

Again they wrote on 31 December after visiting the home of the six orphans: “Dear Brother Jim, We thank God for His wonderful blessings and guidance. Today we received the Rs.11,110\ (- \$250) that was sent by Western Union... afterwards we went to Ra-dhika’s house, but they were at their auntie’s house; we proceeded there, met them and explained about the funds. We gave the money for clothes, Rs. 8,250\ (- \$185).... We told them to use it wisely and for the right purpose. Then we went to Bara (big) Bazaar along with Radhika’s younger brother Punte, to buy all their essential food items with the remaining funds (\$65) and dropped them to their house in Moti Nagar. They were so glad and happy. They send their gratitude and greetings to you and specially to Sister Lynn Roberts (Crossville church secretary) who sent the Western Union for the benevolent help. Have a blessed New Year. In His service, LAL & ADAMSON.”

Note from Jim. Radhika, who is about 16, is a Christian and comes to worship each Sunday bringing the younger children. An older brother who is 20, has a job and with our help is caring for his five younger brothers and sisters.

As we have closed out another year of this work it is most urgent that we (Laura and I) say that we know this service for Jesus could not be accomplished except for your partnership; some of you have been with us for 20, 30 and 40 years or more. The above examples of benevolence should bring joy to your heart but that is not all, for above and beyond that with your help and that of the young people and their response to “Operation Compassion” we sent \$20,000 to Tamil Nadu in 2010 for Christian widows to have cows and goats and are ready to send more in 2011. May our God and Father be praised. With love for all. Jim and Laura.



This beautiful bulletin board is posted in the building of the Cape Code church in Marston Mills, MA and is indicative of similar ones across the country by various congregations.

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HIGHLIGHTS — NOVEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 31, 2010

Friday November 12, Last month I told of a first visit to the town of Rangjuli (raang-julee), Assam, N.E. India in search of a new location for the Northeast Bible Institute. On this date brother Khen Samte (53) and I hired a taxi to take us the 65 miles from Guawahati to Shillong as there were no seats available on the helicopter. It took three hours over the serpentine road.

We were glad to see Scott Richards; who is from Jonesboro, GA, and who has served as teacher and supervisor of the school for nearly eight months this year. He and some students, who were still there, were making arrangements for the move. Their work has allowed me the freedom to search for a new place for the school:

Monday November 15, This morning Khen, his wife, three of his four daughters and I took a taxi down the switch back mountainous road back to Guawahati. The driver was one of the worst with whom I have ever ridden. Several times I had to tell him to slow down, but to no avail. Yet I did not realize how bad his driving was until we made a pit stop in a small town and brother Khen said that his wife and daughters had gotten car sick. Finally we arrived at the place in Guawahati where his fourth daughter lives and we sent the driver on his way.

Khen and I got a bus to take us to another town called Boko forty miles southwest of Guawahati to search for property for the school. Each ticket only cost \$1.44, but I was jammed at



one side in a window seat. The buses are often packed to the gills, so to speak, with several riding on the roof. The trip took nearly three hours; much of which is inter-city driving among crawling traffic.

In Boko, we went to see the secretary for the local counsel to inform him of our visit; he was courteous, but did not have any information for us. We did learn of a local school (k-9th) run by Presbyterians and interviewed some of them as to the availability of land or a building that we might rent, but they had no idea. We caught a van back to the city limits; it was dark, but we had no trouble walking the mile to a hotel, called Vishal Lodge.

Just as we were checking in I got a call from a man named Biju Rabha in Rangjuli. He had gotten my name from the vice-president of the local counsel whom we met when we made our first visit on the 11th. Biju said that he was from a Hindu family and was the only believer in Christ in his area. He also said that he had been praying for someone to come to preach the gospel to his people and he was sure that we had come in answer to his prayer. I did not know whether this was a “Macedonian call” or not. But we determined to go the next day.

Tuesday November 16, This morning Khen and I got a car to take us to Rangjuli; we arrived at the home of Biju and his wife, Canvera, at 10:30. They have two sons, 9 and 15. After learning some things about them personally, I asked him to which denomination he belonged and he said, “I don’t care about denominations.” He did say that they fellowshiped with a group called, United Christian Association.

