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|  | **FELLOWSHIP NEWS**  (For private circulation only)  Website:www.zcfdelhi.com: E-mail: zcfdelhi.co@gmail.com  **Theme: Arise and shine, for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1** | |
| **Zomi Christian Fellowship, Delhi : 25.12.2016 : Theme :** “let your light so shine before men.” (matt. 5:16) | | |
| **Christmas**  Luka 2:11 - ***Tuni-in David khuapi sungah, note a hong honkhia ding Khris Topa a suak hi.***  Topa Jesu pen a beisa kum tul nih lai in leitung ah hong piang khin zo hi. Leitung a hong pianna a hangin, a tom in “Mi mawhte gumkhia ding” hi a, tua teng zong hong sem khin zo hi. Sihna thuak in zong tho kik khin zo hi cih Lai Siangtho in teltak in hong gen khin zo hi.  Kumsim in tua hong pianna ni phawkna in “Christmas” ci in December 25 ni in kizang den hi.  Tuni in Topa Jesu leitung a hong pianna hangin na lungdamta hiam? Kumsim in Christmas I lawm gige uh hi. Christ tawh kum bangzah I zangta hiam? Christ tawh zang nailo peuh I hi kha hiam? Sa nekna, an nekna, lasak leh gualnopna teng bek nuamsa a Christmas a zangzang I hi lai hiam?  Topa Jesu hong pianna sawt zo hi. Ahi zongin nang’ sungah, nang nuntakna ah, na lungsim sungah hong piang nai hiam? Nang’ sunga piang nailopi a lawmlawm na hikha hiam?  Nang sunga hong pian nai kei leh tuni in na lungsim kong hon in. Amah hong tum nuam in kong hong kiukiu hi. Amah tumsak in. Amah sang inla na kumpi suaksak in. Tua ahih kei leh tuni in Christmas na zat pen a mawkna suak ding hi. Khiatna neilo ding hi.  A man nei Christmas I zattheih nadingin Jesu I sungah hong ten kul hi. Jesu lo tawh Christmas zat a khiatna omlo hi.  Sanggam aw, tuni in mimal khat ciat kidong kik ni. Jesu na Gumpa leh Topa ahita hiam? Na sungah Amah in mun a ngahta hiam?  **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**  Dear Siate & Members, Zomi Christian Fellowship Delhi,            Kum khat sung khut kilen kawm a, Topa gam ading I sepna, Ama’ hehpihna tawh gahsuah, lungdam I ko uh hi. Thungetna leh sum leh pai tawh, tha nong piak man un hih ciang kitung thei hi.           Krismas leh kumthak hong tung ding ah, hun nuam lungdam takin na zat ding uh kong deihsak uh hi.           Topa Pasian in Ama’ Nopna leh lungdamna hong pia hen!  J.M.Paupu & Dimnu, Elim Resource Centre  **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**  ZCF Memberste,  Kuamah peuh na dam ding uh hong lamen ing. Pawlpi mite lungdamna leh sepkhawmna khut taklam tawh KHRISMAS leh KUMTHAK chibai kong buk hi. Pasian in Khrismas a  manpha thei bang pen in hong zangsak hen la, KUMTHAK ah  kalsang suan a Topa gam ding la thei ding in thupha hong pia ta hen.   Rev Neng Za Khup, NECTAR | | **Today’s Verse: Luka 2:11-** Tuni-in David khuapi sungah, note a hong honkhia ding Khrih Topa a suak hi.  For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.  **---------------------------------------------------------**  **CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2016**  **Theme:**  ***"His Blessings flow as far as the curse is found"(Isaiah 43:19).***  13:00-13:05: Scripture reader : Nu Dr Siasian  & prayer  13:05-13:25: Praise & Worship : PW Team/Youth Dept  13:25-14:05: Message : Rev Dr Dongza Thawng  14:05-14:20: Special Nos. : Y/D, Munirka Prayer Cell,  GMB, Lunmung, Safmalrai, Sawmte  14:20-14:27: Congregation Hymn : “Kipah in I lawm ding”  (Offering will be collected while singing)  14:27-14:30: Offertory prayer : Rev. J Mangte  14:30-14:50: Special No. : Children Department,  Kishangarh Prayer Cell, Nupi leh Papi lapawl,  Rev GK amte & Family  14:50-15:00: Announcement : If any  15:00-15:07: Closing Hymn :Jesu in a omna nusia hi.  15:07-15:10: Closing prayer : Pastor B Nelson  15:10-15:30: TEA BREAK : TEA BREAK  15:30-17:00:LENGKHAWM : LENGKHAWM  **Ankuang thumna: Rev GK Samte**  17:00-18:00: FEAST ! FEAST  NB: (i) Leng khawm Leaders ***:*** Khakhai Zou, David  Shoute, Nelson, Ngaihzual, Kamlianmang etc.  (i) Banner, refreshment, dinner etc: Youth Department  ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­  **------------------------------------------------------------------------**  **LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION (18.12.2016)**  **Sunday Collection 4250**  **Tithe 30130**  **Antangpham 150**  **Faith Promise 4870**  **Christmas & Kum Thak Thawhlawm 30500**  **NB: *Christmas leh Kum Thak thawhlawm a pia nailo I om leh piaktheih gige lai hi cih phawk ni.***  **Theihtuak**  **"Sawm a khat/ Christmas & Kumthak thawhlawm  piak theih ding dan:**  **1. Cash - New notes or 2. Cheque in favor of 'Zomi Christian Fellowship,Delhi' or 3. Internet banking/ account transfer: Zomi Christian Fellowship Delhi, Canara Bank SB A/C No.0347101030140; IFSC-CNRB0000347'"**  **Thungetna ah phawk ni**  1. Christmas leh Kum Thak buaina omlo a nuamtak I zattheih nading. Leitungbup ah hih Christmas zatna in muanna a piansak nading.  2. Muncih a Partnership a I seppihte’ ading (Missionaryte).  3. Innlam a Christmas zang ding a paite’ ading leh Mopawi bawl dinga pai I sanggamte’ ading.  4. Pawlpi mi khempeuh kamphat daupai nadingin. |
