

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF INDIA
FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS ACTIVITIES REPORT - FY 2014-2015

Evangelical Free Church of India is actively involved even in social upliftment and nation-building activities besides religious and charitable activities during the past couple of years. The following is a list of activities that were rendered and carried out with the objective to encourage and help the minorities, and needy people living both in rural as well as urban areas.

1. **CHARITY AND HELP (₹23,829.00):** Money was received from Church of the Saviour, Wooster, Ohio, USA to help Rev. R. Pakhuongte as assistance to help in with his medical expenses.
2. Honorarium (₹24,000): Bibles For The World, USA sent honorarium to Rev. Lalthankhum Sinate for assisting the churches even after his retirement from service.
3. **CONSTRUCTION OF PLACES OF WORSHIP (₹2.70 lakhs):** Currently we have 300 affiliated churches. A great majority of them are in need of repair work. An equal number are under construction. We assist them in the construction of these places of worship. In the remote villages, we assisted the construction of religious centres or places of worship where they can come together at a particular place and learn moral education for the whole community.
4. **EDUCATION & UPDATING (₹3,83,620.00):** The Church is required to plan for her future by providing training to select students who have been identified to be trainable and possess leadership qualities. As such, students had been and are being continued to be sent to colleges in places namely Pune, Allahabad, Serampore, and Aizawl.
5. **MAINTENANCE OF PRIESTS (₹18,98,566.00):** We have 110 priests who are granted honoraria for their maintenance. Their house rents are also paid for by the EFCI.
6. **REMITTANCES TO UNITS (₹43,85,101.00).** Remittances to units amounting to this figure is constituted in the form of monthly support to many of our workers working in the different units, and monthly remittances to our project, viz., Zemabawk Child Development Center (ZCDC).
 - a. **Zemabawk Child Development Center :** The Zemabawk Child Development Center is located at our Zemabawk EFCI Church in Zemabawk, Mizoram about 7 kilometres from Aizawl. This project has been established with the help and continual funding from the Compassion East India.

We have about 200 needy young children enrolled in the Center without any distinction being made in the selection of them. The young children come to the Center at after school hours from their respective schools to receive nutritious meals, assistance with their studies, regular health check-ups, and instruction about health and hygiene. They are also given materials to take home to benefit their respective families. Such materials include blankets, tooth brushes and pastes, soaps, and literature.

The Project Manager is assisted by a handful of staff members who receive honoraria for their services. With the view to running the office and the Center efficiently, a proper office with computers, and other necessary materials are provided. For the after school meals for the needy children, cooks are employed to work in the fully running kitchen. Besides this, class rooms have also been set up in which the instructors can impart education to the children.

Many of the children come from needy families whose parents are cultivators in the hilly terrain practicing uneconomic and ancient slash and burn (jhumming) form of subsistent agriculture. As such, these families greatly benefit from our Zemabawk Child Development Center.

The major activities during this period were:

- i. Christmas Gift Distribution to the students
- ii. Medical expenses reimbursement to those who had medical needs. All their expenses were paid for by the ZCDC.
- iii. Education outing was arranged for the students so that they are exposed to other things which they would not see since they are unable to travel out of their villages.
- iv. Every Friday evenings, meals are provided in place of the snacks. Attention is paid to detail in the menu so that they get a balanced nutritious meal during these times.

Respectfully submitted,

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