

A Life Transformed

What is on....

January

- ◆ 26-28 New Life Fellowship Church, Bangalore - ALIVE 1
- ◆ 29-30 St. Thomas Evangelical Church of India Clergy Conference

February

- ◆ 2-3 ALIVE Facilitation Skills Training, Hyderabad.
- ◆ 5-7 ALIVE 1 Hyderabad
- ◆ 8-11 ALIVE Facilitation Skills Training and Life Skills Tezpur, Assam.
- ◆ 13-18 ALIVE 1 and Life Skills, Dimapur, Nagaland.
- ◆ 23-26 ALIVE 3 and Life Skills, Vellore, TN.

March

- ◆ Feb 27-March 4 ALIVE 1 and Life Skills, Coimbatore, TN.
- ◆ 8-12 ALIVE 1, Durban, SA.

Blessed Christmas and New Year

On behalf of all of us in Transform4Life, I wish you a happy Christmas and a blessed new year.



God was in Christ

Christmas is the celebration of the great mystery of God. The mystery is not how God became a human, but why God would want to become a human being. The words of a well known hymn sum it up succinctly.

*I cannot tell why He, the King of Heaven,
Should leave the peace of all eternity,
Why God Himself should lay aside His splendour
To leave the Father's side and come to me.*

Christmas tells us that God can be known. In Christ, God reveals himself to humanity. But this revelation is shrouded in mystery. We don't need to know everything about God. When we enter into a personal relationship with Jesus, the curtain is removed and the mystery is revealed. Christmas also tells me that God loves me and has not abandoned me. That God would choose to become human is a good indication that to be human is not such a bad thing. To be human is not the problem but **how we choose to live as humans** is the problem.

New Initiatives

ALIVE training in Hindi

As we expand in many parts of North and North East India, we are confronted by a new challenge. Not all our participants can understand English. So we have commissioned Pastor Emmanuel from Laithpur, UP to translate the Leader's Guides and Participants Workbooks into Hindi. Pastor Emmanuel has extensive experience in translating from English to Hindi.

Bearing Fruit

Having completed all three levels of ALIVE training, Tezpur Baptist hospital is gearing up to reach out into 100 baptist churches in the Tea



Gardens of Assam. During my recent visit to Tezpur, Mr. Solanki, the administrator of the hospital told me that he has already started conducting training in several Tea Garden churches and is waiting for the ALIVE Hindi translation to arrange regular training.

In February, we will be conducting an ALIVE Facilitation Skills Training for 12 people in Tezpur. This is the last phase of our formal training.

Christmas tells me that humans are **worth redeeming** – not re-making. It also tells me that humans are **not without a destiny** – we have a future and a hope. Our hope is not that we have a future. We have hope because God is with us – God was in Christ - Immanuel.



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With Dr Henry and Pastor Brian in Durban

Thank you very much for your support and encouragement right through 2017. May you continue to experience God's love and joy every day of your life. Blessings.