



Christ In You

The Poor Receiving Christ in a School

In the [previous newsletter](#) I introduced you to Sonela. As you recall, the two of us came close to being blown up by a bomb! Since that event 10 years ago Sonela was involved in a variety of ministries including six years as a chaplain and teacher in a Christian boarding school in the Indian state of Nagaland.

Our prayers for a good husband came true when she met and married Liba, a member of her own tribe, and now they have a one-year-old son. Together they are the proprietors of a private Christian school, grades one through 12.



Sonela, her husband Liba, and their one-year-old son.

Sonela's husband Liba started the school with two other people in 2002. Then in 2008 the other two dropped out and Liba took full charge of the school. Upon marrying Sonela they now work together in managing the school of 180 students. The new school year starts about the time you receive this newsletter, in February. At that time they expect over 200 students. Every year the school grows.

Holy King School is a ministry. As Sonela told me on the phone today, "Our purpose is to present the gospel."

In future newsletters we plan to share some of the testimonies of the students in the school and perhaps some of the teachers as well.



Liba, the Principal of Holy King School, Manipur, northeast India.

There is a tuition charge without which there would be no school and no ministry. However of the 180 students, 50 of them cannot afford to pay tuition. Some are orphans, some fatherless, and some come from extremely poor families with a large number of children. Sonela and Liba are committed to take on a sizable portion of such students. This is part of their ministry.

Sonela herself grew up without a father. Her father died of a disease when she was three and her mother had to work long and hard in the rice paddies to support her children.

This is a great ministry since many students have come to find Jesus Christ as Savior. With 180 students there are 19 teachers. This ratio insures effective education and ministry.

Currently the school is working to develop its infrastructure. \$23,000 is still needed to complete all the construction. That is a huge sum for this poor area of India.

A few weeks ago, last December, I visited the school. The walls are bamboo, the floors are dirt, the vision is stellar! The school is destined to mold the lives of hundreds of students with the saving gospel.

Yet even without the necessary infrastructure the school continues, in spite of handicapped by bamboo buildings and dirt floors.

During the coming school year they expect over 200 students instead of the 180 they had last year. They plan to keep the nonpaying students down to 50.

The tuition costs for each student is \$7.50 per month. That's \$90 a year per student! For some families that is a fortune.

Perhaps you can help. Could you support a student at the rate of \$7.50 per month? Could you take on four students at \$30 per month?

Any amount would be helpful.

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