



CORNERSTONE ACADEMY
MANIPUR INDIA

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Greetings, Friends of the Haokips and Cornerstone Academy,

While Americans are being vaccinated and our pandemic is dramatically subsiding, nothing could be farther from the truth in India. As you have been hearing, thousands of Indians are now dying daily from COVID. Just several days ago, Thangboi wrote:

The COVID situation here in Manipur is also more critical than it was in the first wave. It has claimed some well-known and prominent people of the state. One among them is a prominent Baptist minister, a graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary, namely Rev Dr Hawlngam Haokip. The surge continues and we are confined to our campus here at Pallel...

In February and March, their school had re-opened, and everyone hoped for normalcy. Then, the second wave hit and the government ordered another lockdown. Once again, as I wrote you in early December, the Haokips are continuing to educate those students who board on the campus and who have been trapped by the multiple lockdowns.

Meanwhile, the good news is that fourth floor of their school in Pallel has been completed by Muslim laborers whom they evangelized (see enclosed photo). They are now ready for larger enrollments than ever, once the pandemic subsides.

What can we do here in America? For one thing, please pray for the Christian community in India, where over 400 Indian Christian leaders have died from COVID. Secondly, take out your check book and offer a **generous tax-deductible gift that will ensure that Northeast India's poor children will continue receiving a high-quality Christian education when the pandemic ends and classes resume.**

With gratitude for your Christ-animated generosity towards our Indian brethren,



Bob Osburn, PhD

For the Cornerstone Academy committee: Dr. Joel Lawrence, Mark Stage, John Stage, and Dr. Bob Osburn.

P.S. Please write your generous check to Global Horizons, noting on the envelope that it is for "Cornerstone Academy." **Your gift is needed during this terrible second wave of COVID that is decimating so many communities and their leaders in India.**