

## CORNERSTONE ACADEMY MANIPUR INDIA

May 3, 2020

Greetings Dear Friends of the Haokips and Cornerstone Academy!

How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected Thangboi, Kimsi, and their 573 students in two cities (Pallel and Sugnu) of NE India's Manipur state? You may have heard that beginning in late March, all of India went into lockdown (a week after the enclosed photo was taken). Classes, which had begun in early February, were suspended.

Highlights from Thangboi's report of several days ago:

- "In the midst of changing times and situation His unchanging love comforts us even here in Manipur."
- "Even in this uncertain times we will still trust the Lord to continue to bless our humble labor and undertakings."
- While most students are staying home during the lockdown, the Haokips still care for 30 students who board on the campus and who cannot go home.
- A recently-trained theologian was caught in the lockdown with them, and has created a mini-Bible school which they relish.
- They are actively sharing the Gospel with Muslim laborers who are adding another floor to their building (to accommodate more students in the future).

How can you help? Start by praying. And then consider a gift to sustain the Haokips and their 30 boarders during the lockdown, and help underwrite instructional costs after the lockdown ends. Your generous tax-deductible gift of \$100, \$250 or even \$500 will open doors so that Northeast India's poor children will continue receiving a high-quality Christian education.

With gratitude for your generosity during this pandemic,

Bob Osburn, PhD

For the Cornerstone Academy committee: Rev. Joel Lawrence (Pastor, Central Baptist Church - St Paul), Mark Stage, John Stage, Donna Smith, and Bob Osburn.

P.S. Please write your generous check to Global Horizons, noting on the envelope that it is for "Cornerstone Academy." <u>Perhaps you will consider using some of the stimulus funds you recently received from the federal government.</u>