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With the crisp cold winter setting in, our hearts are simultaneously filled with the warmth and joy of the holiday season. Likewise, when life numbs us with its drawbacks God's warm embrace never fails to replenish us. Whilst attempting to seek acceptance from the world, we miss the underlying irony that we at times are our very own biggest critiques. This **SPARK** issue highlights the essence of a love so powerful that

oversees through it all and accepts us just as we are, tainted and constantly in the making. We are reminded of God's everlasting love that emboldens us to do the same; Love like He has loved us. As you delve into these pages interwoven by our contributors, may you be invigorated to believe that you are indeed fearfully and wonderfully made, worthy of the Almighty God's unfailing love.

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING



– Rev. Dr. Noulezhalie Ricky Medom,
Pastor, Naga Christian Fellowship, Delhi

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”
1 Timothy 4:12

*“Our leadership has failed us. Young people must hold older generations accountable for the mess they have created. We need to get angry, and transform that anger into action.”
Greta Thunberg, Swedish Environmental Activist*

For those who have not heard of Greta Thunberg, she first became known when at age 15, she began her protest for action on climate change by spending her school days sitting outside the Swedish Parliament. Soon her call for politicians and world leaders to take action towards global warming led to millions of young people across the world joining her in her protest. Today, world leaders have taken notice of her and her protests and the debate for action for Climate change has taken on a new life all due to her standing up.

Many people say that today's youth are the leaders of tomorrow. People from the older generation tell the youth, leave the present

cares and concerns of the world to us and we'll take care of it. You enjoy your life while you can. After all you're only young once and so eat, drink and be merry! To add to this, advertisers of major business houses specifically target young people into buying their products irrespective of whether this does them harm in the long run or not. The youth of today are constantly pressured to conform to the standards set by the world even to the detriment of their physical and spiritual health. And sadly many young people, even those who profess to be Christians, fall to the pressure and live worldly lifestyles!

But the Bible never instructs young people to wait until they are mature or knowledgeable before they begin to act responsibly. In a world where, most of today's politicians seem to care only for their own welfare and act solely to satisfy their greed for more and more personal wealth and well being, the youth need to wake up and start acting more proactively and responsibly. Instead of leading careless and carefree lives, young people are to become leaders wherever they are and lead by example. Especially today when resources are being depleted rapidly by the greed of men in power and at such a rate where the future looks very bleak indeed.

In the Bible Paul told Timothy, “Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”
1 Timothy 4:12.

Through these words, God is specifically telling young people to be leaders NOW! They are to study and understand the Word of God

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and put in into action NOW! In another Bible passage it says *"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them'"* Ecclesiastes 12:1.

This passage exhorts the youth to develop a close, intimate relationship with God right now lest as they grow older they go further and further away from God. The Word of God is not silent concerning the conduct of young people and their role in the church

INAUGURATION OF THE CHURCH PREMISES



-Anile Mero
Senior Copywriter,
Fountainhead Solutions, New Delhi.

Naga Christian Fellowship (NCF) Delhi held its inaugural service of the new chapel hall at Nagaland House, Basement hall, R.K. Puram, Sector 12, New Delhi on 14 July 2019, Sunday. This marks a shift from the old location at BM Ganges Senior Secondary School, Civil Lines where the church was running for 11 years since 2008. Prior to that, NCF Delhi used to conduct its services at the erstwhile Nagaland House at R.K. Puram before it was taken down for renovation.

The first service at the new location was attended by over 300 congregation members, including various Naga fellowships based in Delhi. Miss Asha Sanchu, who runs 'Miqlat' – a ministry for vulnerable/disadvantaged women of the Naga society– greeted the congregation and spoke briefly about the ministry updates.

and in society today. The youth today must seriously consider what God's Word has to say to them. Are they measuring up to what God wants them to be? Are they just following the crowd, or do they stand out as those who desire to be faithful and holy despite the hypocrisy and compromise all around them? Are they willing to stand up? Take the mind that God has given you and serve Him right now as an expression of your worship. Then He will make you an instrument of His truth and His Glory.

