

Food Distribution Report, Community Resource Centres, India – 2022

Reports and pictures from our Bases in the states of Assam, Manipur, West Bengal and Nepal.

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This is the first food distribution carried out by our 6 bases in North East India and this time we have been able to include a local church in Manipur as well as enable a young couple to do two distributions in Nepal.

Funds for this have again been provided by Door of Hope Australia which has helped to meet an ongoing need of providing basic food items to families and widows who continue to struggle due to the after affects of Covid and lack of employment.

Our team leaders were very happy to have another opportunity to be able to give out food items. They selected 10 to 11 families and gathered some basic

details from each of them and each created a list of food items to package and arrange into piles to take to homes. The families were a mixture of Christians and Hindu people. Some are members of their church fellowships and others are families they have been visiting and helping in the community.



Imphal, state of Manipur – EITI Training Institute

Manipur is one of the '7 sister' states of north east India and borders the nation of Myanmar. Our training school, Evangelos International Training Institute (EITI) were able to deliver food parcels to ten families. Our staff reported back that people were overwhelmed and surprised and very thankful for what they received. These are families who struggle with sickness, some are widows and families with very little income.



Staff & students buying rice, lentils, soya beans, oil, sugar, salt, tea and separating them to give out. They divided into two teams and gave food packs to 10 families around their area. They had opportunity to share with and pray for some people as well. Some families have requested for them to visit again.



Imphal, state of Manipur – World Road Church. Rev. Daimai Mabguangbou

This year we were able to send funds to Rev. Daimai who oversees the church where our EITI staff and students attend service each Sunday. Rev Daimai and his wife Achong are a great help and support to the school. They have widows, widowers and some elderly in their church who they know are in need of assistance so they were able to hand out these food items to these very appreciative people.

They provided food packs which included Rice, dahl, sugar, tea leaves, milk, salt, potatoes, onions and garlic.

"I, on behalf of the World Road Church convey our heartiest appreciation for your support and help to the poor and needy of our church" Rev. M. Daimai



Dhekiajuli, state of Assam

Overseeing Leader Prem Rai and his team in the town of Dhekiajuli were able to distribute food parcels to 11 families.

Most of these people are labour workers who work in the surrounding tea gardens and earn a very low income. Many of the men work in the gardens while the women are housewives.

These food parcels have been able to give them some relief.

Prem Rai writes: *"It was a really great opportunity to share the love of God and mercy to the peoples who are in need....for distribution we went tea garden area which is located very near to our church...we distributed 11 package for 11 families"*.

The food packs contained 10kg bag of rice, oil, dahl, potatoes, sugar, soya and salt.



Above: The food packs prepared by the team.

Other photos: Some of the families who were presented with food packs by team leader Ps Prem Rai and one of his team workers.



Tezpur, state of Assam

Overseeing leader Lakhi Tudu and the team at our base in Tezpur were able to distribute food packs to 10 families. Lakhi Tudu writes: “...we had a very wonderful time with our team and our believers and contacts and some nonbelievers. Some feedback from the people “..we are thankful for them those are thinking about us and our needs” “We really believe to our Lord Jesus and he will provide beyond our thinking....and we thankful for them those who are thinking about us and our needs.” The team were able to buy rice, oil, sugar, salt, potatoes, soya beans and dahl. They called the families to the base and had opportunity to share with them and present them with the food parcels.



Above left: Pastor Lakhi with the food packs he and the team prepared. Other photos: the team at the Tezpur base presenting food packs to the families who came to the base to receive them.



Naxalbari, state of West Bengal

Overseeing leader Albert Kheria was able to distribute food parcels to nine families who are all tea garden workers. He wrote *"they are very encouraged by the gift because sometimes they don't have food to eat and they said to us that you people show us love by this gift..."*

Albert was able to buy rice, dahl, sugar, oil, turmeric powder, cumin power and soya chunks. It is hard for the parents to keep permanent work and they live day by day, with no assurance of keeping their job.



These are some of the nine families that Albert was able to distribute food packs to. They were very thankful and appreciative.



Siliguri, state of West Bengal

Our base in Siliguri distributed food packs to 10 families which included rice, oil, dahl, sugar, atta, salt, coriander, salt and soya chunks.

The young girl in the blue blouse below attends the weekly children's ministry gathering. Her father has no job, only the mother works to support their family of 7. The older couple below are Muslim. The man, who is 70 cannot work and his wife works in a vegetable shop. They look after 3 grandchildren. The wife was crying and so thankful as there are times when they have not had enough food to eat.



At left: "Husband passed away. She has two kids. Sometimes she has job as to chop vegetables at small hotels and some times no job. She struggles to look after her kids. She was saying God bless you all for thinking about us"

Right: The whole group of 10 who were presented with food parcels by our staff and students.



Jalpaiguri, state of West Bengal

Our two young ladies, Babli and Munni, who oversee the base in the town of Jalpaiguri were able to distribute 12 food packs. Most of the people are Hindu and the girls have been reaching out to them, as well as some who come for Sunday fellowship. All the families were happy and really appreciated the food distribution.



At right: This lady is a widow whose husband died recently. He is a Hindu. She had not had any food in her house. At the same time, the two girls, Babli and Munni went to see her with the food pack. She was very thankful.

At left: This lady is also a widow with two sons but they have not really been looking after her. She was very happy.

Below: Some of the men who were given food packs and some of the ladies that the girls minister to.



Nepal – 1st food distribution

Leaders Mr Arjun and Purnima Rai are serving in a very poor rural area of Nepal. We were able to assist them to have 2 distributions in 2 different places.

Arjun reports: *"We had blessed time of distributing food to needy families here. They were really surprise to receive the food parcel unexpectedly. They were so happy to received it as God's Provision. Some of them express their joy with tears in their eyes. All the families whom we distributed food have express their gratitude and gratefulness towards kind hearted doners. Me and My wife too are very much grateful towards you as you have given us this opportunity to serve the people in need through distribution."*



Some of the families who received food packs from the first distribution. They are living in very difficult circumstances. Some are widows with no one to look after them.



Arjun and Purnima brought rice, dahl, cooking oil and salt.

These food parcels met a great need for these people.



Nepal, 2nd Food distribution

Mr Arjun writes “This time we distributed to 9 families in two locations. To seven families we distributed at Docterkhola Fikal, District-Ilam Nepal. And for two families we distributed at Kiratchok, Budabari, district, Jhapa, Nepal.

This distribution has been great help for the poor and needy families here. It was also great surprising gifts for many as they testify, some of them said they have never received such gifts before and it was first time they are so glad.”



These pictures show Mr Arjun and Purnima delivering rice and other food staples to families.

Arjun wrote: ... “we are so gratitude and thankful to you for your support on food distribution. This time we distributed to 9 families in two locations to seven families we distributed at Docterkhola Fikal, District-Ilam Nepal. And for two families we distributed at Kiratchok, Budabari, district Jhapa Nepal.”



Our thanks and appreciation to Door of Hope Australia for their donation which enabled our leaders in India and Nepal to purchase and distribute food items to very appreciative and thankful families.

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