

IMMANUEL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE & SEMINARY



THEME:

"God with us"

- Matthew 1:23

NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL NOTE

The editorial team, with immense joy brings to you the first issue of the News Letter (ITCS). Through this News Letter we would like to recapitulate the events of the academic year 2022-2023. We wish our readers, a happy reading.



Litho Thonger, Lia Cheng, Kikruvilhu Yhoshii

I am very much enlightened with the motto "God with Us". To know that God is "with you" is the greatest blessings, that's the comfort that David knew in Psalm 23, when he said "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for you are with me." He knew he could face anything – even death – because God is with him. "God with Us": that means that God is right there with you, every day of your life, if you are truly saved. That has huge implications for us if "God is with us"! What Mary would go through wasn't "easy" at all. But "God was with her"—and that made all the difference. And the same thing will be true for you too. Don't let anyone tell you "just give your life to Jesus and you'll have an easy life." That is lie! The Christian life is not easy. It wasn't easy for Mary—and it won't be for you, either. But if Jesus is your Lord and Savior, then the Holy Spirit is in your heart, and "God is with you," and that makes all the difference.

You can't just "assume" that God



Dr. Lawrence Yanthan
PRINCIPAL

is with you. You have sinned against God; we all have. That means we have offended God and driven Him away by our sin. You have to do something about your sin to get God to be back "with you" and "in you." That "something" is receiving Jesus as your Savior. When you have Him as your Savior, then His Holy Spirit comes

into your heart, and God is with you. But if you don't have Him as the Lord and Savior of your life, God is not with you; He is not in you. You must have Jesus, in order to have "God with you."

It's like when the Smallpox Vaccine was discovered in Europe in the 1800's. For many years, smallpox had been a deadly plague, killing over a third of everyone who caught it. But just before the 1800's they developed a smallpox vaccine and those who took it would come down with mild case. This was an amazing and lifesaving innovation! But just imagine, after the discovery, someone could go around saying, "We're saved; we're saved; they've cured smallpox. They have a vaccine! We're all saved!" And they could be so excited about it - and should be excited about it - that's good news; there is a cure for smallpox! But what they need to be sure and realize is that it is really only good news if they take the vaccine! It doesn't save you if you don't take it! And it's the same thing with "Immanuel"; "God with us." This is amazing news. We

had driven God away by our sin; and He was rightfully against us, since we had rebelled against Him. But now Jesus has come, “Immanuel”, “God with us”, and now God can indeed be “with us” and even in us, all the time. But just like the good news of that vaccine, it is only good if you actually take the cure! Jesus is the cure. Just

like you’ve got to receive the vaccine into your body to receive its benefits, so you must receive Jesus into your life to be saved. John 1:12 says “As many as receive Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God.

As ITCS release the first issue of this news letter, I also would

like to congratulate the 2023 graduating class for your successful accomplishment. May it bring peace, joy, happiness and blessings to you all as your new chapter of lives begins. Let all the glory and honored to our living God, for His mercies endures forever.

Amen

Our God is a miracle working, mountain mover and life giving God. From transition to transition God has been faithful to students, staff, and faculty of this college. It is an honor and certainly a privilege to help train, instruct and lead men and women of God into the next rim of the spirit as we journey deeper into the things of God here at Immanuel Theological College and Seminary.

Theological education is integral to the mission of the church to proclaim the Good news. But first and foremost our philosophy of institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth. Theological education is designed to deepen critical analysis of yourself, your world, and your



Nokchatoshi Aier
ACADEMIC DEAN ITCS

traditions. At the same time, you are also deepening your relationships with God, others, and the world.

Our primary goal is not to offer mere degrees in theological education, but to build and train transformational leaders for the church and society at large. To build transformational leaders we have developed a matrix of educational, mental, spiritual and practical curricular activities in our program, with this clear vision and objectives, we will shape the questions that our faculty address through their research and the curriculum we create to ensure that our students are well prepared to lead in a rapidly evolving environment.

Ultimately, we seek to remain Christ-like here at the college as we maintain, and indeed enhance, the deeply formative experience our students have come to enjoy.

God bless.

THIS IS OUR BEGINNING...

Immanuel Theological College and Seminary was established in the year 2019 in memory of Late. Mr. Achusangba Longchar and Late Watiyangla Imchen, by their beloved children.

This ministry was not a sudden start, there was vision and dream for many years for this college to stand one day to serve God, which was unknown to what kind of ministry it should be back then. The construction started in the year 2016, with special contribution made by the children Mr. Chuba Longchar and Ms. Imenla Longchar.

With God’s leading hands we stand here today as theological college based on Mission Oriented, with aims to train and help students to bear fruit for God’s Ministry as Missionaries, Pastor, Evangelist,



Toshimenla Longchar
C.E.O.

Teachers and Church planter to train and sharpen committed student in academics, spiritual and social development for the

extension of God’s ministry on earth. This ministry is non-profit organization based on mission run by a family for God’s ministry.

With this perspective we establish Immanuel Theological College and Seminary (ITCS) with the Motto “God with Us”. Under the leadership of Dr. Lawrence Yanthan, Principal and Mrs. Toshimenla Longchar, C.E.O. Last year we had 35 students, including this year it has come up to 57 students with 9 staffs at present.

Praising God for His unceasing guidance and blessings to start this ministry. God’s favour was always upon us. The word of God says God use ordinary people to carry out His Mission, in the same way God has faithfully enable us to start this mission for His glory.