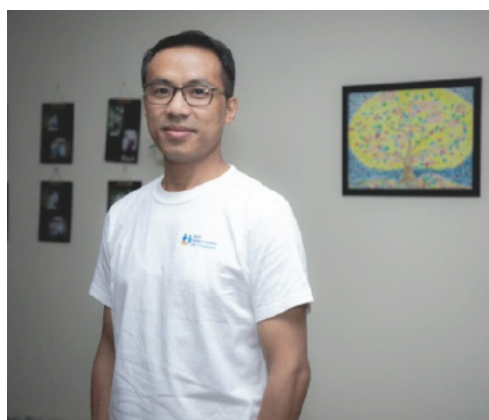
Mrs. Meneu Chandola, a longstanding member of NCF Delhi, gave the welcome remarks on behalf of the church. A short history of the church was given by the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Noulezhalie Ricky Medom. Having begun his ministry in Delhi in 1992 with his wife Mrs. Virginia Dela Rosa Medom, 2019 marked their 27 years of faithful service in the capital city, for which they were felicitated by the church members.

Rev. Dr. Zelhou Keyho, General Secretary, NBCC, blessed the service as the guest speaker. He spoke on how the people represent the church, and not the infrastructure in itself. He reminded us about our life purpose– God has placed us wherever we are and we must build lives as the Lord has built us. Referencing to Acts 2:46, he urged us to commune regularly with God and with fellow believers.

The church's history bears witness to the blessings of God showered so generously upon its members, and this is further testified by the success of the inaugural programme. Special gratitude goes to all who were involved in the construction of the new hall, relocation of the church and the conduct of the inaugural service.

PARENTS' PAGE

UNFAILING LOVE: JOURNEYING TOGETHER AS MEN AND WOMEN



-Dr. Kevisetuo Dzeyie
WHO-Epidemic Intelligence Service

Twelve of us gathered at the residence of Rev. Dr. N Ricky Medom (Pastor Naga Christian Fellowship, Delhi) and Mrs. Viring Medom on 2nd October 2019 for married couples' seminar with Mr. Jonathan and Mrs. Thelma Nambu from the Philippines as facilitators/resource persons. The seminar was titled *"Unfailing Love: Journeying together as men and women."* This came at an opportune time to refresh and recapture our collective calling as a couple raising a family in the capital city.

Mr. Jonathan started the seminar by affirming the overarching message for everyone that the God of the Bible not only created human beings in His image, but also pursues each one of us in our brokenness to have deeper fellowship with Him to realize our full potential. The facilitators took turns to share on three important areas to be considered by every couple to have deeper and meaningful relationship:

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1. Created nature: In the natural created order, there exist certain behavioral differences between men and women. We watched a short video, on how neuroscience tries to explain why men and women think, feel, choose, communicate or respond to situations differently through some fascinating anatomical differences of the brain structure responsible for those actions. We look at why men tend to compartmentalize while women tend to think more web-like. Why men tend to be more silent after a day's work to process while women like to talk through it...etc. On one hand, understanding these basic differences can be beneficial, as it allows one to appreciate better why the others behave in certain ways. On the other hand, we should avoid making excuses or blame one's actions or behavior on a physical created nature.

2. Fallen nature: We were reminded that all the complex behavior of an individual cannot be explained through the light of the natural created order. We need to consider the fallen nature of human beings as portrayed in the book of Genesis. To the question, where was Adam when the Serpent tempted Eve? On closer reading of *Genesis 3:6*, we found that Adam was with Eve when the whole event transpired. However, there was complete silence on the

part of Adam, who was the recipient of God's command. The result of the fall is exhibited by both men and women in the form of distorted images of masculinity and femininity. As individuals, we enter into a relationship with different backgrounds, knowledge, habits, or upbringing which requires redirection.

