

## **Praise and Prayer Update - Theo Shimray**

May 09, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I must tell you that this is suppose to be a great and joyful day because of what God has done great thing in the lives of four brothers being graduated last night from our school and we had an amazing time of celebration and prayer. (Report will follow soon).

But as of now, I stand here as family to tell you all that my cousin Amigo Shimray, our Worship leader (whom you met this January at our place at New Delhi) passed away four days ago due to pneumonia attack suddenly and he is gone so happily with the Lord. he has been serving in the ministry over 15 years. In fact, it is hard to make our self-happy at the moment like this when our dear ones in the family pass away. But in the case of Amigo, his physical absence in the world is a great joy he has ever been hanging i.e. to be with the Lord in heaven. His dead body has been kept at the mortuary until today for we do not find proper cemetery to bury him at New Delhi. The present situation on the other side is so intense due to unavailability of air tickets to take his body home at Manipur. Besides, Government of Manipur has place curfew all over the states in Manipur and many civilian has been killed in the fire between army and the so-called freedom fighters. For this reason, we have not been able to move the body to the village. The strike is still on and it's political crisis to me. Fortunately, we found the air ticket and with full risk, I am taking the body tomorrow to the village. Please uphold me in your prayer that God will protect me and family from the attack while crossing the Imphal town and to return safely to Delhi. Pray for the family (his wife and daughter). Until then, you might not hear from me. I won't have having communication system at the village.

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Dear Warriors of Christ!

Greetings to you all in the most glorious name of Christ Jesus. Most notably, it has been our pleasure and honor to share with you how relentlessly the Lord leads us all through the year through your fervent prayer, moral and financial support in abundance. God will never cease to accomplish what He has begun in SGMI. We praise Him for godly people like you who are our faithful stalwarts with unswerving commitment and passion for Christ. It's truly a moment of unspeakable joy within us to express the unconditional grace of our Lord that we have been able to do this God-given ministry in the capital city, Delhi . We are indeed confident of what we can do greater things ahead through your indefatigable service toward this ministry in the Lord.

As to say in thankful response to God's divine enablement, since 2005 we are never static and retarded but rather positively the ministry is being elevated under God's providential care in every respect. In this sense, the Lord provides the source for the enrichment and nourishment of the ministry in general and for the students in particular. Now we have more access to exploring the churches around with the method of expository preaching and teaching. We are replete from every angle to implement the simple message of the gospel in the fellowship, home group meetings etc. Praise the Lord!

Very good news for us all is that the Lord has blessed pastor Theo with his two handsome sons. His entire family alongside is at stake for the growth of this ministry. They are all doing well with good health in their calling ministry. Praise the Lord!

God has been gracious enough to us that we are able to strive on to honor the Lord. Our faculties and staffs on the other side are sacrificially committed to put their labors for the upliftment of this ministry and most above all for God's glory. With much enthusiasm they become stoical for Christ's sake. We praise God!

Learning the mysterious word of God is a great delight in the Lord. Our exams for this year semester have been done successfully this week. We thank God for consistently being available to meet all the necessities of the school. Students have been greatly blessed and equipped in the word. We are grateful to God.

In return, our products are committed to do the same thing they have learned. Some of them are already in the field as pastor and some are yet to join. To be honest, they are on fire being set apart for holy use. As they come to confirm their calling and understand the urgency of preaching the gospel with strong conviction, they are convincingly looking for the Lord's direction. Great is the Lord!

Now, we are in great anticipation for the graduation service on the 8th May 2010. This is going to be a great and unprecedented day for us. Four of them are graduating as they have completed the course (One student might join them if he can just complete his doctrinal writing and other small papers). Around one hundred people including families and friends will be coming to rejoice together with and pray for the graduate candidates. Please join us in prayer on this special occasion. We wish you could be part of this exuberant program in person. Hopefully, you will be joining us in the near future but will be hearing of it again more in detail soon. Praise the Lord!

Ministry is always set in the midst of challenges in Delhi. The temperature is extremely unbearable in summer. Even going to church by bus seems to be out of compulsion sometime due to the scorching heat of the sun. What to say apart from being humble ourselves to face whatever is ahead. God's grace is sufficiency for us in all these difficult situations.

No matter what compels us to hold back from doing the ministry we have so much to do even during this summer break. We strongly feel from the Lord to do evangelism as a means to reach out the lost souls. People are desperately in need of someone to help them for salvation. We should be there as God's workmen to show the right path for their souls to be saved. Like Paul as an itinerant servant we will be traveling most of the time from place to place by any means we can. God's desire for all men must be our too. To be God be praised!

Meanwhile we have a great concern for the youngster. As usual we are praying for the Basilea summer school to be held in June. It is mostly for the young siblings in the Lord as they are on holidays. Definitely this is going to be a transition for them to embrace the beauty of the Lord. Pray for this school!

Our students are now going back home for summer vacation. The right time has come for them especially to exercise what they have learned what they have learned so far in their respective churches. We are sending them for a short-term trip with a message in mind to appropriately deliver God's love for the lost world by exhibiting the character of Christ. They will be back by July to resume their vacation. Pray for their journey and missions.

The new session after the summer break will be commenced from July third week. There will be new committed students coming from different tribes who are interested in this course of three years intensive expository teaching for pastors and leaders. We pray that the Lord will bring people who love His Lord and who are chosen to be effective and diligent leaders in the church in the near future. Pray for those new students!

Pastor Theo has been constantly invited to visit place after place including US to share the current God-given training ministry update personally with the church members and more essentially for preaching and teaching of the Word. It's quite long since his return from US in 2004 he has never been able to visit because of the busy schedule he has set in order for the school as well as for the church here at New Delhi. But probably he is sure to visit US this time, perhaps with his family Lord willing. Pray for his visa!

The school is designed to equip pastors in the biblical perspective of expository preaching. In order to make sure that we handle the word accurately without error from human intrusion of exaggerating stories. We are praying for the right teachers who are qualified to teach Biblical languages (Greek and Hebrews). In fact, it is utmost importance to learn biblical languages since we are convinced to construe the scripture in the perspective of God and not of men. In joyful hope we look forward for the miraculous provision of God to set up the above needs of the school on time through your unforgettable supports of love and of sincere heart. We appeal to your church as well as to the individual to consider sending men to teach, if not to bear financial needs for some one who would be teachable. We truly covet your prayer support and help!

Our ministry is sending pastor Theo and one brother from our school for leaders conference for Burmese pastors, to be held in the month of June (place and time we don't disclose due to security concern). Can God depend on them? If yes, let us pray for them and for the financial needs required by them including train & flight & Bus fare, food and lodging, and conference start up expenses.

We wish you a very happy Mother's day ahead, especially to all those who are mother today. We love Mum and are assured that our prayers are with you always. May the endearment of our own mothers continue to rejuvenate our strength to be in deeper love with them forevermore. Great is the love of our mothers, their untiring service to us cannot be ignored at our remembrance, nothing we can reimburse but in great honor we can observe this co memorable day. Let us be glad and thankful to God for giving a good mother.

Until then to God be the glory..... great things He has done!

I am honored to introduce myself to you all as I write this mail on behalf of Pastor Theo. He is on extra-ordinary cares of the church members. Angam Co-Coordinator SGMI New Delhi