

# Servant Leadership Ministries

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## SLM Seminar in Siliguri, India

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SLM is going and sending workers to critical regions of the world to expand the Kingdom of God there because the time is short, and there is a window of opportunity. "We must work the works of Him who sent me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work" (John 9:4). India is the Gateway to Asia, but closing (several states passed anti-conversion laws, India introduced new immigration laws, and there is an increase in persecution to Christians). SLM Asia has teamed up with Sonam's Apostolic Outreach Ministry to expand the Kingdom of God in this hostile and needy region (nations include: India, Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet, China, Cambodia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Myanmar (Burma).

**Asia: From India to Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Burma, Cambodia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, China, & other nations in 10/40(70) Window**



### A Report on the Spring 2012 SLM Seminar in Asia:

On this trip I assembled a strong team of six (3 from USA—Frank and Debbie Deena and Pastor Tad Thaddeus), and (3 from India—Pastors Vachan Bhandari,



Debbie & Bhanu praying for women



Some Pastors from India at the SLM Seminar 2012

Frank, Sam, Tad, & Debbie

Vidush Bhandari, and Samuel Francis) to encourage, empower, strengthen, support, and further train and equip some 80 Key Pastors/Leaders for service in this critical region of the world (Eph. 4:11-12).



Top: Pastors taking notes during seminar 2012

Bottom: Some Pastors from Nepal at the SLM Seminar 2012

Bottom Right: Praying for Pastors 2012

On Saturday, March 3, we had our first women seminar 35-45 women (some stranded in Nepal due to strike. Debbie was well received as she ministered, along with Bhanu), to the women on spiritual, physical, emotional, and social health. She also gave each family a skin care package and medications. At the same time, the first SLM Advisory Board Meeting took place. Present were Frank, Sonam, Tad, Vidush, Vachan, and Sam.



Top Left: Debbie & Bhanu in the Tea Garden—SLM Seminar 2012

Top Right: Vidush is interpreting for Sam SLM Seminar 2012

Bottom Right: Bhanu & Debbie counseling and praying with some Pastors during the SLM Women Seminar 2012

Our week of Seminar went very well. Our teaching sessions went all day and into the nights. About 80 Pastors from Several states in India, and from Nepal, and Bhutan were present. We also secured the purchase of an additional piece of prime land for the Training Center for Asia (like we did in Nigeria for West Africa).

In five years of working with the SLM group in this region, we now have 32 churches, 15 in India, 15 in Nepal, and 2 in Bhutan, schools, orphanages, and farm.

Top: Some Pastors at the SLM Seminar 2012—Last Day



Bottom: Pastors eating lunch at the SLM Seminar 2012



### “The Story of Sonam” by Pastor Sam Francis

Pastor Jigme Sonam Bhutia comes from a Buddhist family in Sikkim, India. His father was a monk and he was also being raised as a monk. He has one elder sister and four younger sisters. He worked in different places like Government printing press, Medicinal plant business etc. In doing Medicinal plant business, Bhanu’s (his wife) brother was his partner and so he met Bhanu. She was a worshipper of **Sai Baba**. His mother and father did not agree for the marriage, but they got married. Both of them started to teach in a school run by a pastor of CNI church who was very close to the king of Sikkim, where they started to know about Christianity and Jesus Christ.



### Sonam & Bhanu Butia

They were in the school and started doing the medicinal plant business, and in 1997 their first son was born.

One day a vision was shown to him in which Sonam saw a white light from the open sky and Jesus showed up with his love towards him. They went back to the school and gave their testimony to the pastor, so on 9<sup>th</sup> April the pastor led them to accept Jesus as their personal Savior.

In October 1997 they were filled with Holy Spirit. In 1999 when they were praying they were led to join the Bible College run by Rev. Skinner in Shillong. There was a school where Sonam’s wife Bhanu started to work so they were able to raise funds for their family.

Soman started a Hindi fellowship when he was doing his Bible course. Pastor Skinner started supporting him for the ministry. In 2003 Soman was ordained during these days Assam work also started. Bhutia people group was in his heart so he told Pastor Skinner about that burden. In 2005 he came to Siliguri and started to do ministry; his heart was to raise indigenous missionaries. Presently they have 15 churches in Nepal, 15 in India, and two in Bhutan, 32 churches all over.

In 2007 Servant Leadership Ministry (SLM) started to relate with Sonam’s “Apostolic Outreach Ministry.” Almost all the believers that are coming are converts. There were seven camps for the Nepalese refugees from Bhutan who were staying in Nepal. AOM started to do ministry amongst these refugees so many accepted Jesus as their Lord (over 1,000). Many of the Bhutanese Refugees were shifted to US, UK, and other places in Europe, by United Nations. Many of these believers abroad have formed AOM churches globally.



Top Left: Pastors Vioth, Sam, Frank, Ted, Yocham, and Sam. Bottom Left: Sonam about to baptize some Believers after the SLM Seminar 2012. Top Right: Dairy Farm. Bottom Right: Sonam looking at the construction of the school in Nepal

It is Sonam’s vision to bring believers (lay leaders) every 3-4 months, train them and send them back to start planting churches all over. Hundreds of churches will be planted in Bhutan, which is the darkest nation of the world regarding the light of the gospel. For this work a special curriculum has to be developed. End.

### 2012 Seminars

**ASIA (India & Nepal):** March 5-9 & October 8-12.

**AFRICA (Ghana & Togo):** Ghana: April 30-May 4 & fall. Togo: May 7-18 & fall.

**USA (Bhutanese Refugees Diaspora):** October. (If anyone is interested in any of these trips, please contact Frank Deena (252-258-4277) [deenas@ecu.edu](mailto:deenas@ecu.edu) **Household & Church Items, plus a Van are needed by our Bhutanese Brothers and Sisters in the USA to help them settle and advance God’s Kingdom!!! Pray for Bhutan, Myanmar (Burma), & Cambodia as we reach out to them from 2012.**