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Prayer Request for Christmas in Manipur, India

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Dear ICRC member churches,

Since May 3 of this year the state of Manipur in the east of India is experiencing ongoing violence and instability. Many people had to flee into the mountains and other parts of India. Many churches have been destroyed, among them 6 reformed churches. There are many deaths, displaced people and houses burnt down.

This is a follow up letter, asking all the churches in the ICRC family to pray for a peaceful Christmas in Manipur, India.

Although there is barely any international media attention for this conflict anymore (because of other conflicts in the world), the situation has not improved yet. Violence has not subsided, ambushes and attacks continue, food security remains a challenge. An added complication are refugees from Myanmar who are crossing the border into India because of the civil war in their own country. And there are fears that the Christmas celebrations might be disrupted because of the ongoing political, tribal, and religious tensions.

As mentioned in our August letter, the following organizations are involved in funding relief and/or rebuilding efforts:

Word & Deed Ministries (North America)

Red een Kind (The Netherlands)

If more financial help is needed, this will be communicated. **Yet at this moment, let us not forget to pray for peace in this part of the world**. Pray that Manipur be healed by the King of Peace, our Lord Jesus Christ, that his Word be preached without hindrance, and that his incarnation be celebrated without disturbance in the coming Christmas season.

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