



## Newsletter July-September 2011

Dear friends,

It is said that life is a challenge that we have to face; a journey that we have to live; and a book that we write and people read. Every phase of life has different stories to unveil, and each story has both good and bad, up's and down's that break us, tear us, mold us, and also challenge us to see beyond. Likewise, life for Miqlat family also has very diverse chapters each day, chapters that make us smile, cry, angry, frustrated, hopeful, and what-not. But whatever the situation or chapters it may be, we are able to face it, live it and keep on writing the story because of "YOU". YOUR constant encouragement, emails, sms's, calls, support, trust, prayers, and giving gave us the courage to keep going on. "YOU" make it easy for us to bear. So thank you. I believe whatever you are going to read in this letter will encourage you and also stir your hearts to pray for us more fervently.

### Praises

- \* We are grateful to God for sending Beth and Kendra to help us in every aspect in the month of July. Their gift, talents and big big hearts have encouraged us so much. We also praise God for the Hula dance that Beth taught the Miqlat family and even the crowd outside. We will continue to use what we have learned for God's glory.
- \* Praise God for the successful Designer Candle training we had. We praise God for Union Baptist Church, Kohima for responding to the need and covering half the cost of the training through their generous offering.
- \* Praise God for the creative effective outreaches we have been able to do all this time and will continue to do. The grooming outreach, the praise and night outreach, and the morning small group fellowship outreach has taken us to places and connected us to people we could never do so just by normally going out. We thank Vizovono for helping us in grooming outreach, and to Town Baptist church youths in Dimapur for helping us in praise and worship outreach.
- \* Praise God for Kezha and Kele from Chumukedima Town Baptist Church for responding at the right time to the need of ministering to men folk. This is a long felt need and God in His best time has send Kezha and Kele to walk along side with us. They come on their own expenses and helped us with outreaches. As we minister to the women, they minister to men, and we have wonderful testimonies of men to share and we praise God for their selfless sacrifice.
- \* Praise God for the dedication and sacrifice of the Miqlat family in production of our goods aiming for a good sale at Hornbill. I don't think I will ever get to work with such an amazing

group of people who are willing to start the day by 8:00 A.M. and end the day sometimes even at 10:00 P.M. What a blessing to be working with such group of people.

- \* Praise God for the group, “Friends of Miqlat” for their unflinching support and prayers. I can’t imagine how it would be like without this group of wonderful women.
- \* We really needed redesigning and innovative touch in our presentation, and we have long been praying and looking for an expert graphic designer. We praise God for Rokovor who responded to the need. We are also grateful to Doly for sharing the need and connecting Rokovor to the ministry.
- \* Praise God for the spiritual, emotional, physical, psychological and social healing, and transformation that we get to see everyday in the lives of the girls and women who we reach out to.
- \* Praise God for the untiring support that we receive from individuals, families, friends, groups, associations, churches, organizations, well-wishers, donors, and sponsors. We are able to invest in the lives of people that are looking for a second chance because ‘YOU’ will to make the sacrifice to support us and in turn we are able to support them.
- \* Praise God for the blessings that helped us to provide a meal for the family. YOUR rice, vegetables, clothes, milk and everything that you blessed us with, we in turn were able to bless those in need of it. Since we always received so much, this time we decided to share our blessings not only to the girls and women but even beyond our kitchen, so we were able to distribute vegetables to two orphanage homes and two rehab centres. What a blessing! Because YOU chose to give, hundreds got to eat.
- \* Praise God for Women Development Dept, Govt. of Nagaland for offering us a beautiful building to run a rehab centre for girls and women.

### **Prayer Requests**

- \* Pray that we definitely get a stall for the Hornbill and that we will have a good sale, so that we get to pay fair salary to the women working with us.
- \* Pray for Kiniholi, one of our girls who settled down last year and is expecting this month.
- \* Pray for the trafficking case that we are dealing with now. Many of you know that this past months have been a crazy time for us. We continue to wrestle the accusations, threats, and tough battle in this regard. Pray for wisdom, strength, courage and clear comprehension. Will send out detailed news once things are settled.
- \* Pray for the deliverance, restoration, healing and comeback of our dear sister Ellen.
- \* Pray for our friends who have relapsed -- Aren, Rasna, Lovely, and Satoli. Pray for them as they struggle to find their way back.

