

## Email received from Fr Sunny 6 Feb 2014

Niki

The situation here is not good at all. The bad news is that those in government and those political parties are all involved. A large number of people keep paying the undergrounds (rebels) fearing safety. Therefore the cost of things are very high. Last week two people were killed in broad day light; they were dry fish sellers on the way to Salmanpara PHC and so goes life around here.

Life is unsafe here and so much for the Bakdil staff. Thankfully they are being spared because either they have information about all that is going on or they are waiting to be penniless.

In Bakdil things are going on well. We plan to start the building in Baghmara on the land belonging to the diocese soon. Government has committed nearly 90,000 thousand pound equivalent Indian rupee. We have to put in around 30,000 pounds.

I may need help but not now. I want to buy a tractor so that people can use it for cultivation. The present cost is around 8,000 pounds. Can I apply for that?

We are starting a programme to monitor health services in the health centres. It will cover 45 villages and will start this month. It is being funded by health care centres.

On next Monday Bakdil will get another ambulance donated by State Bank of India. It will be placed at the Bakdil office to transport emergency patients to Guwahati. We have also placed an order for five ambulances through bank loan for PHC's. They will be made operational by the month end.

In Bakdil Training Centre driving school and training programmes are going on well. We are building up some more class rooms and hostels there. It will be made operational by April . This year we are supporting bursary education of three young people, two girls and one boy on lab technician course in Bangalore.

The Zikzak Federation building is yet to be completed as one more floor on the top is going ahead supported by the district.

On my personal side I have become diabetic and have high BP with minor heart issues . It is a struggle to make the Garos work and that is why I think I become sick.

Reply me regarding the tractor please.

My love to you all, especially to Anne Catchpole and Anne Booth and Helen and Theo and all the others who support our work.

Sunny