

HIGHLIGHTS OF FUTURE

TOILET MINISTRY

AAS has decided to start an entirely new type of ministry called 'Toilet Evangelism Ministry'. GOSPEL FOR EVERYONE; TOILET FOR EVERY HOME being the theme. In India, 600 million defecate in the open which results in malnutrition, diarrhoea and many other types of diseases. We pray that Indians will learn holiness of life in all aspects and have toilets for every home. (Deuteronomy 23:11ff)

AAS BUILDING PROJECT

We are thankful to God for the Seminary campus and buildings. Unfortunately we are able to accommodate and train only 50 students at present. Since the harvest field is large and vast, there is a great and urgent need to train more young people for which we need more rooms and buildings. These buildings will also be used as a **mini-retreat center** for Christians. We aim to have about 120 students in the future. More teaching & non-teaching staff will be needed. God willing, we plan to have MTh (in education) Extension in two years' time. One of the AAS board members, Pastor Aowabang also felt the need for a new building that he immediately pledged to donate a truck of sand as soon as the building construction begins. He is the first donor. The detailed needs and building blueprint will be made available soon. Kindly participate and pray for this project.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WEEK

Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi, Gen. Secretary, CBCNEI and Rev. Aowabang Ozukum, Pastor, AO Baptist Church, Guwahati, visited the AAS Family to encourage and exhort us during our Spiritual Renewal Week on the 4th and 5th of July, 2014 as we geared up ourselves for the new Academic Year.

*Tura Garo Women and Zemi Women from Dimapur also visited us and prayed for our ministries. We are grateful for their visit and prayers.

CLEANLINESS MUST BE OUR GREAT CONCERN TOO: IT IS BIBLICAL

This year AAS takes the challenge to begin an entirely new type of ministry. Although how successful our attempt would be is uncertain, our responsibility is to spread awareness, through verbal associates and the coming across of our newsletters, to whomever we may come into contact with. *Gospel for Everyone; Toilet for Every Home.*

In the Bible, we find in Deuteronomy 23:12-14 that our *refuse* (stool) must be dug and covered. The reason being our God, who is a holy God, walks in our midst to deliver us and give us our enemies and he does not like to see unholiness within our camps, houses, and lands. He is not like any other god. *Let's Build Our Lives* written by Daniel E. Fountain, MD made it very clear as follows:

HOW TO BUILD A GOOD LATRINE

1. **Where to Build it**
*At least 10 meters from the house, but not more than 30 meters.
*At least 50 meters from the nearest spring or well.
2. **The Hole must be Deep**
*In sandy soil, at least 5 meters deep. * In rocky soil, 3 meters deep.
3. **The Floor:** A cement slab is very good, can easily move to another latrine.
4. Make an opening 60 centimeters long and 40 centimeters wide.
*Make a wooden or metal cover with a handle on it to cover the hole. This will keep flies out of the hole.
5. **The House:** Make it tall enough so a person can stand up inside.
*Leave some space between the walls and the roof. This will let air circulate. It will let out the bad odors.
6. **Protection Against Erosion**
*Plant grass around the latrine to hold the soil.
*Make ditches and dams to turn rain water away from it.
7. **Keep It Clean**
*Do not throw sticks, cans, or other soil things into the hole. These will fill the hole very quickly.
*Once a week, throw some burning papers or burning grass down the hole. These will diminish the bad odor and help keep out flies.
8. **Replace the Latrine**
*When the hole is full, fecal matter comes to 1 meter below the floor, burn the house. Fill the hole with dirt. Plant a fruit tree in this dirt. The old fecal matters will help the tree grow strong and produce much fruit. It is safe to eat this fruit.

MINISTRY REPORT

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The Ministry Department of Asia Antioch Seminary is committed to realizing the motto of the seminary "Seeking and saving the lost at any cost; training the harvesters at all cost". This is being done through sending of our students for various ministries where they get the chance to seek and save which in turn trains them to become effective harvesters. The ministries of the Seminary can be broadly grouped into four categories viz., church planting/nurturing, teaching, caring and evangelism.