3. Redeemed nature: To truly live out the full potential of our calling, we need to live as redeemed men and women as demonstrated and described in the book of *Ephesians 5:21-33* which calls for sacrificial love. As men, we were challenged to 'move' our family and realign with God's bigger vision and not be silent whenever called for a response. For women, to 'trust' in the faithful leading. During discussion, we were encouraged to learn that our individual family struggles were not unique; in fact, they were common for the couples/families. The openness and humility with which the facilitators shared important life lessons in overcoming difficult circumstances through the grace of God in their own journey of faith were uplifting. The seminar was concluded by offering prayers for each other, and we departed hoping to meet again.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Since 1992 till date, NCFD focus has been on discipleship through regular, weekly Bible studies among couples, single and married ladies, students and professionals. Over the years we have many ladies and mothers who have joined these Bible study groups and are reaching out. *Titus 2:3-5* instructs women to teach other women and encourage them to be strong in the faith.

We have been richly blessed with women who have come alongside in ministry since the nascent stage of NCFD. We affirm the enormous contribution women have made in the early days of the church. Our women have been supportive, responsive and active participants in heading the children's ministry, directing the

hospitality team, conducting prayer circles and going for house visitation of the sick. They actively provide financial assistance to support the church ministry and its various mission outreaches such as the Mongolian mission, Miqlat ministry, mission schools and blind workers. Our women bring perspective, ideas and help for the church that are uniquely different from that of men. We believe in the power of women to uniquely and richly influence their workplaces, homes, neighborhoods and beyond. In this way, both men and women add to the church's life and health beautifully. Women's ministry is a vital part of NCF Delhi ministry. We strive to make NCF a place where women in the congregation grow closer to the community and to the church.

-Mrs. Virginia Dela Rosa Medom



Some ladies of NCFD

The NCF is a relatively small but vibrant Church and with the growth of the church our Sunday school Ministry has also grown over the years. Back when we first started worshipping in B.M Gange School, I remember having only one class for all the students but by God's grace we now have 5 classes with 38 regular students. The NCF Sunday school believes in investing in the lives of the little children with the hope and prayer that their hearts will grow to love the Lord even as they grow physically, emotionally, and mentally –that there will be spiritual growth as well. Our activities are therefore rooted and revolve around the Word of God with the younger ones doing activities like drawing, painting, puzzle, quiz. The older ones usually have discussions on Christian Literature or reading from the Bible, to deal with relevant issues like peer pressure, career choices and impact of social media today.

The NCF ministry is especially grateful to the parents and elders for always being supportive and generous –helping and contributing in every possible way. As for the teachers we are grateful for the joy of teaching but we believe we are learning and growing more. This is the most happening ministry in NCF because we have parties every other month with yummy birthday cakes and treats which no one have access to except the teachers and the students. We want to invite young men of God, as the young boys are in need of a role model to look up to, to come and be part of the ministry. We urge, encourage and challenge whoever is keen and has a heart for teaching to prayerfully consider and come join us in building the Kingdom of God by investing in the young children.

-Enatoli Sema

Standing Counsel for the State of Nagaland.

Neithonguii Sanchu

Kindergarten, Little Kingdom School.



My name is Neitho. I have two big brothers- Vilhou and Mhasi. I love my brothers because they play hide and seek with me. I love them this much (stretching out her arms wide).

Eric Adekanmbi

Grade 2, St. Columbus School.



I love my Sunday School. I get to play fun games with my friends and recite memory verses. I really like Jesus. He died on the cross. God came to save me. Children wanted to see Him. I like "let the little children come to me" story.

Gracie Mae Gaffney

Grade 7, Metro Delhi International School.



If I were a Sunday School teacher for a day I would teach the children about God. I would give them candies and snacks, and dance and sing along with them. We will do crepe paper arts. I would teach the beginners or my own intermediate level.

