

TRANSFORM EAST ALLIANCE

A New Beginning in Assam state of India

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Dear Friends,

As we have entered into a new year 2025 and focus on the Lord Jesus Christ, we also look forward to the day when in eternity we will witness, "And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints".

A New Opportunity: The TEA network works cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and equipping leaders. We thank our team leaders with effort and strong determination and New Opportunity to reach unreached people groups and serve with love. In the state of Assam, DMM trainer Kalyan Sarkar and his newly married wife Rumina from Assam and team began working DMM in Gohpur among the Missing community. Gohpur is a town and headquarters of Gohpur sub-division in Biswanath district in the Indian state of Assam. Cultures, food, lifestyle, and languages were all different. This significant step of faith made us stand today on fruitful ground. Assam is prone to annual floods, particularly during the monsoon season, due to its vast river network and heavy rainfall. The Brahmaputra and Barak rivers, with numerous tributaries, are the main causes of these floods. Climate change, with its increased rainfall and glaciers melting, is also exacerbating the situation. Although TEA occasionally supports emergency and relief operations, the main and actual focus is to preach the Word, train and equip the trainers and see healthy churches.



The state of Assam traditionally practices an animistic religion centered around the worship of "Donyi-Polo," which translates to the Sun and Moon, considered the creators and protectors of the universe. The community maintains a patriarchal social system in their society. As a patriarchal social system the women are not given a chance to take part in taking decisions in family matters. The Mishing tribe's traditional attire features cotton fabrics, with men typically wearing white cotton or silk, and women wearing brightly colored, embroidered dresses. Most families do farm work, and they collect most vegetable and non-vegetables items from nature itself. In Assam total

population is 34,283,000. The number of people groups 4C4, and the number of unreached people groups 364. The percentage of religion Hindu 63.0%, Muslim 31.0%, Christian 3.8%, Buddhist 0.2%, Sikh 0.1%, other 0.3%. Some of the peoples group names are Missing, Bodo, Karbi, Rabha, stonewall Kachari, ladling Garo, Dimasa, Nepali, Assamese, etc.



The TEA Network made a connection in Assam and laid the foundation for future work with our regional team from West Bengal and we have had tremendous success partnering with our regional team in Assam an amazing to see the way the work of the Lord in seeing healthy churches, coordinators and leaders trained, and the disciples multiplied. The ministry is spreading into new areas in Assam. Thanks for your faithfulness in praying on behalf of TEA. We believe the Lord is calling us to reach the unreached people groups. We TEA Network Families and Leaders, would like to thank you for the prayer and financial support, without



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your support we are unable to expand the kingdom of God from West Bengal to Assam state. God is great, He is using us to bring transformation and appreciate your prayers and support and need continuous support for more transformation.



Our new areas of work

The photo shows our participants in DMM training seated on a bamboo floor. This is how the houses are constructed because of the floods. Typically, these houses are built with light weight locally available materials like bamboo,

Our team has made initial connections in many places in the state of Assam and began with the introduction of Disciple Making Movement and Income generation training and the goal is to raise 100 local leaders in the next 12 months with the goal of starting 200 new churches (*each leader starting 2 house churches*)

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First, I would like to thank our Almighty God for giving me the wonderful opportunity and privilege to testify of my life in Jesus Christ. My name is Lakhya Pegu, I am from Assam with Hindu background and my profession since I am an adult is cook. Currently I have one daughter and one son. I heard about Jesus from Kalyan's wife, a sister Rumina talked about Jesus and encouraged me to pray to Jesus to solve the problem, but my challenge was that my ancestors worshiped idols so how do I believe in Jesus as a personal savior, but finally I started to follow Christ by attending the group as well as reading the story of Jesus every day and finally after maybe six months it takes time to get water baptized and I started to pray for my community to follow Christ, but I don't know how it is possible because I was new and I don't know how to share to others, but God answered my prayer to learn more about sharing my story to make disciples who can make disciple others also engaged the community by the training of DMM by Kalyan and Rumina, So my journey was from Finding a joy to obedience in Jesus to engaged communities.



Prayer Points: Your prayers and support encourage TEA network to train more local leaders & Partners like Lakshya Pegu to bring holistic transformation in the communities of the state of Assam, where we have begun working in Spiritual and social transformation and business for movement training through Networking and Collaboration with local leaders and partners.



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