\* Pray for us as we work round the clock crazily into production for Hornbill. Pray for health, strength, creativity, wisdom and co-operation. Pray that we will strive for excellence in what we do and not just float on the surface.

\* Pray for our team as we sacrifice our sleep and practice Hawaiian Hula dance to present at the NBCC Youth triennial conference on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2011. Pray for good co-ordination, expression, flexibility, and that we will honour God with our dance and give the message to young people that those we see as prostitutes, sex workers, drop outs, HIV+, good-for-nothing...they are also human beings that GOD adores who have immense potential in them, but only if we treat them as human and give them a chance to learn and grow.

\* Pray for Rokosieno (Roko) and her family as they grieve the loss of their brother and son through a bike accident on Saturday. Roko is our outreach supervisor and a real hero. She was planning to get married on 16<sup>th</sup> December. I'm not sure whether the plan is still on or will be postponed. Pray for shalom and strength for the family and especially for Roko.

\* We are really in need of a good graphic designer and photographer who can give time to help us redesign our works. Pray that God in His best time will send one who will not care so much to give his/her precious time to invest in the noble work that we do.

### **How can you help now?**

\* As always, we look for people who will be committed to pray for us, support us, and encourage us. So if you think you can make this commitment, we need your help.

\* We are looking for volunteers who will be willing to help us during the Hornbill. You can help us with your vehicle service, financial and physical help, and by insisting/convincing people who are in charge of the Hornbill Festival to make sure that we get a spot at Hornbill to run a stall and the same at Night Bazaar. We have been contacting people, but when our voice gets stronger, it is heard well.

\* We are running on deficit for staff salary this year, so we also need your help in this.

\* Since the women development department has agreed to give us the building, if God is willing we will open the Rehab Centre early next year. We will really really need your support in this venture. We will also need a good loving house-mother who will understand the girls and women, will love them unconditionally, will be willing to walk alongside with them, and for which we really really need your prayers. This is a responsibility not just anybody can take up because she studied theology. It's a very high calling, and we want you to join hands with us in prayer to identify that person. Also if you think you know someone who will fit in best, do let us know.

\* Those of you who have heard me speak know well that I always say, we want you to treat us sometimes. It's embarrassing to ask for our own treat, but one has to make a move to make it happen. And since so far no one has put the effort to make a move, I am taking the risk -- Those of you from my part of the world know that HOLIDAY is a luxury for us, especially those of us in ministry, we are expected to work and work and work and be there for everyone

anytime...but this time we decided to break the norm and take the luxury to go for a holiday. Those of us in the Leadership Team at Miqlat Ministry (i.e., the four of us) have decided to take a small break and sneak to Kolkata and treat ourselves. This year has been super hectic and we have cried so much. As caregivers, we only give, give, and give, so we are tired and we don't want to spend our Christmas with tired memories. So we decided to go somewhere where faces and places are unfamiliar and just chill out, have fun, party, go to disco (oops sorry), spend some time having fun together, and come back home refreshed for Christmas with fun memories that will make us genuinely smile again. We will only be able to effort this luxury if those of you who think, "YES, you need a treat", are willing to treat us. I hope and pray you'll not get me wrong and support us prayerfully.

### **What Inspires Me and My Team to Keep Going**

Most of the time, we are tired and exhausted with the days hard work, but at night we still have outreaches to do. We go out tired, sometimes just wishing we don't meet anyone for we feel there's no energy in me to talk, but that never happens. Every day, every time, every night I go out, God always brings someone into my life. The person that God brings looks very dirty, ugly, smelly, and not well dressed yet our conversation turns out to be the best conversation of the day. I have met a woman that tells me, "Asha, I have been feeling so sad and I really wanted to share my burden with someone. I was longing for prayer and was thinking of you. And now since you have come, I feel like God has come. I have never seen God, but when I see you I feel like I see God." It gives me goose-bumps when I hear this, but such testimony inspires me to keep going. When someone randomly comes and tell me, I see Jesus in your eyes, I always tell my team, "Where in the world will people come and say such things to you". So let's not grow tired or discouraged when things are rough for we are living out the heart of God, and the women out there in the street can see it. There are many times we feel like giving up, but these women inspires us to keep going.

What a blessing, what an honour, what a joy that we are called to live out the heart of God.

In His Exciting Service!

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