

## Nagaland Outreach Children's Ministry December 2020

Dear family and friends,

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our Orphanage Family! We pray that during this season we will cling to our solid Rock and may He give you all peace and joy in your family! We thank God for His Son, Jesus Christ, and because of Him he made us one.

It seems like this year has flown by! Since the children have not been able to attend in-person school we have been very busy overseeing their education. With so many things happening around us and across the world, we continually pray about all the turmoil. It is surely a time of much heartache and uncertainty. But we know that our God is in control of everything! In fact, we have had the best year because of the lockdown. We count it a privilege that we have been able to be together as a family during the time of lockdown. It has been a beautiful and special time of reconnecting with each other.

Here is a short update about school... we had online classes for all the children this year. The first, second and third evaluation test exam was done online. The big final exam for the lower grades that determines whether they are promoted to the next grade was done at home and we had to take it to school. They had tests in eight subjects. We just received word that all the children passed! We are praising the Lord! On the other hand, the 9<sup>th</sup> graders will have the Nagaland Board of Exam that will start on 14<sup>th</sup> of December and the 10<sup>th</sup> graders will take their test in February 2021. So please keep them in your prayers.

So far by the grace of God we all are doing fine. But the last two months have been very challenging. We have had a bout of the flu/cold going around the orphanage. We spent much time taking children and staff to the medical clinic. We seem to have weathered the storm and are now moving into getting ready for Christmas. Our God is Awesome! We are serving the Great God! We know that many people are praying for us and we appreciate all of you.

We have put up our tree and decorations and they are so festive. Here are a few pictures for you to see our decorating skills. Haha!



We loaded up the bus and took the children to downtown to look at lights and decorations. We were able to pose at a nativity that was set up. I think it would make a great Christmas card! We ordered chicken thighs and took some other refreshments to eat on the way. It is rare that we order food out so this was a treat! Fun was had by all!



I took some of the girls to town to help me with the Christmas shopping. We had a great time! Thank you, Susan Wagley and Red Brush Christian Church for providing us with Christmas gifts. We all got new shirts and dresses.





We have a new arrival at the orphanage home! Ren and Nzamo are the proud parents of a son, Mharomo, born Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. Ren is my sister who has been the orphanage nurse since the beginning. We all love having a new little one!



We were able to complete the building of the additional water storage tank this year. We were running out of water so we are so happy to have this completed. Our other tank is on top of the girl's dorm but this one was put over our well.



We are so thankful for the Nagaland Board of Directors for being so supportive of our needs. They have recently approved the purchase of a new minivan. It is much needed because our old one is in bad shape and there are places we can't take the bus. We have ordered it and expect to get it in early 2021. We were also able to purchase some sound equipment and a keyboard to use at the orphanage.



We thank God for all of you and never cease praying for you. Thank you for your faithful and generous support and earnest prayers on our behalf. It is amazing to look back and see how the Lord has blessed the orphanage home. Without you, none of this would be possible. Thank you for investing in the lives of these children.

May the Lord bless and keep you and your family healthy in 2021!

Because of Him,

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