

THE CHEN KRONICLES

A Report by Jack Chen



LEADERS FORMATION

5 batches of pastors and leaders graduated in November and December of 2019, just 2 months before the pandemic hit!

124 pastors, evangelists, lay leaders and church planters completed their 5 year First Principles Course and were commissioned to go train their "Timothies". These men and women have committed to train 536 other lay leaders in their villages and churches over the next 5 years with the same materials they were trained with.

Hit by what I call the triple whammy of a long brutal lockdown in India due to the virus and 2 cyclones that wreaked havoc with devastating floods, we have continued to "meet via zoom" every week and the next page tells a little about the heroism of these dear servants of Christ.

PHOTOS FROM TOP

1. Showing the Jesus film in villages
2. Baptisms in the river
3. Church Planting



When pandemic restrictions and local persecutions made it impossible to baptize new believers in the village ponds and rivers, one of our leaders innovated with an inflatable baptistry that is at once safe and portable to other locations as well!

Below is one of scores of house fellowships that continue to meet in village homes.



MEETING PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS

My colleagues on the ground responded magnificently by reaching out to several flooded villages using wooden boats to deliver dry foods to those thus stranded.



We also sent out 350 bibles to house fellowships that reported hundreds of new believers who are hungering for the Word of God.

The picture shows a shipment of bibles that were received while I was still there in India. God's Providence is amazing!



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Kolkata Hope Rising In the Slums

God has blessed our girls from the slums in their studies and in their lives.

Two of the girls, Nisha, on the far right and Puja, second from the left have completed their BA and are now enrolled in the MA program.

Kanchan, third from the left is now looking to do her B.Ed while Lalita with the V sign and Sneha, second from the right are doing their BA! The rest are completing their Grade 10.

Each of these girls is to be commended for their perseverance



ENJOYING A CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH GIFTS SPONSORED BY CANADIAN FRIENDS



PROUDLY SHOWING THEIR SCHOOL REPORTS.



WHILE NOT ALL THE GIRLS ARE CHRISTIANS, MOST OF THEM ATTEND THE HISTORIC CAREY BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE THEY CAN HEAR THE GOSPEL PREACHED IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE, HINDI.



KHRIS HAS NOW MOVED 4 FAMILIES OFF THE STREETS!

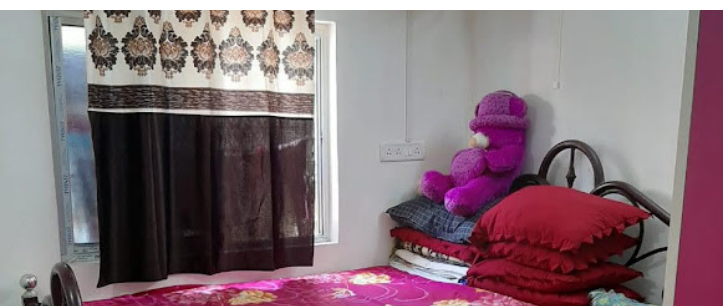
Starting in January of 2020, we were able to move 4 families off the streets into homes. 2 are on ownership basis and 2 are rentals.

The Paswan sisters were ecstatic when we found a one roomed apartment on rental.

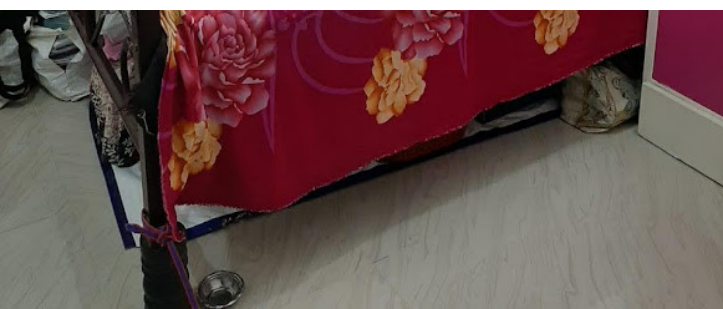
With a little bit of help from the painters & renovators, the dingy room (top panel) was transformed into a beautiful room with a self contained bathroom, electricity and running water which they never had in their old slum shack!



In August 2020, in the midst of a raging pandemic and just after the most horrific cyclone in 100 years, The Singh family were able to move into a beautiful new condo on ownership basis thanks to funds from KHRIS' Rising Hope Project started in memory of Lorraine Chen who started KHRIS.



On a personal note, THANK YOU for your prayers and support. The Lord has been truly gracious to me. In January of this year, after a 26 years association with Morningstar Christian Fellowship, my employment with them ended. I am now able to focus fully on Training Leaders in Bengal and overseeing KHRIS.



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