SOUND TEAM



SPARK TEAM



WELCOMING TEAM



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM



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PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM



REFRESHMENT TEAM



CHOIR TEAM



PLANNING TEAM



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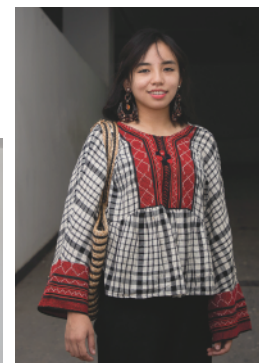


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PROGRAMME TEAM



MISSIONS IN-CHARGE





-Tajunkala Imchen
Student of English, Delhi University

As I begin a new chapter in my life while away from home for the first time, I find myself with a lot of insecurities and responsibilities. I am at a pivotal period of my life where the decisions I make will greatly determine the course of my future. I rely on my instincts, the opinion of my parents and most

importantly seek God's guidance in making these decisions. In my pursuit of acquiring further education, obstacles and discouragements are inevitable but I hope that I have the strength to persevere and overcome anything that comes my way. I do not know about what the future holds but what I do believe is that the Lord has great things in store for me. I routinely wonder and worry about the direction my life will take but as a believer I know his will is perfect and he has a purpose for everything that happens. We may not have our entire life plan unveiled to us but we must step forward even in the midst of uncertainty with faith. As the Lord says, *"For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". (Jeremiah 29:11).*



-Kukhepu Vemai
Student of English, Delhi University

There is no accurate answer to define life because it differs from one individual to another and we are all not destined to live the same life. Yes, what is life? To me, life is beautiful where you create your own heaven on earth by fighting and overcoming the obstacles along the journey. Being a young lad, I've

When I graduated from school, I found myself questioning, "Am I living the life that God has planned for me? What is God's purpose in my life?" The right thing to do is bring glory to God because there is no one greater who is worthy of trust, adoration and worship. Most of us in times of adversity, we begin to question the existence of God. Why don't we also question ourselves where we were when time was favourable? I must admit I often forget Him in good times not realizing that it was all because of Him.

come across numerous worldly desires, infatuation and temptations. During the end of my school days, I was turning away from God. Things changed; I messed up my boards and was left terrified.

Therefore, we should glorify God at all times. Turn to the Bible, pray for directions and live a purpose-driven life. Trouble is inevitable. So if you're facing any obstacle in life, face it head on and overcome it. Don't worry, you're not alone. Let's all fight the good fight with God by our side.



Social and cultural norms often tend to hold back women from going all out and following their hearts. However, constant conversations (prayers and talking) with God can make someone stronger and braver and can shape a woman into someone who can stand up for what is right and prove her worth. These conversations with God,

-Neivino Peseyie
Student of Psychology, Delhi University

whether it is a short or a long conversation, can genuinely help in establishing a close walk with God. This gives us wisdom, knowledge and understanding. It makes us to understand our self-identity. It helps us to walk the straight and narrow path.

In other words, accepting Jesus Christ as my personal saviour and having a close relationship with him helps me to be courageous and have the courage to break stigmas without fear.

GOD, ME AND THE WORLD

A TALK BY SAMUEL VAIPHEI ON THE 19TH OCTOBER AT NCF CHAPEL HALL.



-Lipoksunep Jamir
Civil Service Aspirant

Have you ever wondered about your life's purpose? How often do you find yourself in a constant dilemma, fretting over minuscule day-to-day matters? Well if you're like most people you've probably thought about it a lot. The conversation started with Mr Samuel

introducing himself to a crowd of about 3 dozen curious minds. Teachers, students and academic professionals alike sat eagerly at the basement of Nagaland state guest house R.K. PURAM (NCF's Chapel hall) which served as the rendezvous point for the talk. The talk took part in three sessions, each profound, insightful and well-curated. The first session revolved around understanding the concept of God, and how various societies (Indian, Greek) formed due to its respective understanding of it. Session two felt like a

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tête-à-tête with God, and Session three cemented the holistic approach of the talk. Takeaways from the talk would include identifying ourselves with Christ, investing in ourselves to manifest and multiply and to always ground ourselves in the word of God.

In the end, Mr Samuel left the audience with much to ponder on. His parting words *"meditate richly in the word of God, understand this will result in growth! Not just spiritual but in academics and social life as well"* surely left lasting impressions.

