

Kuki Christian Church

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MANIPUR GENOCIDES CONTINUE

The genocides in Manipur State, Northeast India, which started since May 3rd, 2023, continue unabated. More than 200 villages have been torched, over 7,000 houses burned, 143 innocent lives taken (including women and children), over 360 churches



burned to the ground and over 45,000 people have been displaced in their own land.



Loss and damage to Kuki Christian Church Mission property in Imphal is extensive. The convention hall, 12 staff quarters, Seminary classrooms, guesthouse, printing press and bookstore were completely burned down. Offices were ransacked and all the important files and documents along with computer equipment and accessories were destroyed or stolen.



At the moment, the nursing school, seminary building, and hospital buildings are completely deserted with all operations suspended. One hundred twenty nursing students, 85 seminary students, and 150 staff had to flee to Kangpokpi Town without taking with them any clothing, money or other personal

items.

The Kuki Christian Church has suffered a disproportionate amount



of damage. Five pastorates have been totally devastated, over 934 houses were burned, over 21 villages were uprooted, over 8 villagers were killed and over 21 churches were completely destroyed.

RELOCATION PROCESS

In the midst of the terror, the Kuki Christian Church Mission was able to relocate.

Relief and emergency aid from churches, individuals and organizations have been received for the Seminary, nursing school, as well as support of missionaries/evangelists and for



victims of the Manipur violence. Missionaries and evangelists received small amounts of financial aid while relief materials have been provided to many displaced people.

Trulock Theological Seminary – The Trulock Theological Seminary



and Restoration Theological College transferred its operations to Kangpokpi Christian Church, in the district of Kangpokpi in the state of



Manipur. The college professors have started regular classes. The college library, Offices, and faculty lounge are also in operation. Though space is limited, the seminary is back in function after a long gap due to the conflict situation in Manipur.

Officers of the Autonomous District Council also provided a small house, free of cost, just enough to accommodate the seminary students.

Kangpokpi Christian Church volunteers provided food for the seminary students, free of cost. At



present, 50 students are enrolled in the seminary. Most are victims of the terror and genocide, hence no fees have been levied to these students for the current semester.

Nursing School – The Dr. Anjali Nayak Nursing School has been



relocated. Two buildings are being utilized for the classes and hostel. One of the buildings has been taken on lease and one Village chief has



generously contributed for the other building for sometime until we can find a permanent location for the nursing school.

Transit Office – In Guwahati City in the neighboring state of Assam, the

Kuki Christian Church of Assam donated a small piece of land for construction of a transit office where KCCM will be able to conduct its daily administrative activities.

Guwahati city is the gateway for



the northeast of India. It has an airport with international flight connections, with communication facilities of flights, trains and bus connectivity not only to the Northeast India but the country and abroad.

The return of the dry season will allow construction to begin and local churches will participate in this project.

Hospital – Services of the Christian Hospital are temporarily suspended since it is not possible to transport hospital equipment from Imphal. Two plots of land in Kangpokpi District have been identified for possible construction



of a new hospital. Two Village Chiefs has generously donated the land, which is situated in Saparmeina Town, strategically located and easily accessible for hundreds of villages in Kangpokpi District.

Volunteers are ready to assist with the construction of the new buildings as soon as we receive enough financial support.

Orphanage – The Rutan Children’s



Home has been relocated from Khongsai Veng. Thanks to the continued support of sponsors, the children have been able to continue



their studies at various locations. With the help of sponsors, it is hoped that a place can be found by April 2024 for the children to reunite to continue their studies, thereby fulfilling the wishes of the students to be together. Three of the

students will be appearing for the



Common Board Examination. Hopefully, upon the students’ successful completion of exams, they will be able to attend college or undergo vocational training.

Emergency Aid –Hundreds of displaced people have received



relief materials, which include rice, medicine, raincoats, mattresses and other essential items. Upon receiving these relief supplies, people expressed their joy with tears of joy. It is an honor to be part of this wonderful service to the needy, displaced people



Support of Missionaries/Evangelists –

Spiritual and financial support continues for missionaries, evangelists and missionary teachers in. Our missionaries have joyfully continued to minister in remote locations.

Individual Donations – Kuki Christian Church has been able to



reach out to victims of the recent and ongoing massacres in Manipur



through individual donations. Some of the young victims were left without mothers, fathers or both. These victims are from a number of different villages, with some villages being over seven hours away.

These victims are from Khongsai Veng, Thawai Kuki Village, and Saichang- Bongjang Village.

Urgent Needs!

By God's providence, through the generous donations of churches, individuals and organizations, the Kuki Christian Church Mission has been able to sustain the work of relocation and to provide needed relief for displaced people, including professors, staff, and their families.

Now, with enough land for new permanent locations, there is an urgent need for financial assistance for the construction and equipping the following institutions.

- a) Trulock Theological Seminary,
- b) The Christian Hospital, and
- c) The Nursing School

We appeal to all who are able to contribute toward these projects.

Do contact for partnering with us in achieving these goals.

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