Briefly I explained to him that we also do not believe in denominations and that the church of Christ is the original church founded on Pentecost with about 3,000 the first day. I told him of our quest for land where we could continue to conduct the Bible Institute in the Northeast. He agreed to search for a site. We left and began our trip back toward Guawahati.

From the time I had arrived in India on this trip (Nov. 5th) I had needed to visit the city of Bagdogra in West Bengal (which lies about 250 miles northwest of Guawahti) where we have two young preachers, Joseph Darjee and Markus Kisku, who are doing the work of evangelists and laying the ground work for us to begin a school of preaching in that area.

Thus, as Khen and I were returning from Rangjuli I asked our driver to stop at a phone call office from where I called a travel agent (a lady) and arranged a flight to Bagdogra. She said that I could get a flight at 2:25 from the Guawahati airport, but I had to be ready to

board at 1:55. The ticket was arranged for 11:40 and we had a two-hour drive to get to the airport. The taxi dropped me at 1:25; I got my boarding pass, went through security and boarded the plane at 2:00 and departed at 2:30. It landed in Bagdogra at 3:20 p.m. and I spent a day and a half visiting with and encouraging the two young brothers named above.

November 18, Once back in Guawahati I arranged a room for the night, then got an auto-rickshaw to take me to a denominational college as I wanted to inquire of the staff about government rules (red tape) for Bible schools. None of the staff was present that could give me any guidance, so having let the “auto” go I got a van back to the city. It was designed to seat 11, but the driver’s helper got 15 inside; he and another man rode on the running board.

November 19 – 26, Between these dates I traveled back to Shillong; stayed two (20th -21st) days, then (22nd) Scott and I left; he for the U.S. and I back to Rangjuli (23rd) to check out a piece of property, but the leaders of the community, all being Hindus, did not want a Bible School in their area.

As noted in the November newsletter I had to be back in Shillong on the 25th for the hearing about the sale of the school property before the Assistant Deputy Commissioner (ADC). Later I learned from her that we can expect a favorable ruling on the sale of the building about February 1st. On the 26th I went with two brothers to visit the home of two widows in the Hindi church; see a report below.

November 27— December 13, Saturday. I took the helicopter to Guawahati, then flew by plane via Calcutta to Chennai (1,600 miles from Shillong), the capital of Tamil Nadu, as there was great need that I visit with the churches in that southern state before returning to the U.S.; In nine days I traveled another five hundred miles or more visiting churches and Bible Schools in four different areas of the state; and I asked one school principal from another state, Kerala, to come meet me to discuss his work. On Monday December 6th I flew back to Guawahati, then on Tuesday (7th) made another trip by bus to Rangjuli to look for property; in fact I made a fourth trip there on the 13th just before leaving for the U.S. but still could not find a suitable location.

Besides these activities, as noted back on the 26th of November I had gone with two brothers to visit two widows of the Hindi congregation in Shillong. One sister’s name is Tulasi; she is around 48 and lives with her daughter, Rimato (19) in a small house, which is furnished for them because the daughter works as a house cleaner for an officer’s family. It is behind the officers’ quarters on a military base.

On the same day we went to the home of Sapna (Supnaa), whom you may remember is a young widow, who lost her husband in 2009. She

is in her early thirties and has five children; the oldest is a fourteen year old daughter, and the youngest is two. Sapna is small in stature, pretty with a joyous smile in spite of living without a helpmeet in a tiny house with her large family. The picture shows her, the five children and a neighbor’s child. She, like the daughter of Tulasi, also works as a domestic, for which she receives no wages, but her family lives in the house rent free. We gave both families some money to help with their current needs, besides this we buy rice and other things for them. Several of you have sent to help her and the children.

A month later (December 27) Lal and Adamson, two of the students that stayed in Shillong to care for the church and look after the school building, visited the home of both these widows and another family of six orphans in order to take food supplies and give them money to buy clothes for the new year; here is a portion of a letter that tells of their visit with Sapna's family,



*Dear brother,
“We visited sister Sapna’s family today and gave them the Rs 8250/- (\$185) for buying clothes. We also encouraged both families (they had also gone to the home of sister Tulasi) to be faithful to God, attend Church services without fail and use the money for the right purpose. And always give thanks to God for His abundant blessings. They send their greetings and gratitude to you and your family. May God bless you and your family.
Your Brothers in Christ, Lal and Adamson.”*