FRIENDSHIP PHOTO CONTEST

Friendship plays a pivotal role in our growth and endurance as believers. This year, NCFD celebrated friendship week by organising a photo contest with a story titled 'My Friend and I'. It was heart-warming to receive so many entries and to get glimpses of the special bond they share with their friends.

Here is the winner of the contest.



Nonika Zhimomi and Wendy Humtsoe

Let me introduce my friend, Wendy Humtsoe. I met this beautiful person back in 5th Grade. We've come a long way with a train full of memories and we're hoping to fill it with more with the passage of time. One of the fondest memories I have with her was back in 6th Grade. We had our class assembly where Wendy and I were requested to sing on behalf of the class. Wendy is, no doubt, an amazingly talented singer. I, on the other hand, decided to give it a try. The two of us, including our other friend, belted out '21 Guns' by the famous punk/rock band Green Day in front of the entire school. We can't really say for sure that we nailed it. However, we gave our best. We've had our fair share of cringe-worthy moments. But this incident, in particular, still reels freshly in our minds. Looking back, it somehow makes me feel glad that we got to grow up with such funny memories and that our friendship grew stronger over the years. Who knew that the incident would just be the start of countless memories we made together!

Three qualities I admire about this girl (WENDY):

- She has the kindest and most generous soul.
- She gives great moral support when I need the most.
- She's always ready to lighten the mood with her random story sessions.

FETE DAY

This year's Fete Day was another reminder of God's manifold blessings and the generosity of His people as we came together to eat the most delicious food, play the most exciting games, buy the prettiest stuff - all to raise funds for the 2019 Annual Youth Camp. Here is a glimpse...



FRESHERS' DAY

We celebrated Freshers' Sunday on 11 August 2019, to welcome the freshers who have come to Delhi for their studies/work or other purposes. These pictures are a testament to God's blessings – friends, new people who we would call close friends in the coming days, laughter, joy and friendship. We thank God for this joyful day of knowing new people and rekindling old friendships.



WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY





-Ningthuilu Gonmei
Asst. Camp Director

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord, for I hide myself in you. Teach me to do your will, or you are my God; may your good spirit lead me on level ground. For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life; in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble. In your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes, for I am your servant." Psalms 143:8-12. This was the Bible reference behind our 25th annual camp theme 'Unfailing Love' held at Sattal Christian Ashram in Uttarakhand from 23rd September to 26th September 2019. A total of 46 campers including the resource persons attended the camp, where 24 were boys and 17 were girls. The resource persons were:

1) Pastor Ricky, 2) Auntie Viring, 3) Mr. Jay Orvis,
4) Mr. Jonathan Nambu, 5) Mrs. Thelma Nambu

The theme song for the camp was composed by our talented brother Atsen Murry, an ex-Tyrannian. We left for Sattal on the night of 22nd September. The campers were divided into 4 groups and the names were based on the synonyms of 'Unfailing love'. They were: Boundless, Unceasing, Enduring and Everlasting.

Boundless group was the winner of the skit competition; Everlasting group for the theme song competition; Unceasing group for memory verse recitation. The group Enduring emerged as the overall winner.

"Christian camps spark the beginning of faith for many. Perhaps it's traveling to a new place or hearing faith talked about through songs not heard before and in ways one hadn't imagined. Another grace of the camp is, of course, the fresh air, in several senses, liberating the campers from the lure of the digital screen" and simply basking in the lushness and breathing in the pristine air of the mountains that show the fullness of God in the creation. This certainly allowed the campers to refocus their minds and discover God afresh.

Due care was placed on our spiritual growth and knowledge through morning devotions, sessions and counselling. The morning devotions were led by Uncle Ricky. We reflected and meditated on the passages from Psalms. Each group had two representatives to share the outstanding thoughts and application of the Bible passage given to us each morning.

The evening sessions included the Scripture memorisation program, which was led by Auntie Viring. Getting ourselves repeatedly familiar with the Word of God for over a week proved valuable in letting the Word dwell richly in the life of the campers.