| **Usher for the month of December: Lia Sangkim leh Tg MJ Haokip** | | |

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| **Zomi Christian Fellowship, Delhi 25.12.2016** (Page-2) **: Theme: “**let your light so shine before men.” (matt. 5:16) | |
| **WHERE DID THE WISE MEN COME FROM?**  [**Matthew 2:1-2**](http://www.cgg.org/r/?s=hVTCUq4)  (1) Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, (2) saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."  [**Matthew 2:9**](http://www.cgg.org/r/?s=98J2NCA)  (9) When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.  ***New King James Version***  Where did these wise men come from? As explained in Francis W. Upham's book, *The* *Wise Men* (1869), there are two Greek expressions for "East" used in [Matthew 2:1-2](http://www.cgg.org/r/?s=hVTCUq4" \o "verse" \t "_blank), 9.  Firstly, in verse 1: "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem." "The East" is *ton anatolon*, the common Greek expression for "eastern regions," particularly those far distant.  Secondly, in verses 2 and 9:  "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him." . . . When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.  In both verses, "the East" is *te anatole*, literally, "the rising," which could mean either that the magi saw the star when it first appeared—at its rising—or that they saw it from their vantage point east of Jerusalem, the direction in which the sun rises. The latter is more natural and to be preferred. The magi, while in a place east of Jerusalem, saw the star, and it led them west.  The more important expression, then, appears in verse 1. The magi were from "the East," a land or lands far away from the Judea of 4 BC. This could not mean Arabia for two reasons: 1) The New Testament explicitly identifies Arabia in [Galatians 1:17](http://www.cgg.org/r/?s=Yre0gbt" \o "verse" \t "_blank), so why not here as well? 2) Though we know Arabia is east and south of Palestine, commonly expression of the time considered Arabia to be in the south, not the east. Further, any nearby country would have been named specifically and does not qualify as "distant."  In the distant east lay the Parthian Empire, little known today, but it rivaled the Roman Empire for hegemony of the world at the time. Parthia included all the conquered lands of Babylon, Persia, Bactria, and many other countries on the east side of the Euphrates River. It was to these lands that the Assyrians had exiled some of the ancient house of Israel, and many of their descendants had remained in the region.  *The Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature* by John J. McClintock and James Strong, in its article "Magi," says that some of the ancient magi claimed Abraham as their ancestor. If this were true, it would add evidence that the magi were Israelites who were desirous to honor the One who could be their rightful King, especially since the miraculous star made His birth so auspicious. (For more on the magi being Israelites from Parthia, please see *The "Lost" Ten Tribes of Israel . . . Found!*by Steven M. Collins, pp. 205-278.)  Altogether, this biblical and historical evidence indicates that the magi of Matthew 2 were not pagan astrologers whose observations of the heavenly bodies led them to the infant Jesus. Rather, they were probably God-fearing descendants of the exiled house of Israel who were led to Bethlehem miraculously, likely by an angel, just as they were "divinely warned" to flee back to their homeland after their visit ([Matthew 2:12](http://www.cgg.org/r/?s=hxLa9ou" \o "verse" \t "_blank)).  Once again, we see that if we are willing to break free of the bonds of the world's traditions, the historical evidence backs up the Bible record and leads us to the truth.  (Source:The Berean-Daily verse & comments) | |
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| **From Widows Welfare Association Asia**  Dear Co-workers in Christ,  Greetings in the precious name of Jesus!  I am writing this letter with joyful heart thanking for God’s marvelous work and his leading hand upon us as Paul says in Phi 2:16 (NIV).”I did not run or Labour nothing.” We cherish our love and concern for the unprivileged. The joy of mentoring lingers on. We are proud of who are shining for God’s doing a cross-cultural Evangelism. The price we pay and the agony we undergo are worth the joy of knowing.  **Praise and prayer Bulletin: September and October 2016**  1. On 3rd Sept. spent time on the prayer mountain  To pray for various - work to be done. On 5th Sept. 2016 having Board members meeting at ECCI campus, Nehru Marg regarding Silver Jubilee. On 7th went to Imphal at offset printing press to delivered Calendar 2017 for fund raising. 