



Accompanier

Journeying Together Towards Building Communities of Resistance & Hope . . .



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Meditation

But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me. - *(Psalm 66:19-20 KJV)*

A sharing and witness of Clement's experience during his recent visit to the Diocese of North East India. He shares how God answered his prayer. [Read more...](#)

SBSS

CNI – SBSS Governing Body Meeting and CNI – SBSS Board Meeting

The governing body meeting was held on the 11th August where Dr. Shailendra Awale, informed the board about the merger of ACT Development into ACT Alliance. The Annual report for the year 2008-2009 was also and received with much appreciation. The staff of CNI-SBSS was appreciated for their sincere and hard work. The involvement of the Congregation in People's Movement through CME was also appreciated.

World Indigenous Day Celebrated

This year the CNI RCSA, Ranchi became an integral part of the Jharkhand Indigenous Peoples Forum in observing the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on the 9th of August 2009. Around 500 Adivasis gathered for the celebrations which included talks on the present situation of Jharkhand, personal testimonies of some revolutionary leaders and cultural expressions. [Read more...](#)



John Suresh Kumar has left CNI SBSS

John has decided to move forward and engage himself with social issues and concerns of socially excluded communities at another level as he has joined Christian Aid, Delhi as Program Officer from August 17, 2009. We will miss John...We value John's contribution and services to CNI-SBSS, specially his contribution in developing the Perspective Plan - a decade long journey; and his efforts to strengthen SBSS' commitment to people and its mandate. Our prayers and all God's Blessings go with him for his future endeavours.

Visitors to CNI SBSS Headquarter

Dr. Jeffrey Jacob, Assistant Professor of Economics from Department of Business and Economics, Bethel University, Minnesota visited the headquarters on the invitation extended to him by Dr. Shailendra Awale. During his visit we shared our 'Ecumenical Enrichment Programme' with him as he is a developmental economist in an ecumenical university. Ecumenical Enrichment Programme is a programme developed by CNI SBSS to carry forward the mission of Church and sustain the change process in the leadership, development and support of the community and Church. He appreciated our approach and showed interest in our fellowship programme and said that he would discuss the idea of sending his students for the 10 days 'Experiencing Ecumenism' programme with the concerned department in the University.

Raffaella and Vinita PRAXIS visited our office. They were appreciative about the fact that CNI SBSS was sending eleven participants for their forth coming workshop in Kerela. They also showed interest in prospective alliance for the OD activities. Vinita also volunteered to offer her services in any capacity to help proper implementation of JNUURM for any project in urban slums.

CNI Archive was inaugurated

CNI Archive was inaugurated on 19th August by the Moderator The Most Rev. Purely Lyngdoh. The inauguration started with Prayers and lighting of lamps. It was attended by representatives from various Dioceses.

NETWORKING & PARTNERSHIP

ACT D Meeting on Development Effectiveness in Geneva

ACT Alliance has established a Working Group on Development Effectiveness to carry forward cooperation among its members. CNI-SBSS is a member of the Working Group representing the southern partners from Asia. The Working Group met in Bossey, Geneva from August 25 - 26, 2009. Dr Shailendra Awale, Chief Coordinator & Secretary from CNI-SBSS participated in the meeting with representatives from the Norwegian Churches, Church of Sweden, APRODEL, ICCO and LWF and ACT Secretariat. The Working Group on behalf of the ACT Alliance and WCC with civil societies representatives around the world are calling on donor and recipient governments to look beyond aid-effectiveness to the goal of development effectiveness. It calls for effective participation in Better Aid Consulting Group (BACG) and open forum of Civil Societies Organization towards preparation of a high level open forum meeting in 2010. ACT participants would participate in forthcoming regional workshops promoting multi-stakeholder partnership for democratic development processes and enabling environment for local ownership and accountability.

FCFC North Region Meeting at CASA

A meeting as a follow up on the previous meetings and for discussions on future course of action for the Northern edition of FCFC took place at CASA on the 18th August. Jayant da, Indira from PIDT, Sunil from AFPRO and Shailendra and Ritu from CNISBSS participated in the meeting.

Dr. Shailendra Awale briefed the gathering about the discussions held so far at the previous FCFC meetings and outlined the reason and need to gather as a group to discuss the future course of action as the Northern zone edition of FCFC has not met in a long time. He shared about the proceedings of the FCFC Convener's meet at Chennai where 3 issues: Land & Livelihood (FRA), Climate Change and CDM and Coastal Resource Management formed an integral part of discussion and it was planned to merge capacity building, policy making and research and development to address these issues. [Read more...](#)

ACT Alliance India National Forum Meeting in New Delhi

The participant members and representatives from ACT Alliance India National Forum gathered to meet and discuss Communications Strategy and Co-branding in ACT Alliance, Possibility of formation of ACT Forum in India, the purpose of ACT Forum in India, India Membership concerns, Indian Civil Society Organizations and the ACT Forum in India, Form and mechanism of governance of ACT Forum in India and Financial commitment of ACT Alliance members along with a meeting on the 27th on Mainstreaming impact assessment in member organizations. Bishop Kamble, Bibhu, Santosh and Ritu from CNI SBSS were present for the meetings along with Dr. John Nduna (Director, ACT International), Mr. Sean Hawkey (Communication Officer, ACT Development) and representatives from CASA, NCCI, Christian Aid, Dan Church Aid, ICCO, LWS (I) and LWR. Sean Hawkey during his conversation with Ritu complimented us on our website. There was critical analysis of the guide and discussion on ways to improve it and the practices and usefulness of the tools.



RCSA

Bibhu's visit to Odisha

Bibhu visited DBSS Cuttack to meet the Bishop, attend the board meeting and explore the field area of his native state as a prelude before taking up the responsibility of the proposed Resource Centre in the area. You can go through the attached report to read more on his experience. [Read more...](#)

Planning process for the cash flow for the next six months

The Programme Associates accompanied by the DBSS staff revisited the planning process to develop six months cash flow for October 09 – March 09 for their respective Diocese.

Training - Workshops attended...

Amen attended Leadership development programme on Climate Change: "Moving towards a Low Carbon Economy – The Energy Way" held at Teri, Bangalore. [Read more...](#)

I will also take this opportunity to introduce you all to Alia Masih, a fresh new face in CNI SBSS headquarter. She has joined our family as an intern and has helped in the publication of the Accompanier and LJR for this month.

Prayers

Please pray for the speedy recovery of Mervin.

Also pray for Joy who is visiting Scotland from the 1st to 29th September, to represent CNI SBSS in the 'Faithshare Visitor Programme', as a guest of The World Mission Council of the Church of Scotland.

We also remember Moni and Simi (Amen's wife) who can deliver...a good news any day ?

Birthdays & Anniversaries in September '09

Many Happy Returns to our accompaniers – **Banamali Mohanty (15th September) Archana G. Kindo (19th September) and Mervin Makhwan (26th September)**. May Lord Almighty bless them abundantly and be with them always.

We also remember family of our accompanier celebrating their Wedding Anniversary and offer prayerful wishes for the long companionship of **Mrs. & Mr. Santosh George (12th September)**.

Days to Remember in the month of September'09

5th September – Teachers Day,

8th September – World Literacy Day (UNESCO) ,

16th September – World Ozone Day ,

21st September – Day for Peace & Non-violence (UN) and Alzheimer's Day ,

22nd September – Rose Day (Welfare of cancer patients) ,

26th September – Day of the Deaf ,

27th September – World Tourism Day ,

27th September – World Rivers Day (Every last Sunday in September) ,

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