

GOING & MAKING DISCIPLES

For as many are led by the Spirit of God
these are sons of God.

Romans 8:14

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25



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Chapter Three:

Nagaland, India

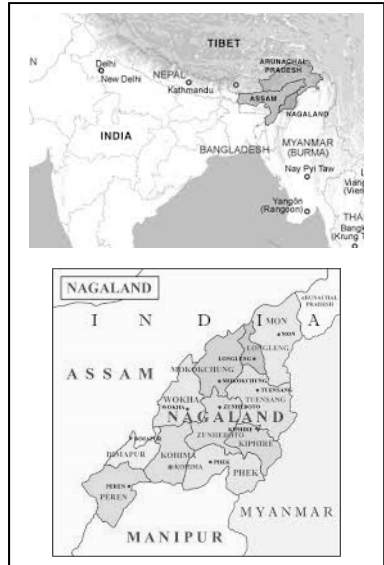
Background:

Size and population

- 2 million people
- 6,401 Square miles

Main people group

- The state has 16 major tribes, and have over 36 different languages
- Christianity, 1.8 million or 87.92 % of the state's population
- 75% are Baptist. Plus Hinduism is 8.75% and Islam 2.47%



People Group: Naga

- They speak mainly English and use Roman script for writing, between the different people groups. They were a warring, headhunter group of mountain tribes.

Place of Ministry: Dimapur & Wokha, Nagaland, Northern India

The next step of our journey was to fly back to New Delhi where we spent a day touring the city and that night we met up with Pastor Cliff and Donna Stalwick and Pastor Paul and Lynn Reich. They had just flown in from Alberta, Canada. That night we got all our plans organized and the next morning we would fly from New Delhi to Calcutta and off to Dimapur, Nagaland. It was good to be with other people that could speak English, but for me it was not too much of a problem because I am fluent in broken English which seems to be the main language of communication in India.

After passing through the customs at Dimapur we were met by the pastor and family and friends and began to try to load up the trucks with our suitcases and head off to our hotel in the heart of the city. Our hotel was not bad and we had a nice meal afterwards. Later that evening we headed off to one of the Bible schools in the city where we had a time of sharing and fellowship with the staff and students. Then it was back to the hotel to prepare for the next morning when we would head back to the airport for our helicopter ride through the mountains to Wokha.

Wokha is a city built on and around the mountain top. The helicopter ride was amazing and it allowed us to see where we would be ministering for the next 10 days. After we landed on a soccer field we were driven to the local police station and registered; we had to tell them what we were doing and where we would be living. They were all very nice, encouraging us and welcoming us to their city. From there we headed to Pastor Motsuo campus where the Christian School and Bible School is located. This is where we would live for the next ten days. As we drove up to the school we were welcomed by the students, teachers and family members.

The People:

The people of Nagaland are of the Tibetan stock which is the same line that Hkaw Win's people are from. So when the people saw her, she was warmly welcomed by the people as the younger sister. According to tradition the Naga people are the older brothers to the Kachin. Until only 25 to 30 years ago, the Naga people were known as head-hunters; they often raided various mountaintop villages throughout the state. The victors would capture the women and children. They would decapitate the men and hang their heads on the highest tree in the village.

It was not until the missionaries reached these various animist villages in the 19th century, that the people began to turn to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Because of their trust in Christ and His Word,

thousands of villages throughout the state became transformed into Christian communities. Miles Bronson, Nathan Brown and others were the seed planters of the Gospel that starting back in 1836.

Leadership

The pastor and his family are well known evangelists and teachers in the area. He goes out to many mountaintops to teach and preach the word of God. His family often does music and sound and even preach the gospel. They have a building where people often meet weekly to pray and be encouraged in fellowship. They also are involved in giving leadership to the Christian school which has about 100 students, and also to the Bible School of about 20 students. This Bible School formally began operations just this year. Their goal is to help equip and train people in Christ from nursery school all the way through to a Bible School degree.

Pastor Family

Most of the family live in a multilevel house on the campus. Motsuo and his wife have 5 children, 2 girls and 3 boys; two of the children are married. The interesting part is that most of them are in some form or another involved in various parts of the ministry. While we were there his son became very ill and it was thought that he had been poisoned. The easiest way to get rid of someone, especially if they are Christians, is to poison them.

Also this year their daughter Rosemary was rejected by Canadian immigration because she was going to Bible school and the office in India is mainly manned by Hindu people. This has been heart-breaking for her, and we need to pray for her that God will give her a deeper vision of His will for her life.