The sessions conducted by Uncle Jonathan and Auntie Thelma centered on the three foundational concepts of personhood, i.e., one's worth as an individual, one's strength as an individual and one's purpose as an individual, keeping the issue of human trafficking as the underlying theme.

Uncle Jay Orvis stressed on the importance of being firm in our faith, making sure that we do not get lost in the way but strive to reach the Promised Land like Caleb and Joshua did. He encouraged us to know our Bible thoroughly and to let others see Jesus in us.

The campers bonded over group discussions, group dynamics and other various competitions. The camp came to an end on the fourth day, the 26th of September, after a round of sharing and prayers. It got over as soon as it had begun but what started there will last a lifetime. We were blessed with some campers dedicating their lives to Christ for the first time and most of us rededicating ourselves. The camp has sparked the beginning of faith for many.

"Leadership on camp is also a chance to experience the blessing of serving, in investing in the part of the Church" that is the future. It has provided a place for godly young people to grow in serving Christ, by performing tasks behind the scenes and also learning how to share the gospel and pray with others about their needs. My Co-director Vikuo and I are grateful to the Church, to Uncle Ricky and Auntie Viring for entrusting us with these responsibilities.

Our camp has been supported and sponsored by several individuals and families and we stand grateful for their generous contributions. They have committed themselves to systematically pray for the campers and speakers. God promises that the fervent prayers of a righteous man / woman accomplishes a great deal (James 5:16). God, in His grace, works in response to these praying saints, and it is the campers as well as the speakers who have received the benefit of these unseen labors.

We had blessed days and nights of fellowship up in the mountains. We were reminded of Jesus taking His disciples up on the mountain to teach them. Our souls were refreshed. As the Bible promises that those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength and mount up with wings as eagles, we have been renewed.

May we continue to build on what we have learned as we continue to walk in fellowship with the Church community and engage with the world at large.

I also urge the campers not to end it here but continue to keep in touch with each other and encourage one another to grow and thrive. May we continue to abide in the Everlasting, Enduring, Unceasing, Boundless truth of God's Unfailing Love.

To God be the glory!





-Mrs.Kitoli Shohe

When NCF Delhi organized the screening of the movie “Breakthrough”, I was a little reluctant initially since it was a general holiday and getting a day off is usually precious for people working six days a week. But I decided to attend the screening with my family – a huge blessing. Being an emotional person, I experienced several mixed emotions; I cried almost throughout the entire movie. As a mother to a son, I imagined myself in Joyce’s place and

asked many questions. Will I be able to be a prayerful and faithful mother like Joyce if I face a situation like hers?

I learnt that there is divine power in prayer that acted upon the dying son. The mother’s indomitable spirit and unwavering faith in God even during such a seemingly hopeless situation was amazing! A mother who refused to give up when everyone lost hope. She put everything before God. The movie showed how prayers and faith can help us fight the battle. In doing so, God takes over and works miracles in our lives.

Another point that really touched me was how the community united in one accord. The church, families, neighbours, friends, firefighters, doctors and nurses – all coming together against all odds was inspiring. This taught me the importance of working together in love and unity, and how it pleases God.

The movie restored my faith in God all the more. It taught me the power of prayer. I know that God is there for us through it all. He has a plan for us whatever the circumstance in life. We need to have faith that He is watching over us. I am grateful for this opportunity to watch the movie and to write about it here.

I encourage the NCF youth to arrange more of such screenings so that we can come together and learn from the experiences of others.



-Vithonuo Dzeyie
Class 2, Fr. Agnel School.

I watched the Ant Bully with my Sunday School friends on August which was a holiday. It tells that we should not bully others. My favourite part was that a boy became small. The boy’s name was Lucas. The bigger boys bully Lucas, so Lucas bullies the ants. The ants did not like Lucas. Two ants named Zoc and Hova made a potion that made Lucas small. All the things were big now for Lucas. One man wanted to destroy the ants. But Lucas saved the ants with the help of Hova and wasps.

Zoc gave potion again to Lucas and he became big. Then Lucas fought back the bigger boy who ran away. Lucas made new friends.