12th Sept. 2016 by the grace of God we got selection for one of the best farmers work and the government offered one grinding machine with full set like measuring, packing, dryer machines, like 50 people gathering to have thanks giving, using by this machine we can make different organic powders like Ginger, Turmeric, Soya-bean, Chilli etc. for healthy food for the people. We thank God for God’s provision.  2. On 11-15th office paper work for the plans for the year.  3. On 16th we are having Board members prayer meeting at our office.  4. On 24th we visited new Born Baby in our church to shower by the church mother, I spoke to encourage new mother how to care new born baby as they are growing day by day.  5. On 17th speech at the Bereave family at Bethel.  6. 28-29th working and fellowship at widows home Lajangphai.  7. 30th spent time with weaving centre, 9 girls were at Training, encourage with the word of God and pray together.  8. On 1st Oct new month thanks giving to start with prayer .  9. On 2rd speech at Bible Hills EAC church, lots of church members attended God’s presence with us.  On 4th Oct, 2016 we meet Medical Director of Manipur at Imphal, After along waiting of Wheelchairs, hearing, aids, walking sticks and some Medical supply we received we thank God’ and gave Food to the needy According to their needs.  10. On 5th House visited to Mongjang Village to pray and help, to comfort as she lost her husband after for month she lost again her son due to snow land slide at Kashmir as an Army.  11. 6-9th At different places young people died in over doses, attend in Funeral and to encouraged Bereaved family.  12. On 14th Speak at Widows one day seminar conducted by ESC Chiengkonpang.  13. On 16th Attend and speak Women Leaders conference ECA at M. Songgel  14. On 19-23th N.Leipul, Couples Camp, 90 Couples attended at Bible Camp many excepted Christ as their own personal saviour, confessed their mistakes to one another asking forgiveness with tears of repentance, our heart rejoice seeing the work of Holy spirit in the hearts of couples. We thanks God and gave a glory and honored to the mighty God.  15. On 24th at Songpijang (Halflong) widows gather and waiting us. Whole day we spend time together, pray together, gave them delicious meal together. our heart is full of joy as fellowship with our suffering sisters at Assam.  16. On 25th Came back by Train to Gauhati to Imphal by flight and reached Home on 26th 2016. He leaded us wherever we ministry to the people, God’s spirit moved the work of the people.  17. On 27th- Spend time at Ruth blessed Home with Residence  18. On 29th Fasting prayer at Ruth blessed Home with co-workers.  19. On 30th Sunday we went to S. Canan Veng celebrating widows day at their church. All the widows in their church they offer 50kgs of rice bag and gave financial help to the widows and their Children we thank God for the church, who care and show their concerned to the poor widows and their lively children. Evening Mr Evan Holthang Mate and to his wife. Invited them for dinner and gave gift to the widows family again, It is so much encouraging and the widow children they make them happy that which they show their love and care to them let the Almighty bless them who sacrificed the sake of poor and needy.  **Prayer point :**  1. As the winter started the cool weather will be worse than previous year. For the poor widow they need Good Clothes and shelters.  2 .New Believers need Holy Bible as Christmas gift.  3. Pray for our Advent Christmas programme among the unbelievers and the needs of feeding and Transportation on 18 Dec 2016  4. The project of prayer conference of Feb 2017. And the needs.  5. As India face so much of finance problem Many Violence increasing.  6. Project for clinic to the poor and Ambulance for Emergency.  As we are Ambassador for Christ, our dreamt of reaching unreached and our burden for the perishing every of our love ones where in the world us to our knees to save more soul for Christ. Let stand together to fight the Evil spirit which always attack the children of God.  As you are always a blessing to many suffering and the lost. If you want to donate for Christmas gift to the needy you can sent your gift to the address below or Bank to Bank Transfer, or Western Union or check.  God bless,  Your Co-Worker in Christ,  Rev, Dr , Ruth N, Singson, Founder Director WWAA. |
