

Global Worker in Ranchi, India



Meet NALC's global worker, Reverend Nijhar Minz-Ekka and family:



Pastor Nijhar Minz-Ekka serves in North Central India with her family. She is married to Pastor Neeraj Ekka, and their four children have joined them in service. The Ekkas have lived in this part of India most of their lives and feel blessed to return to minister there. Together they serve in the North Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, primarily at Navin Doman Theological College.

Pastor Nijhar's assignment is leadership development. She teaches at the college, participates in the visioning and administration for the college, guides area pastors and lay leaders of North Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, and ministers to local youth and women.

At the college, Pastor Nijhar and staff train evangelists and send them out to build relationships with non-Christian neighbors. The college saw its first graduates in 2010. Graduates are assigned ministry responsibilities in multi-point parishes, with some having as many as ten congregations. They have even had opportunities to go into villages previously unreached and have brought Christ to them and baptized them.

The vision and mission of the Navin Doman Theological College is holistic ministry, modeled after the ministry of Jesus. Students study and are given hands-on training as servant leaders in the community. This involves serving at the college's after-school program for village children, where students learn to be mentors and friends, and to show God's love to children who have not heard the name of Jesus. In the future, Pastor Nijhar would like to expand the program to include an adult literacy program and health care for mothers and children.

Pastor Nijhar is also involved in the North Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church's mission agency. With them she encourages and mobilizes young people and lay leaders for mission. The church and college also developed a leadership training program for new believers. The event helped young adults seek God's will in their lives and take up the responsibility of mission around them.

Pastor Nijhar and family feel blessed and enjoy getting cards and letters from partner churches and prayer partners. If you would like to find out how you can partner with Pastor Nijhar and family, please contact either the North American Lutheran Church mission office or World Mission Prayer League.

To find out how you can support our global worker in India, contact:

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