TYRANNUS HALL MISSION TRIP

The four members of Delhi Tyrannus Hall, along with Uncle Ricky and Aunty Viring, moved out on 25th October for Mussoorie, Dehradun, and returned on 30th October. The purpose of the Mission trip was to visit and interact with people who are involved in the ministry in different ways, and to encourage one another. An added bonus was to escape Delhi and get some fresh air, and enjoy the captivating scenery.

Akumdong Kechutzar

The mission trip to Mussoorie was revitalising, both physically and spiritually. I was amazed by the spirituality of the people there. The sessions were enriching, from the P&W to the prayer session. I was encouraged by the hostellers as I learnt that they have to endure walking long distances on foot to reach their respective villages. This also made me appreciate God's blessings more, especially for the privileges that I fail to thank Him for.

We really enjoyed the food we got to eat during the trip- this can indeed be testified by the extra kilograms we surely must have gained. We also appreciated the beautiful scenery as we got to witness God's

Akangmar Ozukum

Our trip to Mussoorie was tiring but adventurous and filled with excitement. Four young souls, accompanied by Uncle Ricky and Aunty Viring, set off for the trip early morning on 25th October 2019. Upon reaching our destination, the very cold air welcomed us that we each had to resort to wearing two layers of jackets! My three fellow brothers, who love and pamper me so much, kept up with their silly but harmless pranks during the entire trip.

The first two days of the trip were very fruitful as we got the opportunity to attend the seminar conducted by the missionaries based in Uttarakhand. Their messages and testimonies encouraged me greatly. It is an embarrassment to say that we were never up on time for breakfast; but our lack of morning nutrition would be

Thejashazo Medom

This description will be short, though precise; and ease and animation may flow through you, as the door shuts others out, but not to you. Will you find the perfect little picture?

Late night conversations contain our daytime endeavours, of warm sunshine promising to be with us the whole of the following morning, throughout, the fatigues of the present, by a toilsome walk to the church place, there to spend time on scriptural discourse, enumerations on man's faith, reminders to spiritual perseverance, continually astonishing details on God's love, and all necessities we tend to let fade, gradually, as our attention slips, while Sunday attendance remains constant.

Cold evening air past dark pine trees through the grey street, towards a café to snap a silly photo, drink a cup of coffee and see life

Thangsuanlian Guite

Another great year, another beautiful memory. This year's mission has been yet another blessed experience for me. It has truly widened my perspective on life and helped me grow as a person. One can truly reaffirm God's omnipresence witnessing His works through the missionaries, the local Christians, and the landscape alone speaks greatly of His marvel. Out of the various things I've learnt, one thought that still echoes in my head, is the importance of being well versed with the Bible and the passages.

creation around us. One moment it would be sunny, and the next, we would be enveloped in mist. Walking through all these was breath-taking and mesmerizing. We were also blessed to see so much dedication demonstrated by the hospital staff, especially during the morning devotions with them.

As the mission trip was ending, we dreaded returning from a serene Mussoorie to an even more polluted Delhi. But there is no bed like your own. Overall, I was very satisfied with and blessed through the trip.

compensated for by delicious meals in the evening prepared by our hosts.

We also spent time with the residents of the hostel run by Mr. Chuba Mangyang, a former Delhi Tyrannian, and his wife Dr. Alem who works at Landour Medical Hospital. Our last day was spent having an outdoor picnic and playing sports with them. We also got to demonstrate our athletic skills, particularly Akumdong who had a hidden talent in playing football. Lastly, our evening walk to char dukan was refreshing as we got to see the beauty of Mussoorie.

Overall, the trip brought the four brothers in a closer relationship with each other and with God. All thanks to our God, the Almighty Father. Amen.

clearer through the vapours of our breath.

Every person we meet is a humbling experience in themselves, simple life has its own charm, nothing to wish for on the side of avarice or indulgence, rather find peace in simplicity, find peace in fellowship and thus find the better part of life.

