
Mission Leaders from Nagaland

A Call to Concentrate on the Children in 2015

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The "4-14 Window," an initiative to reach the children of age between 4 and 14 years for the Lord Jesus Christ, held at New York from 10th to 16th October 2014. This remarkable conference was hosted by the Promise Ministries at Promise Church, Flushing, New York, USA, under the theme, "Towards the Best Practices."

This Conference gave the world leaders brain storming strategy on "How to reach the children of the world and bring them to Christ." 1170 delegates from 91 countries attended the conference. The five mission leaders of Nagaland who attended the historic Conference were: Rev. Dr. Akheto Sumi, the Principal of Eastern Theological College, Jorhat; Dr. Kiyeho Sema, the Principal of Living Bible College, Ayinato; Dr. T. Lima Jamir, Mr. Ratsuo Ezung, and Rev. Dr. Vikheshe Chishi, the Founder and President of Withee Bible College, Dimapur.

Comparing our Nagaland Christians in the context of the Christian world how do we nurture our children? Some Christian parents train up their children in unique Christian manner. For example, a Spanish speaking boy who is only 9 years old demonstrated a preaching piece in the world conference, which amazed the audience. It is said that this boy had started preaching the Bible at the age of 4 and is now a renowned preacher just at the age of 9. Indeed, it was all because of his godly parents.



How about Nagaland Christians parents? Are we making efforts to bring up our children of 4-14 years, in the fear of the Lord? In case we fail, these uncared children would become problem-makers in our society. Most of the stories of addicts of various kinds

in Nagaland hail from the failures of Christian parents. The word of God says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."(Pro.22:6). Parents, Sunday School Teachers and different Children Ministers should collectively take up the responsibility of bringing up the Children in the way of the Lord. Indeed, Bible Colleges must take initiatives to strengthen their Christian education department in order to produce effective human instruments to fashion the Children for God's glory.

The genuine reason how the youths spoiled during their childhood are confronting by the Watchman Team spearhead in fighting with all kinds of social evils such as pubs and discos in the restaurants, hotels that destroyed the youths through immoral activities and liquor. God is not only silent spectator but working actively. Everyone must witness the realities that are happening one after another here in Nagaland within these days.

Firstly, the NLTP (Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition) Act 1989 is in dilemma when the apex body NBCC (Nagaland Baptist Church Council) strongly opposed for lifting, side by side Watchman Team had a Rally at City Tower, Dimapur, on 23rd August 2014, and then submitted a Memorandum to Chief Minister that the NLTP Act 1989 should not be lifted. Fortunately, all the Nagaland Legislative Assembly 60 Elected members were all Christians eventually they were in a confusion state during the December Assembly session and they were not strong enough to lift the Act, because they fear the LORD. The NLTP Act 1989 will re-enforce once again and will

continue with the help of God even in their March 2015 Assembly session as long as Nagaland Christians lift the banner "Nagaland for Christ." Nagaland Christians must pray continuously for the Legislatures that they may continue to fear the living God. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD..." (Psalm.33:12).

Secondly, the fire broke out in a three stored building and destroyed the things that were inside the building on 30th December 2014 at 9:30 P.M., where pubs and discos were so actively destroying the youths in their prime age (Song of Solomon 2:15). The same building where Naga Mothers, Churches joined the efforts of Watchman Team and visited on 9th July, 2014 was burned down. When the human power failed utterly, God Himself intervened and destroyed the things that were inside. "...Cursed be the man before the Lord who rises up and build this city Jericho...." (Joshua.6:26). The word of God reminded us to obey God and prevent the wrath of God that is going to fall upon the disobedient people, hence the concern persons must take it seriously as a stern warning from the Lord.

Another reasons how the youths spoiled during their childhood becomes worst due to "Hornbill Festival" see the fact, one man of God says in the daily local papers, "Hornbill festival is the festival of devil" this is somehow true in one sense because it destroys the Nagaland youths. The Government of Nagaland spent over five crores of rupees for the Hornbill festival and the advantages are, it promotes our cultural, attracts the tourist and many good things are there. Nevertheless, the disadvantages are more, because it destroys our Nagaland youths both in physically and in spiritually to some extent. There is a report that after Hornbill Festival thousands of inner wears, uncountable condoms are collected and the trucks carried the emptied wine bottles which cannot be counted are all unimaginable in a land of "Nagaland for Christ."

The Government of Nagaland when they are obligated to transform the spoiled youths to better persons they made the youths from bad to worse which is very unfortunate. Nagaland Government must invest crores of rupees with all possibility towards the young men and women and give them hope to the hopeless because the future belongs to them.

Let us raise our banner Nagaland for Christ and bring changes in this 2015 and concentrate for the children, because the uncared Children eventually become evil and problem makers. In the 4-14 New York Conference we were seriously challenged as World leaders shared their hearts. The theme "Towards the best practices" based on the words and ways of Jesus on how to reach, rescue, root in the Word of God, release as agents of mission,

and resemble the children in their humility.

Today, if children are transformed, then tomorrow when they become youths they will become a good people then the next generation everyone will live in a better life a life in heaven on this earth. To predict for the future, if the Churches are not willing to take up this challenge to concentrate for our Children starting from this year 2015, we shall never see the better generation that is to come.
