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## **Prayer Bulletin** *January and February 2018*



***“Pray without ceasing.  
In everything give thanks:”***  
(1 Thessalonians 5: 17-18)

*Keeping in touch with team members and Prayer Warriors.*

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Dear Prayer Partners,

New Year 2018 is here, bringing new blessings, avenues and opportunities to share the unfailing love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Unlike last year, when the country faced the turmoil of demonetization, this year, the challenges were different. There had been threats, attacks and repulsion towards the Christian Community throughout the country. However, amid challenges, God has been faithful throughout the year as ever.

As our Jesus, seated at the right hand of God the Father and intercedes for us, let us stand in the gap and pray for the nations across the world that they may come to the eternal saving knowledge of Christ.

### **A. Praise & Thanksgiving :**

- a) We thank God for the various mediums and technology which are helping us to reach the unreached even in remote areas. Through our Radio Ministry, many, who are not able to read or write are hearing the Good News and experiencing the wonderful love of our God.
- b) With God's immense grace we were able to print the Quarterly issue (January-March) and Annual version of the Dainik Bhojan (Hindi Daily Devotion Book). People are being blessed by this publication. Thank you for your precious prayers.
- c) On December 9, 2017, GBET along with MAT members celebrated the pre-Christmas program in HPDC, Bahu Bazar, Ranchi. The Chief Guest Mrs. Vandana Dadel, IAS, the divisional Commissioner, North Chota-Nagpur Division, Hazaribag, Jharkhand, shared an inspiring Christmas message on the topic, 'The Divine Peace Of God'. The Guest of Honor, Mr. L Khiangte, IAS, the Principal Secretary of Science and Technology Department, Ranchi, Jharkhand pronounced the Christmas blessings to the people present. The Video Drama 'Sarvotaam Uphaar' produced and enacted by the GBET staff was displayed. It was much appreciated by the audience.
- d) On December 11, 2017, GBET staff celebrated Christmas gathering with GBTA. Dr. Lama blessed the gathering by sharing the Word of God from Luke 2:1-14.
- e) December 16, 2017, was another day of celebration and excitement when the GBET staff and Ankur Project's children met at Lohardaga for Christmas Gathering. These children came from different faith, however were very excited to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. They presented dance on religious songs and prayed with us. We thank God for his protection and favor.
- f) We thank the Almighty God for the successful translation of the Book 'Jesus Christ- High Priest Forever' by J Otis Yoder. Please pray for the publication and successful distribution of the Hindi version of this book.
- g) God has been very good to us in every area of our ministry and life. We thank God for the successful production of Radio Programs for the year 2017. We are

receiving the feedback of the listeners who are expressing their zeal and eagerness to know more about God. Thank You for your prayers. Pray that we would be able to add more varieties to the program such as Dramas and Dialogues to reach out more people for the glory of God.

- h) We welcome Ms. Anshu Sapna Kujur, who just joined Good Books Educational Trust as Research and Communication Officer from 4th January 2018 and we pray that her joining will enhance the ministry of GBET.

## **B. Prayer Requests :**

### **Local Issues :**

- a) GBET Lohardaga initiated a tailoring program for the ladies to help them become self-reliant. Pray for the inauguration ceremony of the Tailoring Centre on 19<sup>th</sup> January. Please pray for the women to be benefited by this program spiritually and economically.
- b) Please pray for the timely publication and distribution of April-June issue of 'Dainik Bhojan' (Hindi Daily Devotional Book). Kindly pray that this devotional may reach more number of people and they be blessed.
- c) 'Masihi Ahwan' has planned to organize a Writer's Workshop in Patna (proposed) in the month of April 2018. Please pray for the availability of the venue and other needs for the workshop be taken care of. Also pray for the participants that they may know and understand their calling as Christian Writers and we may get new writers for 'Masihi Ahwan'.
- d) Kindly pray for an increase in the subscription of 'Masihi Ahwan' magazine. Pray that, through this magazine, God's love and encouragement may reach the greater number of souls.
- e) Last year, 2017, the Anti Conversion Law was passed in Jharkhand. Due to this the challenges for the Christian communities have increased including the publication and distribution of Christian literature. We need your prayer for the safe and hassle free postage and dispatch of 'Masihi Ahwan' and other Christian literatures.
- f) Kindly pray for the ongoing production of the GBET Radio Programs in ten (10) languages i.e. Hindi (Asha Ki Kiran, Mahima Ke Vachan and Asha Deep), Dogri (Premmey Kanney), Garhwali (Asha Ku Raibar), Kashmiri (Nur Agur) & Dzongkha (Rewa Ghie Tsik), Tsangla, Monpa & Urdu. Odia & Saraji programs are available on the GBET Website ([www.gbetminsitries.org](http://www.gbetminsitries.org)).

### **National Issues:**

- a) Specifically pray for the pastors, leaders and general members in various churches in India. The enemy works extra hard among the Christian leaders and those serving in ministry to destroy the kingdom of God. Pray that God may protect them physically, spiritually, emotionally, mentally and their finances.
- b) There is lot of hatred being spread across India for Christians. In many part of in

India, our Christian pastors, schools and various Christian Meetings are being attacked verbally and physically resulting in the fear and confusion among the Christian Communities. Please pray for the mighty intervention of God and his protection for his people across the country.

- c) Please pray for the unity among all the churches in India. Pray that people may come closer to God in this difficult time and experience the eternal truth of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- d) Please pray for our political leaders that they may rule the Country and States in the spirit of humanity rather than spreading the hatred and fear among the communities.

### ***International Issues:***

- a) Across the world including, India, Cairo and Nigeria, Christians are targeted and killed during Christmas last year. In India alone, there were at least 23 religiously- motivated attacks on carol groups and open threat against Christmas Celebrations. Please pray that God safeguard His people across the globe and work in the heart of the persecutors that they may come to the saving grace of God.
- b) Pray for the peace in Jerusalem and Israel. Since the day, US president Donald Trump declared Jerusalem to be the capital of Israel, there has been massive unrest across the world. Many nations and religious communities are protesting this. Pray for God's intervention and His Will to be done.

I begin this year with several preaching and teaching assignments: Bhutan Believers' Conference (Jan 8-10), Bodo Youth Conference (12-14), All Church Unity Sunday, Ranchi (Jan 21), Garo Baptist Association Conference Krima I (Jan 25-28), Garo Convention 150<sup>th</sup> year Celebration (Feb 7-12), & Emerging Leaders Training, Guwahati (Feb 20-23), besides preaching in International Evangelical Church in Guwahati. I shall appreciate your prayers. Thanks again for your partnership.

May the good Lord bless you this year in a very special way.  
Looking forward to hearing from you sometime.

Sincerely yours in Jesus



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