



Asia Sandbox

Leadership & Church Planting Training

An Indian partner and myself put together a Leadership and Church Planting Training event in Shillong that was held July 2-7.



Two partner churches from the USA each sent two facilitators to lead the teaching sessions.

There were 23 national church planters, missionaries, pastors and movement leaders from Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Sikkim, East Nepal, West Bengal, Bhutan and Meghalaya who participated.

The purpose of this event was to bring together potential partners for a sample of what could become a two-year modular

training program in theology, leadership, ministry and business skills. We would also incorporate the key components of ministry coaching and mentoring.

We also cast a vision to the whole group about all working together in greater partnership to reach all the unreached peoples in the larger NE India region and surrounding countries.

This broad vision and the training program was received with great enthusiasm. Many conversations and planning have begun for 2014. Thank you for your prayers!

Please pray specifically for Daniel in these coming months as he works to bring together partners to develop the plans, and as he helps the national ministry network structure itself for new growth and greater impact. He needs wisdom--thanks!

Exploring the Region

After the Leadership and Church Planting Conference, Daniel and three partners traveled July 8-12 to West Bengal, Sikkim and Nepal.

We visited church planting partners from the conference at their locations of ministry to encourage them and their teams and partners.

We also wanted to learn more about their church planting vision and strategy, and the particular challenges in their region.



Pray for answers to our question: how might we help, and by working together accomplish even more?

TEN YEAR VISION FOR ASIA

To aggressively press into unreached peoples through ReachGlobal teams and partnerships, until we have Gospel-centered mission-driven healthy church planting movements in locations of significant regional impact in every country throughout Asia!



VISION FOR NE INDIA & BEYOND!

To reach all the people groups of northeast India and the surrounding region with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by multiplying healthy church planting movements in partnership with emerging national church planters, pastors and mission leaders.

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THE NETWORK BEGINS

We selected national partners, both men and women, who are actively working to expand the Kingdom of God through proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and planting churches.

Equally important is their eagerness to work with others for the glory of God, rather than simply expand the influence of their own ministry, Christian brand or denomination. We call this disposition being “Kingdom-minded.” It is a rare but important quality to have.

Another critical attitude is that of being a learner and part of a learning community. This means being open to sharing resources, honest in telling success stories and transparent with struggles.

The same can be said about the USA church partners. They likewise need to exhibit the same qualities and carry the same ministry passions as they embrace their role in this region.

By God’s grace in answer to prayers we believe we have a foundation of such partners and a solid beginning for genuine relationships.

Please pray for the national network to grow to 30 movement leaders (who exhibit the above characteristics) which represent each state and neighboring nation.

MAKING IMPACT

Your prayers were a huge part of the success of this event and the bright and promising ministry future. Thank you so much for joining with us and journeying with us!

We are looking at broadening our regional strategic vision to include the states of West Bengal and Bihar. Beyond the traditional seven states of NE India, we desire to impact the unreached peoples of Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan and Bangladesh.

Scheduled into our recent training event were blocks of time for the USA churches and the national delegates each to share with the group their mission vision. Then we took time to ask questions and pray over each person and their ministry.

All were greatly encouraged. Each of the national leaders during our closing program shared specific ways they benefited from the event, how they will use materials to train their leadership teams, and look forward to what God might have next for us all.

The teams from the US churches share the same hope and anticipation; they are reviewing this opportunity with their churches. Please pray for them.

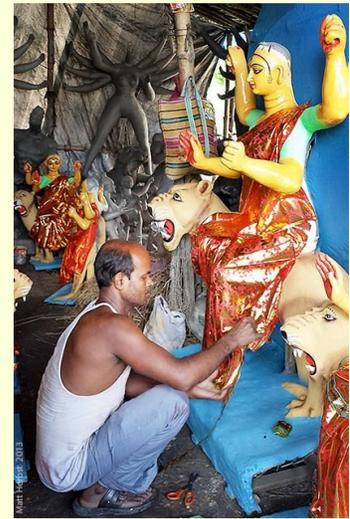
I wonder if you have noticed a similar reality in your church or ministry, that encouragement is often underrated. Encourage a ministry partner; your words will lead to influence and Kingdom impact!

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Making Gods & Chasing after Them



This idol store reminded me of these words of the Apostle Paul from Acts 17, “I perceive that in every way you are very religious. . . . We ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.”

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