EVANGELICAL FRIENDS MISSION—KOLKATA

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PRAYER REQUEST

The believers in the Hooghly district of West Bengal are facing demonic attack. Mrs. Sumita Chandra, one of our believers, has been attacked by the devil. We are praying and asking you to pray for her, too.

There have been landslides in Uttarakhand, and some villages have been very much affected. Many people have lost their houses, animals, everything. Please pray for our churches and the people in Uttarakhand who have been affected by the landslides.

We have started an advanced theological course for our staff and church leaders through the graduates of FBTI.

D. K. Sarkar, our director, was in an accident with his scooter. He received some injuries on both legs, and it is difficult for him to walk. Please pray for D. K.

Dear praying friends,

Greetings in the name of Jesus from whom all blessings flow!

These months are the months of harvest, VBS, meetings, and challenges. I praise God for all his abundant blessings in these months, and I thank you for your sincere prayers for the ministry of West Bengal, India.

Harvest: We received a few souls who committed their lives to Jesus. They are all from a Hindu background. We also have a few new fields from where those souls have come to the Lord: (1) Nazat is one of the fields, where there were seven people who came forward and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior; (2) Tollygunj is another field in which two people came forward and accepted Jesus; and (3) Sarkarpool, one of our older fields, is where one person came forward and accepted Jesus as his Savior. All of these people gave public testimony through baptism on July 23, 2016 in Kolkata. The Lord is working and his name is being praised.

Vocational Bible School (VBS): This year we were able to conduct VBS for the children in seven villages: Mirpur (Muslim Village), Rashidpur, Kalikapur, Sarkarpool, Dum Dum, Gosaba, and Girish Park (red-light area). More than 300 children attended VBS, and they were all are blessed. As a result, we were able to start Sunday schools in a few places. Praise God for this wonderful activity and thanks to the young people of the Friends churches in Kolkata for their hard work. Please pray that the children's interest in attending Sunday school will continue, and that Christ will be preached to the adults in the villages through the children.

Annual General Meeting (AGM): EFM Kolkata has completed the fiscal year of 2015/16. EFM called for the AGM at Seva Kendra Kolkata on July 29-30, 2016. All the pastors, evangelists, board members, and church leaders attended the two-day AGM. There were 63 representatives from West Bengal, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh. The ministry report and audited finance report were presented to the AGM, and the evaluation was completed. Decisions were made for further advances in the kingdom of God. It was a great Friend's get-together for all the people.

Ministry in the red-light area: By God's grace we received some Samaritan Purse boxes. Our youth group organized a beautiful program to distribute the boxes on August 20. The purpose

was to create interest among the children to come to our Sunday school, and we got a very good response. The mothers are very happy and the children are very much excited. A very good Sunday school has been started there, so please pray for the children.

Surajit Das is young boy from the Kolkata Friends Church. He felt the call to the ministry, so Kolkata Friends sent him to study God's Word at a Bible school in Kolkata for two years. Please pray for him.

Interns: Carla and Lina, two intern girls, stayed with us in Kolkata in June and July. They worked in the red-light area with the children of Emmanuel Hostel. They also visited many house churches in Kolkata, and they ministered to the believers. Carla and Lina attended all of our VBS gatherings, and we have been blessed by their ministry in Kolkata. Once again, thank you for your ceaseless prayers.

May God bless you all,

D. K. Sarkar

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