



Church of North India Partnership



Newsletter

December 2014

It has been a long time since our last newsletter, so here is a brief summary of recent and not so recent events.

2014

Elizabeth and John Hurfurt attended a meeting of the Overseas Partners in Delhi. The partners gave short presentations on their activities and several Indian Bishops talked about the situations in their dioceses. One major problem was property as some groups from the pre – uniting churches were trying to reclaim their property, with some success.

An appeal was made for visits. +Samantoroy (Amritsar) explained that many church members were very poor and were not able to travel. Christians are also a small minority in India and the only way these people will feel part of the world wide family is if we visit them.

Clergy Visit

Six women clergy went to support the Synod aim of encouraging the ordained ministry of women. You can read about their visit at <http://www.northindia-derbyshirechurches-partnership.org.uk/womenclergy.htm>

WEDDING

Elizabeth and John were privileged to attend the wedding of +Marandih's daughter, Preeti. Since he is the moderator this was a big event with six Bishops taking part in the ceremony.

Later we talked with + Bijay Nyak, Phulbani, who re-iterated what + Samantaroy had said at the Overseas Partners meeting.

BIRMINGHAM

Bishop Humphrey with John and Elizabeth went to a Partnership day in Birmingham. There were two interesting talks on Indian / Christian theologies.

VISITS

Ella Sonawane from ISPCK came in July to promote +Alastairs's Diocesan harvest appeal

Neerja Prasad (Nagpur), the National President of the CNI's Womens Fellowship came to the MU conference and spent a few days in Derby before the conference