

Dear Partners in ministry,

Greetings from ReST.

My family and I are all well by God's grace. Unfortunately, our missionary Pastor Chin Suanmang, who was on study leave in the Philippines, died some weeks ago due to COVID-19. We prayed a lot for him and for financial provision for his medical bills, but God has taken him from us to be with Him. Now, his wife and two kids are back home.

Since church activities cannot function properly right now, we have arranged for members to worship in their respective homes with a worship guide. Then, we pastors take turns to give them an online sermon. Offerings and tithe are collected during the family worship and later one member of the family brings the collections to church. This gives us financial shortages, as offerings are not as many as in the days before the lockdown. But I hope better days are coming.

Sadly, last night one of our church members from Maukot village house was burnt to ashes, suspected to be caused by an electric short circuit (photo below of the building burning).



Yet, about three weeks ago on July 18, Khen Tombing and I had the privilege of opening and dedicating a newly constructed church at Sinzawl village (see photo below). This was made possible through Khen's church planting ministry.



Recently, we had pastors fellowship, which we do every month, and this time I asked pastors to come with their wives and almost all of them attended the fellowship (photo below). Pastors from Delhi and Bangalore could not make it due to travel restrictions, and one pastor from C. Tuiveljang village could not attend the fellowship due to the death of one member of his church.



We also launched the B.Th program on August 2, and we have 3 students, to begin with, which is encouraging to me (photo below).



This coming Sunday I will be traveling to Songtal village for 'Haithak' meaning 'Firstfruits Thanksgiving' program. There I will be preaching three sermons.

Praise and glory to God for his care and blessings.

In His Grace

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