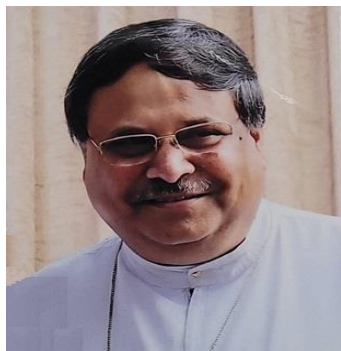


ANGLICAN CHURCH OF WEST BENGAL – DIOCESE OF KOLKATA
BISHOP PROBAL KANTO DUTTA



Ministry Focus:

We aim to make the church more effective in responding to human needs among the indigenous People of West Bengal and for victims and survivors of human trafficking in Dinajpur in West Bengal.

The churches under the Anglican Diocese of Kolkata are based on the Biblical principles of love and concern for our fellow humans. Dinajpur in West Bengal, India is hub of human trafficking. We provide shelter to children and women who are survivors of this terrible crime. In addition, we provide Christian education to the

children. Our Social Development initiatives provide women with economic freedom through alternative livelihood schemes and Self-Help Groups.

Strategies for Sharing the Gospel in this Ministry:

Church Planting and Community Development.

- Through church planting, we share the Gospel with the people and share that these words have been inspired by the love of Jesus Christ.
- When they see their community growing, they dare to hope for change and realize that this can be achieved through Christ.

Financial Needs:

We have started one Safe House in Balurghat named St. Michael's Safe House. At Balurghat we have fifteen children who need food, clothing, and school supplies. Similarly we have ten children in Purulia who are studying at St. Peter's School. They also need food, clothing, school supplies and safety.

We have opened Women Empowerment Program through St. Peter's Sewing School for Tribal women. This program enables the Tribal women to learn the skill of sewing and also through their production they earn money to run their household.

Total amount needed to sustain this Ministry: \$52,000 per year.

Prayer Needs:

1. For an end to human trafficking in India and the rest of the world.
2. For new believers to come join our diocese.
3. For more priests to join the Anglican diocese.
4. For new church buildings within the Anglican Diocese.

Short-term Mission Opportunities: X Yes No

- Sending mission teams to conduct Festival of Hope. This is a ministry of Preaching the Gospel and of Healing Prayer. It introduces new people to the faith and renews the spiritual vigor of existing believers.
- Sending volunteers to work with the children.