

## LONGKUMER



## Katie & Taku

### EAST & SOUTH ASIA

#### LANGUAGE

English

#### MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Economic Development,  
Training and Capacity  
Building

#### BIRTHDAYS

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Taku 3/4

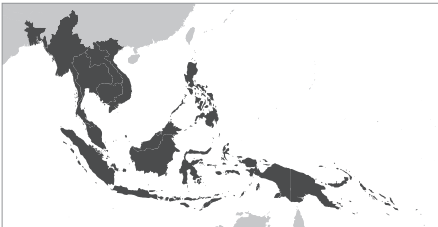


#### LOCATION

East & South Asia



#### ABOUT



KATIE and TAKU serve as regional consultants for economic and community development in southern Asia. They work with non-profit organizations in the U.S. and Asia, providing consultation and training. Katie and Taku work to develop local and international financial resources to provide jobs, promote social enterprise and improve the life quality of grassroots communities in the region.



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## MINISTRY STORY

During the nationwide lockdown in 2020, a massive internal migration took place in India. Previously, both the young and old had moved to large Indian cities from their villages to find employment. With businesses and factories closed, 200 million people—that’s two-thirds the population of the U.S.—returned to their home states, inundating rural areas with unemployed citizens.

Seeing the need to generate employment opportunities, International Ministries (IM) began exploring avenues to equip the church to lead the community in meeting this challenge. Subsequently, the Christian Economic Development (CED) certificate course was initiated in partnership with the North East Christian University in Dimapur, Nagaland. Two six-month programs were conducted consecutively online in 2022, with more than 300 students in attendance from India, Nepal, Myanmar and Sri Lanka.

Through funds raised by IM, fifteen of the participants received a small grant to assist in the startup of projects they developed through the course. Designed to generate employment and meet the needs of their communities, these enterprises include piggeries, fisheries and study dorms for students. Mushroom cultivation and marketing have improved the lives of many villagers while supplying market needs. There is even a major endeavor underway to organize co-ops in several villages to supply tapioca for a new factory that is creating



A woman harvests mushroom cultivation.

bio-degradable ‘plastic’ bags from the tapioca starch! These enterprises are not only meeting practical needs but are providing inroads to share the gospel in unreached communities

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the Christian Social Entrepreneurship Development Leadership Team as we guide, instruct and mentor the CED course participants.

Pray for the churches of India to understand these ministry tools and support entrepreneurs.

Pray that these entrepreneurs will be transformers of lives as they take the gospel to unreached communities in India.

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### SCRIPTURE

*“I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.”*

I Corinthians 9:22b (NIV)