Life is very hard for them as leaders and Christians but they are holding strong to the call to service that Christ Jesus has placed on their hearts.

Our Accommodation:

We were given a nice one bedroom dwelling overlooking the city. The bed was small and the mattress was beaded cloth mat. We had a washroom outside of our bedroom and they would give us a garbage can of hot water each morning with which we could shower. Because we were there in February, it was still cold up in the mountains and there was no heat. We wore lots of clothes to bed and piled on all the blankets we could find to keep warm.

The Food:

The food was great, but mostly western type food; as time went by we were served more Asian food with its rice and spices. They had set up a table in a large classroom where we had our three meals. Once they found out what you liked to eat, we got that quite often. We had lots of fruit to eat and the main meat was fish and chicken cooked in a variety of ways.

Health:

Living in a third world country can cause a variety of health problems, resulting from a lack of clean water to food poisoning. Also, there are all kinds of insects, snakes and animals that can do much damage and even cause death. Presently there is a dengue fever outbreak. This comes through mosquito bites. Even one bite can cause vomiting, severe abdominal pain, breathing difficulties, rashes and the worst symptom is bleeding from the gums, nose and ears. Children under six usually die within 24 hours. There is no cure for dengue fever; adults usually become dehydrated, feverish, and very sick. However, most adults survive, unless they are elderly. The sickness can last up to 7 to 10 days.

Hkaw Win came in contact with a small hairy black caterpillar, the result being extensive swelling. During our last night there, Hkaw Win woke up with one on her neck; her neck and one side of her face swelled considerably, lasting for a week before the swelling and associated rash disappeared.

These are some of the joys of being a missionary and for most things the only cure is prayer.

Transportation:

Our transportation involved a variety of cars and 4-wheel drive trucks. The roads were the challenge. To get to a mountain village only 57 kilometers distant could take three hours. It was like being in a dryer and washing machine all at the same time. The only thing that helped was if there were enough people in the vehicle ... you didn't get thrown around as much. On one trip a few people had to stop to throw up, a dramatic picture of how bad the roads were.

Humorous Reflections:

Every trip that on which we've gone has always brought a smile or a laugh. After about the second or third night Hkaw Win and I started to eat with our hands. Eating in this fashion is very common in Nagaland; when you're not accustomed to it, it is funny to watch other missionaries eat with their hands. This happened when we ate at a mountain church one afternoon. There is a real art to eating with your hands; if it's not done right, you will soon be wearing your supper on your face and clothes.

Another (sometimes humorous) challenge is the washroom; it usually consists of a ceramic basin over which one squats above a hole in the floor.

Ministry Doors:

Our time of ministry reminded me of the book of Acts where, as missionaries, we went out as servants of the Lord not knowing what was to come. This is the part I love about being a missionary ... because you get to live out the book of Acts almost each day.

We were involved in a crusade and saw many people saved, healed and delivered from demons. It was exciting to watch the starting seeds of revival which, in one church, carried on for more than 5 weeks. We

watched the Holy Spirit begin to touch people in a powerful way as, each night we'd go to the mountaintop villages and watch people come forward in large groups for all kinds of reasons.

Throughout the day we would teach some children, and have devotional times; in addition, we taught leadership classes and Bible school courses. People were very hungry for the Word and loved to spend time in prayer.

Future Vision and Ministry:

Yes, there are a lot of Christians in Nagaland but the biggest challenge is to get people to come and help teach and equip them as disciples of Christ. They desperately need teachers and resources. They are now planning to have a full time Bible school on campus. But they also need good Bible teachers to go to the various churches to help train the pastors, deacons, Sunday school teachers and people. Some of these churches have hundreds of youth but so few to train and equip them.

We were not even away from some of the places a week when we were getting phone calls and emails begging us to come back to help them equip literally 100's of people. Our hearts are torn deeply when they call by phone and want you to come and disciple over a thousand pastors in doctrine and ministry. Truly the harvest is ripe but the labourers are few (Matt 9:37-38)

Sights and Sounds:

One of the most interesting sites was to look out at the various mountaintops in the area of Nagaland where we were and then see a church and a cross on the steeple high and lifted up in the sky. It was an amazing experience to go to churches up on these mountains on a week night to see them full of people praising God and listening so intently to the word of God. Some of these churches held over a thousand people.

Memorable too was how these cities and villages are built on or around mountains, how the streets head off in "any which" direction, and how full of people the markets are ... people trying to make a living and

others picking up ingredients for their late evening meal to be prepared around a coal or wood fire.

