



January-March 2010 Newsletter

Dear Friend,

Hope this newsletter finds you well. A couple of unplanned things led to the delay of getting to you with Miqlat news. But finally we are able to put things together, and it's a joy to update you again with all that God is doing in and through Miqlat Ministry.

January

January has been a busy month, setting up ourselves to get back to work after a good Christmas break. A lot of time was invested cleaning the office building, cleaning the compound, gardening and other things that will make Miqlat look more friendly and welcoming. We also started with the commitment to make this year a year of "praying deeper". Prayer is what keeps us going and all these years we have been enjoying the power and blessings of your prayer so we also want to share the blessing of prayer with each one of you. Though we cannot mention each of you by name, know that we do pray for all those of you who have been encouraging us, supporting us, funding us, praying with us and for us, and constantly writing to us. Be assured of our prayers.

This month, two new women were inducted as staff. They were under training until last year, and today God provided employment avenues to Miqlat and we blessed them with the opportunity.

February

Since last year Miqlat family has been praying for ways to go for exposure. We really wanted the outreach team to go for a trip where they will learn from people and also be encouraged by what others are doing. But this dream seems far from our reach. But our God is a faithful God, and in ways we cannot understand, He blessed us with resources that six of the team from Miqlat was able to make a trip to Mizoram and got to meet many wonderful people who are doing similar works like ours, and also got to visit organizations that exist for a noble cause as we do. Thank you so much to those of you who have joined forces with us in prayer for this trip, and also thanks a lot to those of you who make the trip possible through your giving. This trip is the first ever department trip in the history of Miqlat Ministry. I am dreaming that one day every department will get to go for an exposure to learn and be blessed, and then invest it to the people of God in Nagaland and everywhere in the world. Who knows as you read, maybe God wants you to be that one person to make this dream happen into reality. Are you the one???

March

On the 8th of March, Miqlat celebrated Women's Day with Dr. Ellen Jamir as the speaker. We had a very simple yet a very meaningful celebration. Mesmerized by the singing of the Miqlat women, Dr. Ellen right away presented us a guitar as a gift. The women in Miqlat centre love to sing and play music. We sing a lot, but we did not even have a guitar to play. But today we are proud to have a wonderful guitar. The interesting thing is we have one guitar being used by 18 women. It is my dream and prayer that one day these women will lead songs in big gatherings, that they will get the platform to sing for God's glory. Please listen to the angelic voice of our women through our website www.miqlatnagaland.org under "Our Miqlat women in prayer and worship".

Another wonderful thing is on the 25th of March, an Integrated Clinic through the initiation of Christian Institute of Health Research and Sciences (CIHSR) was dedicated, one of our dreams come true. I believe every dream will come to pass as we dream with God, and wait for Him take us through that dream. You can see more details on our website under "Inauguration of Miqlat Integrated Clinic" at www.miqlatnagaland.org.

We also started a vegetable garden this year. We have invested so much of our time and energy cutting trees, putting up the fence, digging the ground, and planting seeds. So please pray that it will bloom and bear so much that it will be a harvest of physical, mental, and spiritual satisfaction. We have uploaded photos of our garden work also on our website under "Miqlat Projects". Please have a look and bless it. Don't be discouraged seeing the dry ground. We just planted. It will bud and flourish in a few months time, and we'll enjoy the fruits together.

"Who will go and stand on the Gap?" and Isaiah said, "Send me Lord"

Miqlat Ministry is a ministry where I strongly feel not everybody can work. It needs people with a special calling, so it's always been a challenge anytime we take new people, volunteers, and staff. Haiyale, my friend and colleague, has been one of the pillars in Miqlat Ministry since its inception. She is a very wonderful person with a big heart for God. I've always felt we will be working together for a very long time for we compliment each other so well. But God has bigger plans for her. So she is resigning from Miqlat to join her sister into business, a new venture to glorify God through serving people. She has been such a great asset to Miqlat. I want her to stay, but that will be too selfish on my part. When I first heard the news, I was dumbstruck but today I feel peace about her leaving, and I know God has the best in store for her and even for us.

As I was very worried thinking how the others will react when I'm also finding it hard to cope, but God has been working in a way I never expected. Other of our staff were super supportive, and they coped with the news very well. I am so blessed to be working with

such a great team. I know it's natural for people to come and go in any organization, but for Miqlat we just started, and this is the first time someone in leadership is leaving. Haiyale's leaving also put another question in my heart: "Who will stand in the gap now???" I need someone to join hands with me to lead...as we share and pray, God answered our prayers through Vila. Vila from UBS has worked with Miqlat in 2008 as an intern for 7 months. She is a great woman of God, creative and very relational. The best thing is she has a big heart for these women. So I am fully convinced that this is all God's doing, and I know He will never leave us handicapped. April is the last month for Haiyale, and Vila will join us hopefully by June. Please pray for the transition for us, and also for Haiyale and Vila, who took the courage to stand in the gap.

You can stand in the gap....interceding for us and our needs

- # We really need a car. It is one of our basic needs. I know for many families, churches, and individuals that to help buy one car is not a big issue, but many give to come to the frontline. Miqlat can never do that. But I believe God in His best time will bless us. Will you please take time to pray for Miqlat's car that's already out there on the way?
- # Miqlat also needs land. As of now, we have a very good building, but it's rented and we know one day we have to leave this place. If we don't have our own place, where will we go? What will we say to the women that day? In having our own land, there are so many things that we can implement to enhance the ministry further. Pray for God to release resources, and also for the right location and land.
- # Please pray for our big pig Pam. She has conceived, and we are super excited. Pray that she will eat well and give birth to healthy piglets.
- # Pray that every woman that comes to Miqlat will get the opportunity to meet God.
- # We have one client in our shelter now who came to us in a very bad condition. She was stinking with sores all over her body with flies enjoying the fluids that dripped from the sores. But today she is doing pretty well since her sores are dried up. Her name is Mughali. Please pray that Mughali will be healed physically, mentally, and spiritually during her stay at Miqlat.
- # Pray for our Miqlat business to sell soap, candles, cafeteria, catering, cards, and tailoring, that we will be able to support enough people with the income generated from the sales. You can look at our products on our website under "Miqlat products you can buy to support us". Please place orders by clicking on the www.miqlatnagaland.org website's "Contact us" menu-choice, or introduce your friends to our products. For those of you who live in Nagaland, please consider using free of cost our cafeteria for weddings, parties, or meetings, where we will provide catering for you. Please make use of our services!

Pray for good health for Miqlat staff so we are able to take the frontline knowing that the battle belongs to God. We are at 18 women this year. The greater the number, the greater the challenges!

On Monday 12th April, we have Miqlat Sports Day. Please pray that God will use this day to bless many women even through games and different activities.

Truly unimagined things happens everyday in the family of Miqlat, and these wonderful things are possible through God. It happens because of the rich history of friends and family of faith that are with us in the journey, even if geographically far away, even friends like you reading this newsletter.

Thank you all for been so faithful in your prayers for Miqlat Ministry. You are a gem to us. Anytime you get to cross by Miqlat office, make sure you drop by for just a cup of tea/coffee, or even a glass of water. And just over a glass or cup, you'll be amazed to see God's hand leading Miqlat thus far.

Remain Blessed!!!

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