

After Sing's conversion in 2011 he entered NE Bible Institute. Upon his graduation in 2013 he began work as an evangelist. In 2015, he moved to the state of Nagaland. This is a state located in the north-east corner of India. Although it is smaller than Vermont it has a population of 2.27 million while Vermont has only 623,657. When Sing moved to the state there was only one known congregation; now there are six. In the Spring of 2016 he began the Nagaland Bible School for men and women. Its first graduation was this year in May when ten men and four women graduated. Presently there are 27 brothers and ten sisters enrolled. On the inside of this Newsletter you will read how "the pioneering" is taking place.

FUND SHORTAGE IN JUNE AND JULY

BENEVOLENT PROJECT: WIDOWS

Widows in India are truly considered second class or lower on the social scale. (Check google CNN report of widows in India). They have almost no way to provide for themselves or their fatherless children. Most do find some kind of daily farm labor and are paid \$2.00 to \$3.00 a day, which work they may get for ten to twelve days a month. Thus about a year after they have obeyed the gospel, that is time in which they may show their true interest in being a Christian we provide some kind of live stock or funds to start a petty shop.

In this matter I say with joy that through your help and that of others like you, between January and August this year we were able to help more widows and fatherless children than ever before: 627 widows and approximately 301 children under the age of 19 among them. The total amount spent for these sisters was \$218,147.00, for an average of \$348.00 per household. Of this \$60,000.00 was provided by a fund left in trust by a sister from west Texas, and another \$150,870.00 was given by you and your children's classes. This means that the total was covered, except for \$7,277.00.

BENEVOLENT PROJECT: TORNADO VICTIMS

As I wrote before, on 5 May a tornado struck in NE India and 314 houses were destroyed. For them we provided \$100.00 for each household and again many of you responded and we sent \$31,400.00 to aid them, but some came from our general fund.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS, NAGALAND NE INDIA

The inside of this Newsletter tells of Sing Terang building a school facility for the Nagaland Bible School for \$24,410.00 or \$3.41 per square foot. All three of the above projects and some others put us deeply in the red for August and the coming months. Besides these projects we have great numbers in Bible training programs in eight states. If you are willing and able to help, please do so and pray for the souls of India, Africa and the world. With love,

Jim E. Waldron

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SHADES OF THE PIONEERS



The above picture was made on Saturday June 14th, in Dimapur, Nagaland, NE India. It shows the church seated in the front of the new building for the Bible school in in Dimapur. The reason for the heading, *Shades of the Pioneers*, is, as you will see on the inside of this Newsletter this building and others were built much like American pioneers built their meeting houses, a century ago.

SING TERANG

The driving force behind this project is the brother who is seen in the white tee-shirt on the left side of the group above. His name is Sing Terang and he is 39 years old. His wife's name is Bosonti and they have three children; a boy seven and two daughters ages, four years and seven months.

Sing was baptized in 2010 by a brother, Jiten Rongpi. Prior to obeying the gospel Sing was a member of a denomination of Indian origin, called, Believers Church. He had served in that church as an evangelist for 13 years. Go to the back page.



THE NEW CAMPUS FOR THE NAGALAND BIBLE SCHOOL

As I mentioned on the front side brother Sing began Nagaland Bible School in May 2016. This was done by renting two buildings for classes and places for the students to live. It was very costly, so I urged Sing to find out the cost of land. Due to the very large population in the country land is very expensive, especially near the larger cities. Since the country is tropical it lends itself to simple housing; so I asked Sing about leasing land and building our own campus. As you can see from the pictures he went at the project with boldness. He was able to lease for ten years two-thirds of an acre for \$720.00 a year and on May 9th, he was ready to begin construction. It, as you see, is made of bamboo, with tin roofs and concrete floors.

Simple

Besides the main building which will be used as a classroom and a place for worship, it has eight other buildings on the grounds. They consist of two separate buildings as dormitories for men and woman, other classrooms, separate rooms as housing for teachers and staff, toilets for students, staff and teachers; and others. All the buildings (9) altogether occupy 7,150 square feet and the total cost of construction was \$24,410.00, which means the cost per square foot was \$3.41. In comparison in India a brick and mortar building costs just over \$18.00 a square foot.

PICTURES

In the pictures you see construction taking place, worship in the new classroom/auditorium and the church eating in the same hall. There is a picture of one of the toilets on the property. The picture by the riverside shows a brother on the left and Sing on the right, on the 21st of July when he had just baptized six converts, who had been members of the "Believers Church."