



# Accompanier

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



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## Meditation

*Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You. As You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

*Acts 17:1-3*

## ChristianAid UK Team visits SBSS

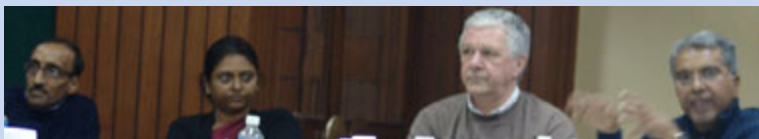


*The ChristianAid UK team consisting - Emma, Rebecca, Steffi, Melanie, Lucie and Laura visited CNI SBSS headquarters at New Delhi on February 22, 2008. The main objective of their visit was to meet the SBSS team and find out how the funding received from partners makes a difference to the stakeholders at the community level.*

*This team also visited CNI RCSA Agra, had an interface with RCSA team, DBSS Board and spent considerable time with the communities, knowing more about the SBSS' interventions through DBSS and how it helped in the walks of their lives. These team members work in the UK telling supporters about the work of Christian Aid and the work of partner organisations like CNI SBSS that ChristianAid supports. The team was accompanied by the CNI RCSA Agra team while they visited the field areas and interacted with the communities there.*

*(Report of Agra visit)*

## Accompaniers reviewing the journey till now...



*The team of accompaniers - Dr Jimmy Dabhi, John Cunnington, Rev Dr Evangeline Rajkumar and Mr Manoj Fogla completed their visits to the selected dioceses conducting*

*the review/ evaluation... The team in the second week of February met the governing board of the SBSS, shared their experiences and also interacted with the SBSS teams.*

*The RCSA teams had a packed but fruitful schedule, devoted their time discussing on planning for the period 2008-2011 and also chalking out a celebration plan for an event to be organized in the month of April marking the completion of SBSS' 30 years of committed services towards marginalized communities.*

*Concept note-Planning 2008-2011*



**United We Fight!**

[Click here to read about the united struggle of the simple rural women against the social evils – domestic violence, alcoholism and corruption...](#)

*We invite you to send similar inspiring experiences, stories, case-studies from your field-areas so that we can share it with larger community.*

### CNI RCSA Ranchi team visits Orissa

*The violence that erupted against the Christian villagers in some parts of Orissa though shook the sensibilities of a few; failed to ignite any response from the nation as a whole. The observations made by the SBSS team from Ranchi, which visited the affected areas are detailed in the report attached. The team met with the pastors of the Daringbadi pastorate, the DBSS staff and the victims of the violence.*

[Click here for detailed report](#)

### Accompanying Partners in the Mission...

*“Commonly used synonyms - Change and Transformation have different meaning though we tend to use them invariantly. Binding process change appearance and feel of the book whereas the transformation of the caterpillar turns the unappealing worm into a beautiful butterfly. What change we are bringing in our life? How and into what are we transformed and at what speed is the vital question while we are into stewardship of society” said Dr Shailendra Awale while talking to the staffs of CNI’s Social Service Institute (SSI), Nagpur during his goodwill visit as a member of the SSI Board.*

[More details](#)

### CME Nagpur

*Ensuring the congregation’s solidarity with the poor, DBSS Nagpur identified four congregations to equip and empower them to participate in the struggle of the poor against injustice and oppression with in and around the periphery of the DBSS. CME desk is facilitating the process of identifying (congregation, leaders, issues), Equipping and supporting and sustaining of the struggle. With the objective to equip the identified leaders of the identified four congregations of DBSS Nagpur with the perspectives, vision and necessary analytical and technical skills related to NREGA a two days workshop was conducted in CNI-SSI on 16th and 17th January 2008.*

[Click here for detailed report](#)

### Hearty Greetings!



*Many Happy Returns to our accompaniers - Sudeep (6th March), Anil Kumar (8th March), Deepshikha (18th March), Bidyut Sagar(22nd April), John S Kumar(27th April) and Dr Shailendra Awale(29th April). May Lord Almighty Bless all of them abundantly and be with them always as they are serving Him being an important actor in His mission with SBSS.*

### Accomplishments & Achievements...

#### Wedding Pictures...

*May Choicest Heavenly Blessings shower upon the newly married couples- Asha & Mandira and Sinju & Shaji...*

[See the couple’s pictures...](#)

#### Congratulations

*Bibhudutta Sahu has been selected as an Associate to be a part of LEAD’s Fellowship Training Program Cohort – 13 commencing in Mid March 2008 with the theme Building Leadership around Climate Change..*

### Days to Remember in March



## Lenten Week

- 16 - Palm Sunday,
- 20 - Maundy Thursday,
- 21 - Good Friday,
- 22 - Easter



## March

- 08 - *International Women's Day*  
(Theme : *Investing in Women and Girls*),
- 15 - *World Consumer Rights Day*,
- 21 - *World Forestry Day &*  
*International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*,
- 22 - *World Water Day (UN Theme : Sanitation)*,
- 24 - *World Tuberculosis Day*.

[Click here for compiled Lenten Prayers...](#)

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