Then come home to confusion and disarray, to the life we choose; our enjoyment, however, must not be spoiled by a comparison of quietude, a dissimilarity in harmony; the acquisition of a life to be often with, for the people we hold acquaintances dear, the pleasures and avenues our own life provides, be grateful for your life through the perspective of theirs and ours. Did you find the perfect little picture?

It taught me the importance of using the time I have and put it to good use to prepare myself to be tested. We four Tyrannians were called out by Aunty Viring to present our memory verses which of course, could have gone a little better for me. Likewise, there would be time when we would be called out before anyone else at any moment and put to the test. All in all, it has been a wonderful experience.



1). We are grateful that in Christ Jesus we have acceptance and access to His throne of grace and we have assurance of answered prayers. *John 16:24*

2). We thank You Lord for our Pastors' ministry of shepherding and discipleship. And we pray that You will continue to empower them to preach the Word with personal conviction and in the power of the Holy Spirit and to *"set an example in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity."*

3). We thank You Lord for the dedicated Sunday School teachers in our church. May You work in them, meet their needs, and through them bring our children to the saving knowledge of Christ.

4). We thank You Lord for the gift of singing and love of singing hymns and spiritual songs. We pray for our Praise and Worship team, our choir members, all our members to continue to sing with grateful hearts and transformed lives and may our sacrifices of praises be acceptable in Your sight.

5). We thank You Lord for the members' faithful attendance in weekly NCF North and South Bible Study groups. We pray for growth and personal applications of biblical principles in their studies, work, in their living and praying.

6). We thank You Lord for such encouragement received from our unfailing Camp members of participating and sharing their devotional diaries based on the Daily Devotions Bible passages given by our Pastor. May Your hand and blessing be upon all of us as we daily seek You first, by reading and meditating to apply Your words into our lives.

7). Lord, we lift up to You and thank You for all our volunteers, serving with their God-given gifts and who take care of various works like printing weekly programs, the sound system, refreshments, book table, Lord's supper, putting hymns and cleaning up, beautifying our place of worship, and welcoming of new comers and visitors.

8). We bless our elders, families, couples, professionals, students with their parents, NCF Delhi friends, guests and everyone for their partnership in the gospel. Their prayer and financial support, and contributions in kind, in cash for our annual camp, DTH, Spark newsletter, Food Festival cum Music Concert. All glory to His Name, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

9). We thank You Lord for allowing us to be involved outside our own circle and reaching out to others in Missions. For the support of a young couple in Ulaan Bataar, Mission schools in Purula, Uttarakhand and J&K, hostel ministry in Mussoorie, Miqlat ministry in Dimapur and RSP in Bareilly.

10). We thank You Lord for contributions from members for our piano, television set, sound system, plants and others. We pray for other facilities and projects such as three Sunday School classrooms with air purifier, A/C units, and furnishings.

11). We thank You Lord for good health, healing, emotional/mental stability, and peace within and daily sustenance. Thank You Father for You are the source of every good and perfect gift, for the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives day by day who produce in us Christlikeness in thinking, behaving and reacting.

12). This Christmas, may each one realize and experience afresh Your deep love and Your yearning that people trust Christ, as the way, the truth, and the life. May each one have the passion to share the gospel of Christ. Deliver those who think there are no absolutes, from philosophy/ ideals based on human traditions and the world's principles.

13). This coming New Year 2020, we pray for Your wisdom, guidance, presence and power to live each day victorious in seeking, doing Your will and abiding in Your word, like a branch sharing the life of a vine that people around will see Christ is real. May we find ourselves in two's, three's, in prayer circles praising God in our living and praying.

-Aunty Viring

Congratulations

- **Congratulations to Mr. Keneilhouzo and Mrs. Peteneinu Sekhose on your wedding (14 December 2019). May your love for God and for each other grow more and more with each passing year. God bless you both!**
- **Congratulations to Miss Manlem Phom, Mr. Nounie Miachio, Mr. Keneilelie Soru, Mr. Moirangthem Pabitra Singh, and Mr. Biswajit Paul for their act of faith and obedience to the commands of Christ through baptism. We warmly welcome you all the family of God.**

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