



ORISSA REGION

(Including Jharkhand, Ranchi, Chhattisgarh, Gopalpur and West Bengal)

GOPALPUR

The month of December was a time to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. This last month is also a farewell to the year 2011. This is a time to forget all ups and downs in the previous year and once again prepare to attempt great things for the Lord in the coming New Year.

Gopalpur region experienced tremendous grace of the lord in the year 2011. We thank God for all the blessings and His

guidance throughout the year.

WEST BENGAL

Transformation Center at West Bengal started a few months back to equip the Church Planters to win the lost souls for the Lord is making good progress. The Lord has called twenty committed men in the Transformation Center to be a soul winner for the Lord. These students come from different background. Six of them belong to Muslim community. This is the great achievement as Muslims are in majority in this area.

These young men will definitely prove to be an asset to win the souls for the lord from this community. Lord has provided us with God fearing teachers to mould the students. We are very thankful to Pr. Sowkat who assists us in the TC.

The anti-Christian elements and Satan try their best to intimidate the Gospel work. Soon after the beginning of the TC the Muslims held a huge gathering just 3 kilometres away from the TC against the Christians. The speaker announced and encouraged to forcefully stop the sharing of the Gospel. If necessary, even kill the people who are sympathetic towards the Christians. These were the agendas presented at that meeting. Though the months have passed now and God has kept His people safe, yet the danger still prevails.



Please pray for the protection of our people in this area where there is such strong opposition.

GOPALPUR

The past days were very crucial for the believers and churches in Gopalpur. The evil elements in the society took the opportunity of Christmas and tried to create lot of confusion among the people. They spread rumours of chaos and violence against the Christians and churches. However the Empart leaders in Odisha are determined and strong enough in the faith. We are thankful to the Lord as He upheld us in such chaotic situation. Christmas was celebrated in peace and we were able to share the Good news to many.



The kids in the Empart Children Homes appeared for their half yearly examination. Lord blessed them with good health during the examination. We believe that they have done great in their exams.

GOPALPUR TRANSFORMATION CENTER

The students of the Gopalpur TC went home during Christmas and are engaged in practical ministry. As they have already completed six months of their training the TC in-charge is very thankful to the Lord and hope to yield great results during this holiday in their respective villages.

CHHATTISGARH

The students of Transformation Center were very happy in the Christmas season. They were excited and planned to put up some good programs in the center. One of the students Rohit says “When I was in my village I always wondered why Christmas is so special. Now I realize it is the most precious and holy day a Christian can celebrate. Jesus came into this world to save mankind from the clutches of the evil one. This is the reason enough to love and celebrate as well.”



We did not arrange a grand celebration on this occasion. But to express out heartfelt gratitude to the Lord for saving us from eternal condemnation we organized a small prayer meeting two days before the Christmas Eve. Soon after the students went back to their villages they were determined to share the Good News with their family and friends. We believe that when our students come back from their respective villages they will bring encouraging results and it is a kind of beginning of their ministry.



During past year we observed great changes in the life of students. Initially they were very adamant and rough. The love of God has now changed them and the divine peace of God has filled them with satisfaction. Student Ransay says, “I never feared anything or anyone in my life and was very rude to people. However, now I have changed my attitude. I have realized that being a Christian I need to be humble and loving. I should be caring and understanding towards the needs of other people.” Praise God for such changes in the lives of our students.

In the mission fields things are going at good pace. The meeting conducted in the last month was very blessed. People are really encouraged and challenged to be involved in the ministry.



It was a kind of revival in the lives of many believers. Many suggested that we need to have such meetings more often. So, we decided to have such meeting within 2-3 months. It was a great blessing and we believe that in future too we will see great revival wherever we will reach with the Good News.

The Christmas celebration was organized in the local churches where our Church Planters are serving the Lord. There was watch night prayer organized at many churches. People prayed entire night and desperately waited for the birth of Savior Jesus Christ.

One of our Church Planters Mahesh says, "It has been almost 2015 years that Jesus has come into this world and still there are many who are unaware about the true Savior. We need to hurry and take eager steps towards the ministry because the second coming of Lord Jesus is very near." We are certainly doing great in the grace of God. Thanks for all your love and cooperation. We are glad that you stand with us. Your prayer and support help us to overcome all the difficulties we face in this journey.

We believe that the coming year is going to bring great blessings in our lives and we will see many more great miracles and things happening in the state of Chhattisgarh.

ASSAM

By God's immense grace Assam Transformation Center is progressing well. Pastor Philp sends his gratitude for all the prayers and support. We also thank you for partnering with us as your faithful support helped us to extend the ministry in Assam.

Few more fellowships have started among the tribal people in various districts of Assam. There are four mission station started in Assam. The responses of the indigenous people are positive.

In one of the villages the fellowship is progressing day by day. Believers are developing spiritually and in the word of God. Most of the people who come at the fellowship belong to Hindu background. God is doing great work and the families are realizing the eternal truth and accepting Christ Jesus as their personal Savior. Many are ready for baptism as well.

In another village a fellowship is growing immensely. Assam basically is a land of Adivasi tribal people. They are the ardent followers of their pagan Gods. However God is working in their hearts and many have come to Christ Jesus. Now they are witnessing to their own families. We require your fervent prayer for these people that they may know the eternal lord.

In yet two more nearby villages, we are witnessing the matchless grace of our almighty God. Sick are being healed through prayer. They are realizing the truth and turning away from idol worship to true God Jesus Christ. Ministry is growing day by day and the Lord is adding new believers to the church.

We need church buildings at these places so that more people could be accommodated at one place to worship the lord. Please remember the ministry of Assam is your valuable prayer.

TRANSFORMATION CENTER

We had three day special prayer program “PRAY FOR INDIA AND HER PEOPLE” in the first week of December. The day started with fasting and prayer for lost souls. On second day there was prayer walk. It was a great experience for the students as this was so different for them. They walked down the streets praying in spirit and binding the power of the evil one. On the third day we had night vigil and we spend it in prayer and worship. We prayed for our nation. It is a great joy to thank God for the people responding to the Good News.

God is opening the way to spread the Gospel. Sick people are being healed and souls are being saved for the lord. Please pray that the Lord may continually speak in the lives of the people in Assam and North East India. The students in the TC are being taught on various topics these days such as church planting, church administration and doctrine, second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every Friday we observe fasting and prayer.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray that the students after coming back from Christmas vacation bring encouraging results and it will be the beginning of a new ministry for them.
- Please pray that our Church Planters will toil harder in the coming year to see His kingdom flourishing in Chhattisgarh.
- Please pray for all the staffs and leaders who are involved in the ministry in Chhattisgarh.
- Please pray that 2012 will be a year of Great blessing and Revival.
- Pray for the students from Muslim background to stand firm in faith on Lord Jesus and be effective witness among the Muslim community in West Bengal.
- Pray for the religious freedom and protection of Muslim brothers and sisters who are under the threat of opposition.
- Pray for the success of the weekly prayer meeting started among the locals to yield fruit for the growth of the church in one of the Golpalpur TC.
- Please pray for our Empart Assam family. Pray for lost souls of North East India. Pray for Assam political situation. Let our people live peacefully and under God’s protection.
- Also pray for our missionaries who are toiling hard in North East India for Empart Church Planting Ministry.