

## Newsletter January to March 2011

What a joy and privilege to once again be sharing with you our ministry updates! I hope and pray that your year started beautifully as mine and that you are enjoying your undying relationship with your creator.

We are so much encouraged meeting people like you coming forward to make a difference in someone's life that you hardly know or have never met. The opportunity is always open for those who care. Miqlat Ministry is blessed and we enjoy partnering with many of you in various capacities. Someone stated, "**We cannot control the flow of God's blessing**" and you make it true for us to experience this practically. With your prayer, help and support, we are able to reach, help and rescue women in difficult situations. We look forward to your continued partnership.

### News in brief

#### **Festival Stall**

Miqlat Ministry set up a stall at the Nagaland prayer Festival organised by NBCC. We had a good time of fellowship and also a good sale. We thank God for the wonderful opportunity we got to bless and serve and also be blessed.

#### **Coffee Event**

A wonderful team of five amazing women from California came to help Miqlat with the cafeteria. They have invested their best for the café and we are super grateful to them.

#### **Valentine's day 14th Feb**

A beautiful day of sharing our life and love to one another. We may look tough, rough, intense and cold outside but our hearts are always warm and friendly.



#### **Exposure Trip**

A group of 16 amazing women from Miqlat ministry had an amazing exposure trip to Gangtok, Sikkim. We thank God for the wonderful experience we had. Big thank you to all those of you who prayed and supported us for the trip and a big thanks goes to Pastor Joseph Tamang and his wonderful family for hosting us so well.

#### **A one day joint program**

For the First time in the history of the Miqlat Ministry, a joint program was organised by the women secretaries under NBCC. About 250 clients participated, a hearty meal

was served, and nutrition was given out. A big “thank you” to all the women secretaries for your kind gesture.

### **Emergency Shelter**

A four room (2 bedrooms, a kitchen, and a dining room) emergency shelter was constructed with the generous help of the BWA Youth Department. Thank you Emmett Dunn, Denise, Vasconcelos, and the entire executive board for your decision to support us.

### **Flower Garden**

A beautiful flower garden is springing up beautifully in Miqlat centre under the able supervision of Alole.

## **A Case Study : Outreach Team**

We encountered Angaule through one of our clients (wine seller). She is in her late thirties, who got infected with HIV. She is a divorcee who remarried police personnel. She has five children from her first husband. She came to know of her status when she was two months pregnant with the baby of her second husband. Unfortunately, her husband died when the virus became full blown in his body. After giving birth, she was told not to breastfeed the baby. No prior counselling on HIV was given to the mother nor treatment for the newborn; the baby began to have sores and skin irritations after few weeks of birth.

After her husband’s death, the house was captured by the in laws (first wife). To add to her misery, she was denied of her husband’s pension. With no place to go and no one to turn to, she came back to Dimapur to stay with her children. Her eldest daughter from her first husband runs a rice hotel. But when the owner of the house came to know of Angaule’s status, he threatened to close down their hotel if she continues to stay with her children. In the midst of such a situation, we met Angaule. What she is undergoing right now is stigma and discrimination from the society. Nobody is willing to provide neither shelter nor job to her. When we first met her, she was feeling so helpless and shattered within, yet as time pass by she is gathering the courage to face the world. She needs your prayer, support, and love as much as she needs mine.

### **Wedding**

It was windy, yet the wedding was beautiful. Thanks to all of you who came and blessed the wedding and the ministry with your presence. Also, what an honour for Miqlat family seeing Ms. Narola (the women's NBCC secretary) ministering the wedding.



# How can you pray for us?

# Pray for wisdom, strength and a heart of patience, compassion and love for me and my team.

# Land is an urgent need. In having our own land and building, 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.

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

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

*# Pray that God will continue to release resources to keep the work going.*



*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.*

**Shalom!**

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