It was striking how they created and made things. I watched a blacksmith make eating plates from aluminium scraps and cans. To survive, various people work together as a community to make it through each day.

Extra excitement for our lives:

We thank God for His protecting grace and mercy. The night before we were to head to Wokha there was a bombing in the downtown area of the city that blew up a large building. Security was tight. Then after we flew to Wokha, back in Dimapur a man raped a young Naga woman and a thousand or more people raided the jail that night. They got him out of jail, beat him to death and took him to the centre of the city and hung his body on the clock tower which was just across the street from the hotel where we stayed the night before. The whole city was shut down ... no phone or internet, and the place was full of police and soldiers. Thank you Jesus for watching over us and keeping us safe.

Special Blessings:

It is always a real joy to have opportunities for preaching and teaching in various countries and seeing lives changed for all eternity. It causes me to reflect about my own testimony and how God called me from the streets of St Thomas at the age of 17, changing my life from being a hippy to being a Jesus Freak and now being able to travel and minister in over 17 countries. It makes me want to shout and give praise to God for all His mercy and grace.

One morning around 5:30 God provided a second blessing by dropping a complete picture and book into my heart. I got up immediately and went up on the rooftop of the school. For days it was like He dictated a teaching concerning the Holy Spirit for me to both understand and to write down. I have titled the book, "Full Gospel Discipleship".

The third blessing was to walk alongside other missionaries and servants of Jesus Christ in Nagaland ... to hear their powerful testimonies and to see their deep faith. The Naga people have had to walk many deep valleys to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the various mountaintop communities.

Personal Reflections:

Spending quiet times of prayer on the roof with God were special. Here it was where I learned what He wanted me to share in the times of preaching and teaching. It was so refreshing to me spiritually and it was something that greatly encouraged my heart to keep going forward no matter what the cost may be.

The servant hearts of the people! How they loved us and blessed with all that they had. They were people who wanted to give and bless others and this often came through great sacrifice on their parts. Hkaw Win's and my lives have been deeply touched by these people. We pray that their examples may encourage us to portray Jesus Christ for the glory of the Lord.

Results:

After every trip to new location I like to take time to reflect on the fruit of the journey. Following this trip, there were several things that stood out for me.

1. To observe the faithful work of Living Faith Bible College in Alberta, as they help to establish a Bible School in Nagaland and being thankful that Project LAMBS can help by providing needed Bible School materials. We all need to get a larger vision of how we can equip and train those people that Christ is calling to Himself each day.

2. To see the Bible Information book we designed with the help of so many Kachin leaders, now being translated into the "Lotha" language. We have already sent the money to produce over 10,000 copies which will be distributed throughout the churches of the country. Our prayer is

that more can be printed so that they will use it as a discipleship tool for this people group in their various churches.

3. To see a new dorm being built for the Bible school students. It is almost completed but they still need about 10,000 Canadian dollars to finish this project. If you have a desire to help please contact Living Faith Bible College www.lfbc.net or Project L.A.M.B.S. International projectlambs@gmail.com and we can help in directing your donation.

Persecution:

It is important to remember to pray for those who are suffering because of their faith in Jesus Christ. It is now estimated that one Christian is martyred every five minutes each day. Just in the country of India since the new Hindu leader took office, they have begun a campaign of kicking over 1000 missionaries out of the country. Also, they are clamping down on the Christians and churches within the country, making it very difficult to do ministry. Please pray for these people. If you need to know more about the persecuted church, please contact the "Voice of the Martyrs" (www.vomcanada.com).

Vision and Need that you may want to partner with us on.

The last number of years we have been trying to help the Kachin and Burmese people of Myanmar. We have done leadership training schools and given financial aid to the Internally Displaced People of the Kachin State. We have printed resource books to help leaders of churches to equip their people for a deeper walk with Jesus Christ. Now we are focusing some of our energy towards the children who have now been in IDP Camps for up to five years.

Our goal is to provide resources that can be used in the camp schools of the 120,000 Internally Displaced People. Some 50,000 or more of these are children. Many camps run 2 schools each day because of the lack of room and because there are so few qualified teachers. Our goal is to provide four different kinds of books for each child if possible. Each one meets a different need for the child.

First: The book of Matthew - Yesu Hkristu a Kabu Gara Shiga

This is a revised printing of the Gospel of Matthew. It comes with section heading, cross reference and an appendix of nine different study materials that can be used while studying this book. There is also a sinner's prayer that students can pray and then sign. This will be used in the classroom daily as a reader and language learning tool.