We have two house churches, one in Hirimbapur and the other in Soikata. Another house fellowship is being planned in Matiyagaon which is expected to function soon. It is in the area of teaching ministry that most of our students are involved. We have three Sunday schools - one in the campus, one in Hirimbapur and another in Soikata. In places like Sajanpara, Patgaon, Nepali Basti, Matiyagaon and Maligaon where we cannot conduct regular Sunday schools, our students teach the children their school lessons and we organize Vacation Bible School and Pre-Christmas celebration for them every year. A new addition to our list is the ministry of caring. Our students go to Satribari Hospital and Guwahati Medical College where they meet patients, spend time with them, share the love of God and pray for them. We are also looking forward to let the ministry of caring penetrate the prison walls. The process is being initiated and we hope and pray that it will be realized in the near future.

These are the normal Sunday ministerial activities. Apart from the Sunday activities, we also conduct roadside and door to door evangelism from time to time. This evangelism is done on Saturdays where we take our students to the target area, divide them into groups and let loose the message of God's love. In AAS, we find ministry interesting because of its dynamic nature. Taking into consideration the young people's great interest in sports, the Sports Committee and the Ministry Department work together to reach out to youths through sports. We conduct friendly football matches with other clubs from time to time. We hope that through all these ministries, people will come to know the saving act of Christ, receive the divine relationship with God and grow in their spiritual life.



AAS Choir presented songs & preached at Ranibari Baptist Church

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN AAS

PRESIDENT ATTENDED CIME

Rev. T. Kampu, President attended and shared about AAS and our Missional Educational vision during CIME (Consortium for Indian Missional Education) coordinated by Dr. F. Hrangkhuma in July 2014.

PRESIDENT & PRINCIPAL VISITS USA

The President, Rev. T. Kampu and Principal, T. Hawiphal were invited by our partners in the United States of America to visit churches and raise prayer and finance support. So, in the month of September, 2014, they set off for The Great Tour. They lived, taught, preached and travelled round the States for two whole months. They visited and spoke in 26 Churches as a result of which we are fortunate to have more people/partners to pray for and who will pray for us as well. We are grateful to everyone viz., Dr. Ruth Eshenaur, Mrs. Connie Gibbs and Dr. Timothy Roach, who made their short stay there meaningful and blessed.



Rev. Kampu & Hawiphal with Dr. John Oswald & his wife at his home in Wilmore, KY

CANADIAN COUPLE VISIT

Dr. Colin and Mrs. Janette Blair visited our college in the month of October 2014. They taught songs and interacted with the students & Staff. We are also tremendously blessed by their sharings in the Chapel Services.



SAIACS FACULTY FORAYS

Dr. Idicheria Ninan, Malcolm Athishtam and Johnson Jagganadham were sent by SAIACS, Bangalore to visit us from 5th-12th December, 2014. Dr. Idi taught the MDiv students, spoke at our Chapel services, led Faculty Meetings, and visited a few House-Churches. The AAS Staff and Students are immensely blessed by their visit. AAS is grateful to SAIACS, especially to the Principal Dr. Ian Payne for the opportunity offered.



AAS CELEBRATES ITS 13TH ANIVERSARY WITH DR. SARAH SUMNER

AAS celebrated its 13th anniversary on the 10th of January, 2015 and Dr. Sarah Sumner was the Speaker. She spoke about Jesus being the Chief Cornerstone, stressing that the Seminary and our lives are built on Jesus Christ. She also spent time with the students, staff and faculty. She addressed the faculty about the true ways of teaching students. She led morning PTs and spent time teaching exciting action songs to all the students. Everyone enjoyed her presence.



HOME CHURCH VISIT

Rev. Thangkhoiem and Rev. K. Siemlien from Evangelical Synod Church (ESC), Manipur also visited us in January 2015.



AAS Staff with Rev. T. Siema, Rev. Siemlien and Dr. Sarah Sumner

ATA INDIA NEWS

Dr. Brian Wintle has been succeeded by Dr. Paul Cornelius as the Regional Secretary of ATA India. Dr. Paul has a rich experience of ministry in the Church and giving leadership to theological institutions in India. He attained his PhD from Fuller Theological Seminary, USA.

