

**Send A Special Message And A Gift To Gospel Workers in West Bengal**



Tushar Manna

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<b>Ravindir's story (p.2)</b>	<b>Thank God</b> for His saving work in Ravindir's life.	<b>Pray</b> that God would use Ravindir's testimony to bring others to faith.
<b>Borneo's Fisherfolk (p.2)</b>	<b>Praise God</b> for Pastor Simon's faithful ministry.	<b>Pray</b> for many more "acts of faith" in Asia like Pastor Simon's.
<b>Liyana's story (p.3)</b>	<b>Thank God</b> for Liyana's service of the poor in South Africa.	<b>Pray</b> for Christ's love to bring community transformation.
<b>Gospel Workers in West Bengal (pp.3-4)</b>	<b>Praise God</b> for the collaboration He has initiated.	<b>Pray</b> for God's provision and grace.

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Unity In Diversity

## Glorious Diversity United in God's Mission

From an agency with its roots in the eighteenth century Great Awakening of Western Europe to indigenous, emerging movements in Asia and Africa, Faith2Share's members are gloriously diverse. We believe passionately that God's global church is most effective in mission when united across boundaries of nation, culture and background. We work hard to facilitate collaboration for God's mission and one of our most precious privileges is to see movements join together in Christ's cause.

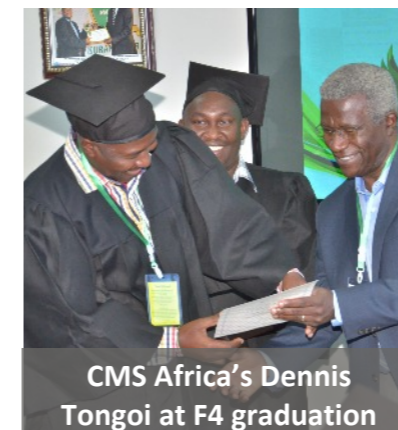


At the end of last year, Faith2Share brought together delegates from a number of mission agencies for a consultation in Kampala, Uganda, led by our Africa Co-ordinator, Timothy Mazimpaka. We're delighted that a collaborative initiative flowed out of this gathering: leadership training in D.R. Congo run by Faith2Share members SOMA UK and Church Army Africa, with the participation of Bishop Isisome. The programme was led by Capt. Joel Soti (Church Army Africa) and Canon Don Brewin.

## Financial Freedom for Africa's Youngest Nation

"I no longer ask the question, "money where are you?" This was one of the comments from participants at Faith2Share member CMS Africa's Financial Freedom for Families (F4) course in South Sudan. CMS Africa believe the seed of healthy financial stewardship planted in South Sudan can transform the nation and future generations. Topics covered in the course include: ownership and stewardship; debt, record-keeping and relationships.

"Personally I was in a serious mess. I get my salary but all the time I found myself borrowing," said Joseph Noel, "I have made my repayment sheet and I am steadily but surely following through the plan until I move from debt to saving." Another participant, Deng, said, "I have made a lot of changes in my expenses at my family level when I realised I was making a lot of mistakes in how I managed God-given resources." CMS Africa's intervention is particularly vital for a nation in which political instability is leading to inflation and economic hardship.



CMS Africa's Dennis Tongoi at F4 graduation

Faith2Share member agencies run a wide range of ministries which demonstrate God's love in practical ways as well as helping people to follow Jesus Christ in every area of their lives. (Two videos from CMS Africa about their stewardship programme are shared at [www.facebook.com/faith2share](http://www.facebook.com/faith2share)).

## Boreholes Become Fountain of Life in India



Prayer for Ravindir

Ravindir was possessed by many spirits which tormented his life constantly. At night he struggled with sleeplessness because of his involvement in witchcraft. He was hostile to Christians but Faith2Share partners drilled a borehole as a service to the village community. This brought about a change in Ravindir, who was keen to meet the Christians involved. The village pastor and his family met up with him and shared the gospel. He was then brought to a village meeting and was completely delivered, coming to accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and

Saviour. Ravindir is now going through a course for new believers. He has brought most of his followers to church and is sharing his story with everyone in the village.

Ravindir's wonderful transformation shows the importance of holistic mission and many Faith2Share member movements are involved in healthcare, disaster relief, education, poverty relief and similar areas where they can demonstrate the love of Christ in practical ways.

## Netting the Fisherfolk of Borneo

**By the light of a kerosene lamp, in a stilted hut hovering over the sea, Rev. Dr. Chan Nam Chen met with a group of sea-faring nomads** whom he had previously thought were unreached with the gospel. This meeting on a remote island near Borneo took place twenty years ago at the invitation of Pastor Simon (not his real name), who had devoted himself to serving these fisherfolk.

These communities are still stateless and their traditional way of life is slowly being eroded. However, the church now runs a small school for their children, offering education and skills for alternative livelihoods. The original group of believers has grown to over two hundred, scattered in various coastal villages.

What if Pastor Simon had not taken the first step to befriend them? What if he had not persevered with this small group who are constantly on the move? "We often ponder on how we may contribute to ... God's mission," writes Dr Nam Chen, "At some point, all that pondering and praying will have to translate into act(s) of faith, love and obedience to God's voice ... I encourage you; let's get started with these acts of faith!"

AsiaCMS focuses on training and equipping leaders for mission, including through the Asia Gateway residential programme. Please pray for the upcoming courses, which begin on 2 June.

(Original story: [www.asiacms.net](http://www.asiacms.net).)

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Selakan Island, Borneo  
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## Homeless for Christ



When Liyana (name changed for privacy) decided to go to Bible college, she was expecting her ancestor-worshipping father to be upset. But she didn't expect to be made homeless. Liyana went from living in a nice neighbourhood to worrying about having bus money.

Liyana's life had changed when she heard Phillip preach. "A light came into my life that day for the first time," she said. Phillip was a graduate of Durban Bible College (DBC) in South Africa where missionaries from Faith2Share member agency TEAM teach aspiring church leaders. Gradually, Liyana felt God's call to ministry and decided to study at DBC, too. But Liyana's mother felt she was wasting a university education and kicked her out of the house.

Liyana began to minister in a poor area while studying and DBC professor and TEAM missionary Brian Flickner helped by providing mentoring. The community Liyana serves has high levels of drug addiction, prostitution and violence. "You have to give them food, then gain their trust, then ... start ministering to them."

TEAM, a relatively new member of Faith2Share, is based in North America and works across 6 continents to establish reproducing churches with ministries as varied as the creative arts, medicine, creation care, sport and social justice. (Original story: [www.team.org/blog](http://www.team.org/blog))

## Send Greetings And A Gift to West Bengal

Tushar Manna (Founder of Manna Mission and featured in February's Missionet) met Manik Corea of NAMS Network through the Faith2Share network. They are now working together with others on a conference for Christian workers in the region. The conference will unite workers from a number of different groups to build vision and develop leadership, focusing on church growth.

The organisers have invited Faith2Share to send a special message for this important gathering and we would like you to help us with this. **Please write a short message with a Bible verse, a prayer, greeting or encouragement for these pioneering Christian workers and we will pass it on to Tushar and Manik.** The conference has great potential to equip local gospel workers and, instead of making an appeal for Faith2Share, we would like to invite you to consider sending a financial gift for this conference along with your special message. **Please see the back cover for details.**



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