INTEGRITY A WAY OF LIFE

Integrity is something that makes a person honest and helps them stick to moral principles. A person who possesses integrity can accomplish anything in life and can prove to be a successful person, integrity in oneself makes a way of life, it is earned and cannot be purchased. We need to stick to high moral values to become a person who will be admired by everyone. It determines who we are, and staying true to oneself making right decisions makes us man and woman with integrity. Our integrity must reside in our heart, at college, at work, at home and the pulpit. So, let us reflect the power of integrity through our way of life.

HEKATOLI CHOPHY

My college has provided me with so many wonderful opportunities and experiences that have helped me develop both academically and personally. From the dedicated professors who have challenged me to think critically and engage with complex ideas, to the diverse range of extracurricular activities and events that have allowed me to explore my interests and passion, I have truly flourished during my time here. I have also appreciated the strong sense of community at my college. The faculty, staff and students all work together to create a supportive and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and respected. I have made so many great friends and connections through my classes and campus activities and I know that these relationships will last far beyond graduation. Overall, I am so grateful for the amazing experience I have had at my college, it has prepared me well for the future and has given me memories that I will cherish for a lifetime.

THANGMEINGAM R. SHIMRAY

"Vagabondage"

"A year seems like a Month
A month seems like a week,
A Week seems like a day,
A day seems like an hour,
An Hour seems like a second".
Alas, everything has a time...& it's time to say au revoir!

Life is full of Ebb and Flow yet I learned and rig out myself in every possible ways
For that I have a gigantic respect to my entire Pedagogue for equipping me,
Never will I forget the hard work & effort that you all have Manifest.
Bounden & Contented is all I can say at the end.

Devoirs to all my ITC&S Family.

ABETO Z. YEPTHO

Life is like a Journey.
And it's one of the most interesting stage in life that gives us an opportunity to explore.
The change is a fright
But it is full of cheers
And it does not bite.
Although the work is tough
It is great to learn.
The experience gets rough,
And we have to push ourselves through
More for our knowledge in the class
While having fun with our dear friends
It is truly a blast.
Everything except depletion
While looking at caps and gowns.
After we are expected to prove
Our knowledge and understanding
While we go out and move
In our own journey.
We remember the time
We spend together
And cherish ourselves and
Give us hope and help us to climb
The another mountain and beyond
It was a great time we remember the memories that come to mind.

MOITHAI K. PHOM

From the Graduates

Entered the college with very less experience but leaving with a lot of things to be remembered forever. The greatest strength I got was from my teachers in times of my weakness and disappointment...God Bless. Thanks to God, I have climbed to the end.

– CING SIAN UAPNU

Blessed and privileged to be called a student of ITCS. One thing I learn from my teachers is to be humble, who were always helpful and understanding with all being so well experienced and qualified. Looking back to all the good and bad experiences lived here has now turned into blessings to be cherished always. God Bless. Long live ITCS.

– BENI KIHO

College life is one of the most remarkable and lovable times of an individual's life. ITCS gave me a lot of beautiful positivity in the many trials. My memories in college dining, annual Fest, college trips, classroom lecturing and late night dorm discussing will always be cherished forever. Proudly graduating saying 'two years in ITCS is a Golden Period of my life.'

– ALLYN KINNY

2 years in ITCS has been a roller coaster ride with equal share of struggles and detours but also an overwhelming amount of love and support.

– NIKALI AWOMI

All glory to God for His unceasing Blessings. Experiences in disguised with a lot blessings and life lessons in the most unexpected ways, which I cannot be more thankful to God today. Thank you to my ITCS family ...

– NGAMCHIN NGANRAM

Every day as I live in this campus, I received new blessings from my lectures, friends and dear ones through the different college activities. And also given opportunity to be a Sunday school teacher was a challenge but it was a blessing. I am more confident to stand firm and strong to the challenges and struggles of life. ITCS to be cherish always.

– HITOKALI AYEMI

"As I leave this college, I am filled with sense of gratitude for the friendships I've made, the lessons learned, and the ways in which God has worked in my life"

– DERHASAR BAGLARY

"My time here has taught me that theology is not just about acquiring knowledge, but about deepening our understanding of God and our relationship with Him."

– LIKE H. ZHIMOMI

Immanuel Theological College and Seminary has been a blessing to me. The college has well trained and committed servants of God and through them I have been well equipped and prepared for God's ministry, my sincere thanks to my professors. It is my prayer that the college will continue to develop God's workers and bear good fruits.

– BHIM CHETRI



BOARD MEMBERS



ITCS FAMILY



M.TH II



M.TH I



M.DIV II



M.DIV I



B.TH III



B.TH II



B.TH I



DIPLOMA II



DIPLOMA I

We remember you
MISS SENTINARO IMSONG
 Died on 31st January 2023.



"Greatly loved, Deeply Missed"



FACULTY

Announcing...

A beautiful baby boy, Elias Yanthan, was born to Dr. Lawrence Yanthan and Mrs. Toshimenla Longchar on the 5th of December, 2022.

Congratulations to the family!!!



BLESSINGS

Thanking all the well wishers, friends and family for your immense love and support towards the ITCS community in terms of materials, finance and supporting the students in sponsoring their studies. We the ITCS community assure you all that we will keep you in prayers for God's continuous blessings upon you.

EVENTS



COURSE OFFERED

Diploma | B.Th | M.Div | M.Th (Christian Theology, Old Testament, Missiology, Pastoral Theology, Christian Counselling) | Music (Piano, Guitar, Vocal, Drum) in collaboration with BN Sound- Music Educational Institute.

TIMELINE

21st April, 2023- Semester Break

15th June, 2023- New Academic Sessions begins

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