Second: Booker T. Washington – Booker T. Washington a Sak Hkrung Lam Labau

This book is a testimony of a man that grew up in a time of slavery and persecution; it demonstrates how the Lord used his life to help mold and give hope to his people group. For the Kachin, this is a powerful testimony which encourages them; it reminds them that even though they are going through many trials and struggles, God is still with them and if they continue to look to Him, He will bring them through and it shows them that their lives are important and that, with God, they can make a difference for the future.

Thirdly: Catechism and Bible Study Helps for Little Children – Karai Kasang a Tara Ma Ni Hpe Jahpat ai Laika

The first part of this book features questions and answers concerning the main teachings of the Bible. The second part features a list of 17 things like precious promises, where to find Bible stories, the beatitudes, and the Lord's Prayer, all of which can help the student to be a more equipped disciple for Jesus Christ.

Lastly: 18 Old Testament Stories- Ga Shaka Dingsa Na Maumwi Shi Matsat

This book gives the student 18 Old Testament stories enhanced with some pictures in order to give the child a deeper understanding of the heroes of faith in the Bible.

Our first goal is to reach at least \$30,000 Canadian dollars which will enable us to print 10,000 copies of each book which will be wrapped in plastic in sets of four and then given to the students to be used as textbooks. Other books will be provided that will help the students grow in their Christian faith. We have set up all the channels that are needed to get the books to the various locations. In January 2016 the teachers will be trained in how to use these books in the classrooms.

We ask and prayer that you might consider helping us to put these materials into as many students' hands as possible. We need to reach this goal by the middle of November before we leave for Myanmar.

We also have finished producing our Disciple's Mini Bible Dictionary, concordance and theological terms. This took us three years to produce and it will be a helpful tool for both the Kachin and Burmese people. Again we will need to raise about \$20,000 Canadian so we can make this resource available to them in their home country.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this mission request. If you have any further questions feel free to contact us by phone 204-424-5414 or by e-mail projectlambs@gmail.com.

Fellow servants in Christ,

James and Hkaw Win Humphries

Christmas Blessing and Thank Giving!

I know many of you are not thinking about Christmas at this time but because we will be on the other side of the world we still want to thank you all for walking alongside with us in prayer and fellowship. It is so great to have such a team of people that, when we come together, make this ministry of Project LAMBS possible. We pray that you will have an exciting time in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. We also pray that your family will be strengthen and encouraged by the Holy Spirit as you go into the New Year of 2016.

Thanks again for all your love and encouragement. Keep us in your prayers

With much love,

*Fellow servants in Jesus Christ,
James and Hkaw Win*

Nagaland, India



Children welcoming us



Naga students in traditional dress



City roof top view



Students and Hkaw Win



Student Chapel



Classroom

Nagaland, India



Mission Team



Leadership team



**Discipleship Equipping
School students**



Market



**Pastor's daughter-in-law
has a fear of flying**



Eating with one's hands



Please pray for the land of India and the Northern states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland that border the Kachin State.



Please pray for Nagaland as they are mostly Christians, and suffer persecution from a variety of people groups.

Nagaland, India



(Left) Caterpillar swelling
(Right) Blacksmith shop



Stopping of head
hunting agreement



Church service



Mountain church revival



Past and present kitchen



Bedroom

Nagaland, India



(Left) Pastor's Daughter,
Rosemary
(Right) Traditional Naga dress



(Top) Bible school chapel
(Bottom) Revival service



Helicopter trip



Taxi ride



Church Choir



Heading home from church

Prayer Requests:

For physical health and strength for Hkaw Win and I as we write, preach and teach this fall. On November 16 we will be leaving for Thailand, then Myanmar and finally Malaysia. Returning back at the end of January.

For protection and strength for our staff and fellow labours in Myanmar, Thailand and India.

For our leadership and resource materials as they get printed and translated - in Canada, Thailand, Myanmar and India.

For our family members' health and protection.

For the Kachin people as they have entered into their fifth year of war and are still being attacked by the Burmese army, but now are also being attacked by the Indian government.

For the financial needs of the Project L.A.M.B.S. ministry throughout the world.

Calendar:

Nov 16 to the 27 in Thailand:
Bangkok, Si Racha & Chiang Mai

*Travelling with Pastor Robert and Jackie Parmenter,
from Fort McMurray*

Nov 28 to Jan 6, 2016 Myanmar:
Rangoon, Myitkyina

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Jan 7 to Jan 19, 2016 Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur

Jan 20, 2016 Canada: Marchand

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