hindi as it is our national language. As such, church service in Hindi language started in our Siliguri premise for 4/5 months. After the service we have Love Feast. Our Evangelism team share Gospel while returning back to their home.







Dedication of a little girl Pricilla where Brother Jagannath is praying for the child.



House Visit to seeker 's family.



**Evangelism in various areas:** Our brothers and sisters are sharing the Gospel by distributing tracts to the passerby or those they are just taking rest or spending some time with friends or family after their lunch in the outdoors.



Prayer: Please pray for our Evangelism team.



Prayer: Pray also for those who receiving the Gospel Tracts and listening to the Gospel shared by our brothers and sisters. Pray that their heart turn towards Christ.

### Starting Coaching/Tuition in our Devidanga /Siliguri Premise:



Due to pandemic many parents are not in a position to have home tutor for their kids due to pandemic situation, and as such the studies of the students are getting affected. So far school did not open, and govt. schools are not having classes through online. Even most of the children do not poses smartphone. That is the reason why many kids are lagging behind in their studies.





Therefore, we got request from few parents of our locality and thus in our Siliguri premise the kids are coming regularly to have their tuition to learn school subjects. They are attending the Sunday Schools as well and learning how to pray to God, Memory Verses, Stories for the Scriptures, various games, drawings and other handicraft related task.



### Distribution of Samaritan Gift Box Day:

This year the Kids of our center got Samaritan boxes. They were too delighted to receive the Samaritan Gift Box. It was worth looking at the gleeful little faces. The KMM kids performed Action Songs, dances, Hindi poem Recitation about Jesus, Memory verses and lastly, they sang "We shall overcome.....".

Yes, it is necessary for the little kids to overcome so many hurdles and barriers in their life, socio-economic barriers, problems in their homes, ignorance for girl child and their well beings, lack of proper guidance for the kids, etc.





Irrespective all these the love of Jesus is drawing them to come to the center and continue in studies and Sunday schools. It is giving them the joy, the love, peace that what is lacking everywhere, and especially in the society.

**Prayer:** Pray that KMM Edu care centers **(NEHA'S Hope)** can reach more kids in the year 2022 in different district of West Bengal by ours pioneers, tuition tutors and work towards nurturing education in various forms (formal, informal, non-formal) through healing, loving and compassionate approach.



### Missional Tour for Pioneer/ meet and One Day Evangelical Training program:

Our KMM team conducted Missional Tour from Siliguri to different districts in West Bengal and meet the Pastors/ Pioneers. In each place we had one day of gathering together to pray for each other, spend time in praise and worship and encouraging them to walk forward according to their call to serve the Lord. We also distributed evangelical materials to them and trained on how to use them. Even we visited interior places in the states of Jharkhand and Bihar to meet our brothers serving the Lord and distributed evangelical material to them as well.

### Odlabari (Jalpaiguri District):





### Gazole (Malda District)



BMS, Kolkata for Bengali Language.



### Deogarh, Teenpahar, State of Jharkhand:





Patna, State of Bihar





Toto Para:





### **Correspondence course Training in our** Siliguri Centre:

Our utmost desire is to equip each believer with evangelism and discipling skills. Thus in the month of October there was a small meeting held to train regarding the Correspondence Courses in Bengali, Hindi and Nepali languages. Pastor and believers attended the training in



order to get themselves skilled to impart the correspondence courses among the seekers and new believers. And through this effort, each believers will keep a target for reaching out 10 new persons from other faith with the love of our Lord Jesus.

### Pray for Christmas Program of 2021:

KMM would celebrate Christmas/Pre Christmas program in various mission station from 20<sup>th</sup> December onwards. This is the time when we can invite our neighbors to church or in prayer houses or in community hall and proclaim the Good news. We would like to give gift pouch/goody bag to our Edu Care kids as Christmas gift which will include stationaries (colors/eraser/pencils/pens/drawing book/ note copy), kid cream/lotion, comb, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc. We want them to be take care of their personal hygiene as well. Secondly we would

### Prayer for -----A step ahead with Self-Reliant reality:

Observing the need for self-reliance of our pioneers/pastors/ lay leaders KMM come up with project proposal of Mustard seeds extraction, Detergent making, Tea leaf packaging, etc. These projects will help our pioneers, brothers and sisters towards self-reliant reality. Please pray that God give wisdom and guidance regarding all that is required to be done in the ground level, paperwork, legalities, skill trainings, connectivity with proper person and raw resources, machineries, devices, etc.

#### Prayer for orphanage/Hostel Set Up:

There are several occasions when KMM came across situation that there is a need we could see for setting up an orphanage. Especially in the time of Covid where both the parents expired or sometime we came across situation where either of the parents died. Even from West Midnapur district there was one incident where the mother sold the new born baby. This family was devastated when the father died due to Covid and the mother with three kids and the new born didn't knew what to do and how to feed the baby. So the mother took the decision to give away the baby to a family. The local administration caught her and sent her and the new born to a shelter. They even sent her three kids to a child NGO. Now this family is separated from each other the mother does not know where her other kids are. There is no proper administrative set up, even proper laws or care centre for kids or for adoption.

Again herein Siliguri we came across an incident when the mother(Priyanka) was about to commit suicide leaving her two sons less than eight years of age. God saved her. One Christian leader of Siliguri while passing by the bridge saved her and took her to her house to her kids. Priyanka is living in a rented house. She used to work in a shop but due to Covid situation she is out of her work. Many years ago her husband left her. They are living in dire situation of hand to mouth existence. The elder son who is seven year but old due to mal nourishment and birth defect having eye problems. Both the kids are under grown children. Earnest request came to KMM to keep the kids in an orphanage set up in KMM building. But as we do not have the required arrangement therefore we could not keep them. Please pray that KMM can come to a stage where it can accommodate at least 10/15 children in our premise along with all the facilities, arrangements, staffing and administration.

#### Pray for the festive season in India-



Month of October/November are the festive months where idol worship takes place in different parts of India, People eagerly wait for these days for worship and festivity. Worshipping of deity Durga is one such mega event of festivity which takes place for more than 4/5 days in the state of West Bengal. Her name indicates to protect her devotees and removes evil from the world. It shows that the society is not atheist but are in sincere faith, devotion and worship. They need protection, good health, they

need divine interventions in their lives, and for all these they want to come under divine Hands. Thus, we all need to pray for that they come to know Lord God Almighty and when they listened their heart softened to receive the Word of God.

#### We request for intercessory prayers for these souls.

- Pray that they get answer for their search for true God
- Pray that they understand the essence and existence of God instead of festivity, merrymaking, rituals and practices.
- Pray that they comprehend that God loves them and want to redeem them.
- Pray that the understand that the Redemptive work is already done in Calvary.
- Pray for their longing to receive Christ.



### Pray for Jagannath's Health:



We praise the Lord for His unification and celebration of 12 years anniversary of our marriage on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021. He helped us these years to work among our people group Bengali with training, Church planting, supporting the pastors, edu-cares, community development, skill training, reaching with scripture and literature and at the same time in reaching other major and minor language group with Picture book.

We covet all your prayers for Jagannath's health and protection from the Lord. Also pray for our small missional family (our daughter Kristanjali) that Lord God give us His strength, wisdom, courage to continue in serving the

people with His joy, peace, health, love and grace.