

JOB- WHERE ARE YOU, FATHER?

**Camp in Northeast
India**

Summer 2019



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At the end of an intensive five-day summer camp attended by school dropouts from districts around Miao, Arunachal Pradesh, a successful musical performance of "JOB - Where are you father?" marked the highlight of the programme. During this time, the participants proved their individual, valuable set of talents in numerous group sessions, workshops and daily activities. A unique model was conceptualized and brought to fruition: using a musical as a medium to encourage young school dropouts to express their struggle and find concrete solutions to their advantage. Much like the participants' display of belief in themselves, the biblical figure Job is a role model for living through a difficult fate in tested times. Both the teenagers' and Job's transformations were made possible by their ability to stand up against challenging circumstances and not giving up their belief despite negative past experiences. These parallel storylines were the motivation for the Upper Room team to write a musical based on the book of Job, which the boys and girls rehearsed in concentrated practice sessions in just a few days, before excellently performing it in attendance of Bishop George Pallipparambil of Miao. "Your performance today is a testimony that one does not become a dropout till he or she gives up in life. Your story is an inspiration to the youth in the last villages of your districts," Bishop George spoke after the show.





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With talks such as ‘Finding my Why: choosing the right career’ and Self-Healing: I am more than my circumstances’ we managed to drive home two important aspects, their practical future and deeper understanding of self. These talks were complemented by games and workshops such as ‘sexual awareness and meditation’ and ‘how to plan my study time’ which served as fodder for honest group discussions and a great platform for integrated learning. Each participant was offered a chance for personal counselling. It was moving to see how for many of them this was the first time ever where they felt treated with respect were open to share many a bitter truth that forms a large part of their everyday life. As a team, we were also relieved that we could assimilate and understand the concrete problems faced by them so that we could find relevant working solutions for the same in the next phase. Activities like movie or bonfire helped them to relax at the end of the day and connect to each other and the team. Taking place from Aug. 7th until Aug. 11th, almost 70 local youngsters and around 20 animators aged 13-20 took part in the summer camp, forming a special opportunity for them to turn a new leaf. While many of the participants are facing difficult obstacles in their personal lives and in their study work for school, they have dropped out of school during the last year.



**THERE'S A
ME
THAT'S
MEANT TO
LEAD**

**1. LIKE A TREE IN EVERY LITTLE SEED,
THERE'S A ME THAT'S MEANT TO LEAD
WHEN THE STRONG WIND BLOWS, I'LL BEND
BUT I KNOW I WILL STAND TALL AGAIN!**

**CH: IF YOU WANNA HAVE A VIC-TREE
COME LEARN AGL WITH ME
A'S FOR APPRECIATION - I'M PROUD OF
YOU G'S FOR GRATITUDE - HEY, THANK YOU
AND L - WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT?
L'S FOR LEADERSHIP - I'M HERE FOR
YOU!**

**2. THE DEEPER I WATCH MY ROOTS GO
THE BIGGER I SEE MYSELF GROW
WHEN THE RAINS ARE HEAVY, I'LL SOAK
AND SLOWLY GROW INTO A FINE OAK!**

**3. A TREE THAT SPREADS IT'S BRANCHES
WIDE WILL BEAR FRUITS ON EVERY SIDE
WHEN WE SHAKE THE STEM SWISH, THEY'LL
FALL
AND THERE'S SO MUCH MORE FOR US ALL.**