

Newsletter April to June 2010

Greetings again from the rainy hot and humid city of Dimapur yet packed with wonderful people. I hope this email finds you well, in good shape and spirit.

In this busy world, life is getting busier each day and our days more full and hectic, yet as you take your little time and go through this newsletter, I believe your hearts will be gladdened to know what God is doing in this part of the world through this humble ministry and you'll be challenged to pray and intercede for these broken women not only in Nagaland but all over the world who are still unknown, unreached and unsearched.

APRIL

April was a colourful month for us....for the first time in Miglat, we had our one day sports day. Just a day...yet so full and alive. A time of sharing our laughter and releasing our stress and tension. We make such a great team that no one was willing to give up until the end....maybe in the future we should organise sports day for all the women that we are reaching out...what fun will that be!!

Apart from the laughter and fun, it was also a very hard month for us emotionally, mentally and physically, it was the last month for my colleague so, so many things to clear up and finish before she leaves. We have been a great team together, complementing each other so well, so it was little hard to accept the fact that she is leaving, but God has bigger plans for her and we rejoice in that. So with great joy and blessing, we send her off. Thank you all so much for your support and prayers.

MAY

Then, came May..a truly roller coaster month. With my colleague leaving, her load was on my shoulder and in such a situation, time seems so much against us. Three of our women were hospitalised at the same time, one in the ICU and two in the ward. So the whole month, we were running up and down the hospital, taking food, taking turns to take care and sleep with them. The bills getting thicker each day...yet in all these situations when time seems so cruel to us, we still felt the presence of God and His faithfulness to us in many different ways. Many of you prayed, visited and helped. Thank you so much. Though I don't have words to really express what we went through at this time, I am grateful you were all there standing by us when we felt so alone and helpless, you prayed, called and encouraged us. The doctors and nurses especially at CHSR were super helpful. A lot of concession was given and we truly appreciate your generosity. Right on time, the students from Shalom Bible seminary also came for their one month internship at Miglat. Their presence was a great support and help to us, though sadly one of the students who also volunteered to take care of the sick one in the hospital was also hospitalised later.

Despite the hard times, we still manage to have a great mother's day. Altogether 17 of us went to my village Botsa for mothers day. We had a wonderful service with the village people where the women presented songs and shared testimonies that brought tears in the eyes of many. I'm grateful to God for my village and the church people for been super supportive to me and the ministry.

JUNE

After a month journey in the hospital, all of them were discharged one after the other. They all came out looking more beautiful, healthier and stronger. But the challenge didn't stop there. A week after releasing from the hospital, one of the women ran away. We took her when she was really at her worst, but she forsook us when things seem to be good and normal in her life. A very painful moment for us, but what more can we say or do, we have done the best we can for her. She came back again two weeks later drunk, dirty and with sores over her again. What do we do? We have to take her again, gave her bath, prayed for her, fed her and took care of her but again she left. Now she is out there in the streets prostituting. We still love her and we strongly believe the Lord will bring her back someday. This kind of incidents happened time and again. God was really trying to stretch our faith...I don't know to what extend He will stretch. Even as I write this email, my heart cries for Ellen who was with us for sometime undergoing home detox but left us yesterday. I just can't understand why it has to be this way, but like Hosea who always welcomed his wife Gomer with open arms though she always dump and disappoint him. I know God has called us to walk the path of Hosea. It drives me crazy, mad at times but at the end of the day I just can't deny the fact that I am called and I have committed to journey with these people.

Then on the 18th of June, with the support of the BWAid, we were able to organised Food and Nutrition Distribution program where about 250 people were benefited. I thank God for the support of the BWAid and also I'm happy that we were able to help and provide with some of the basic needs of these women through the support of the BWAid. A lot of these women are also growing in the Lord. We see lives been transformed each day and women. They are learning to give, learning to pray, share their testimonies and willing to

*work hard...we see a willing heart in them to start all over again.
It's such a joy to witness such humble and willing transformation.*

HOW CAN YOU PRAY:

The urgent need : a car, land.

we need enough space especially for the women who come to our centre really sick. A lot of them come with contagious diseases which at times becomes very difficult for us to accommodate. So we need extra space and resources to help the women better.

Our businesses: the cafeteria, the candle, cards, tailoring, soaps, catering etc that it will grow and we will be able to support more women.

The outreach team as they go out everyday in the sun, rain to meet these women and listen and pray with them. Pray for their health, unity and wisdom and strength from above, a heart full of love and compassion.

Pray for the unity among Miglat team so that in every situation we will be able to stand together and nothing will move us, weakened us to give up the journey we have begun.

Pray for the women in the shelter that they will continue to grow in the knowledge and love of their maker.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING TIME TO READ AND I DO BELIEVE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO JOURNEY WITH US IN PRAYER AS WE STRIVE TO BECOME ORNAMENTS OF GRACE IN THE HANDS OF THE MASTER ARTIST TO BLESS THE WOMEN DESPISED BY THE WORLD.

In His Exciting Service!

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