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| **From Elim Resource Centre, Guwahati**  Dear friends,  Seasonal greetings in His name!  As we are busy preparing for the advent celebration, we would like to share with you a song sung by the Ball Brothers, titled It’s about the Cross: It's not just about the manger where the baby lay It's not all about the angels who sing for him that day It's not just about the shepherds or the bright and shining star It's not all about the wise men who travelled from afar It's about the cross, It's about my sin It's about how Jesus came to be born once So that we could be born again, It's about the stone that was rolled away, So that you and I could have real life someday It's about the cross  Yes, it’s about the cross and the unlimited love of God. In this update, we would like to share with you the ministry opportunities we had in Myanmar and Malaysia.  **1. Marriage Enrichment Workshop, Yangon, Myanmar (Nov.12 & 14, 2016**) Rev. Dr. Nang Sawm Piang, Principal of Teddim Theological College, Yangon who attended the Marriage workshop with his wife wrote this report:  “The two days’ workshop was held at TBC-Yangon Conference Hall on Nov.12 & 14, 2016. Rev. Pau and Lucy were the facilitators. Altogether 10 couples and 7 singles attended.  The scene of the room was lively, dynamic and participatory. Each couple sat together and involved in discussion by working together on the workbook. The participants were very happy to learn that successful marriage is none other than following God’s design for marriage. The teaching is biblical focusing on God’s institution of marriage (Gen. 1:26-27; 2: 24) and the necessity of tripartite relation among God-husband-wife for establishing a healthy and dynamic Christian family.  Through the discussions, several problems were detected which hinder to embrace the biblical teaching on marriage: background of cultural sensitivity of male dominant mindset or female inferior complex in a given social structure, or work/money oriented mindset which ignores spiritual life and family life, or extreme spirituality which takes ministry exclusively as primary while husband/wife or family as secondary. At the end, the participants learned that successful marriage is putting God at the center of the couple’s relationship, at the center of the marriage/family life, and at the center of everyday life. In a nutshell, successful marriage brings successful family, and consequently, successful family brings successful ministry.  The two days’ workshop on Marriage Enrichment was culminated by a consecration service. The couples, holding each other’s hands, prayed for their respective spouse and committed unswervingly to share what they have learned in this workshop to their own Churches/Cell groups & family members”.  **2. Leadership Seminar at Sakollam Baptist Church, Chin State (Nov 17-20, 2016**) The leadership Seminar was efficiently hosted and organized by the local Church on the topic “The responsibility of the Pastors & leaders”. The seminar sessions was done during the day followed by evening worship services. The hunger to learn how to be an effective Church in the changing world were seen in everyone taking notes and asking lots of questions. Neighboring Churches comprising of Catholics, Seventh Day Adventist and other denominations also attended the evening worship services. The Church was fully packed with both young and old, making commitment to be intimately walking with the Lord.  **3. Global Zomi Alliance Conference (Nov 24-27, 2016)** The 3rd GZA annual gathering was held at Tedim Baptist Church, Yangon. The organization is headed by ordained ministers from different denominations. It’s role is more of the prophetic and trends setter than implementation. Pau ministered the Word of God both on Sunday morning and evening emphasizing on “Sacramental view of Life”.  **4. Zomi Christian Assembly Discipleship Camp, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Dec 2-3, 2016**)  Edward Aw and Pau along with 48 young people left for a discipleship camp at the seaside Port Dickson. Pau took 3 practical sessions on 'sitting at Jesus feet'; 'discipleship & fruit bearing'; 'how to disciple others' while Edward took a session inviting them to be 'radical disciples'.  **5. Leadership training organized by Zomi Christian Ministers’ Council, (Dec.5-6, 2016**) About 30 Pastors and their spouse in Kuala Lumpur attended the two days leadership training. Pau took sessions on 'the six challenges of leadership & how to overcome them' and Edward took a session on 'the concept of House Church'. Every evening, we spent time with the Pastoral team and the elders of the host Church in discussing about their strategic plan for 2017.  **Christmas and New Year**: A small get-together with selected friends & family members will be held in our village in Manipur on Dec 23rd to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary. To mark this special occasion, we will be releasing a Souvenir called 'Thirty: A Book of Letters'. We are grateful to our two sons Daniel and Toshi for initiating this Souvenir and sponsoring towards this celebration.  Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  Blessings abundant,  Pau and Lucy |
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