

Romans 12:2  
**TRANSFORMED**  
ANNUAL DISCIPLESHIP CAMP, 2023  
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## EDITORIAL NOTE

Behind Mumbai's beautiful Bandstand Promenade, the Naga Christian Fellowship Mumbai (NCF Mumbai) wrapped up its Annual Discipleship Camp from 20-23 October 2023 under the theme **'Transformed'** at the Retreat House, Bandra. The event unfolded into a powerful source of inspiration, providing a much-needed haven for young souls who were seeking for 'transformation'.

In a city characterized by constant change, the NCF Mumbai camp was a beacon of light, offering a sanctuary to the youth who underwent a profound personal and spiritual transformations during the camp.

The heart of the transformative journey was in the camp's commitment to renewing minds and reshaping perspectives. As Romans 12:2 aptly said, *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."* This biblical verse served as a guiding principle throughout the camp, encouraging young minds to break free from societal norms and to embrace a transformative process that aligns with God's purpose in their lives.

The theme 'Transformed' encapsulated not only the essence of the camp but also the metamorphosis experienced by each participant. The camp provided a platform for self-discovery, personal growth, and spiritual enlightenment. Through a series of insightful sessions by Pastor Jack, group discussions and immersive activities, participants were challenged to question their thought processes, overcome obstacles, and emerge as individuals who are ready to make a positive impact on the world.

Witnessing the metamorphosis of these young lives was truly inspiring. From the first day of uncertainty to the closing day filled with new-found confidence, the NCF camp in Mumbai has left an indelible mark upon the hearts and minds of all those involved. The ripple effect of this transformative experience is sure to extend beyond the camp, impacting communities and society at large.

The NCF Mumbai camp 2023 stands as a testament to the power of God's transformation. It has not only met the needs of the hour but has exceeded expectations, becoming a catalyst for positive change in the lives of the youth who participated. As we reflect on the camp's successes, let us carry forward the spirit of 'Transformation' and embrace the journey towards a renewed and purposeful life.



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# A message from Camp Directors

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We are grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as the Camp Directors for the NCF Mumbai **Annual Discipleship Camp 2023** from **21- 24 October** at **Retreat House, Bandra**. The process of organizing and overseeing the camp activities became a heartfelt journey, made all the more special by collaborating with inspiring speakers whose wisdom resonated deeply with the campers.

In the midst of these enriching interactions, a beautiful atmosphere of childlike wonder emerged amongst the young and old campers. The genuine thirst for the teachings of the Lord was experienced and all this created an environment where curiosity thrived. It was a joy to witness minds opening up to spiritual enlightenment, listening to the testimonies shared and all the connections forged during this time were truly heartening.

Being part of this transformative journey has been a privilege, and we really appreciate the trust placed in us to serve and create an atmosphere where hearts were uplifted.

As we reflect on those transformative days, we are reminded of the power of community, curiosity, and shared spiritual journeys. This opportunity has been a blessing, and we carry the lessons learned and the connections made during those memorable days. Thank you to the Church, the Pastoral Team, organizing committee, the Campers and everyone involved for making this experience not only possible but profoundly meaningful and for giving us the opportunity to contribute to something so special.



*Akali Chopy (Director) &  
Redi Lemtur (Asst. Director)*

## Camp Speaker's Note

**Pastor Jack Pucho**



I had the privilege of being with the NCF Mumbai Annual Discipleship Camp 2023. It was indeed a memorable one.

It was such a joy to see hungry souls, throughout each sessions the atmosphere was literally saturated with hope & dreams replenished.

I have been to many camps and each camp is different and unique in their own ways. This too is remarkable and special, embedded with handiworks of our Lord and Saviour, a miracle here and a provision there along with answers that comes from His Word. What a amazing God we serve!

I had a wonderful stay though it was hot & humid out there but I rather be in the right place, with the right people, doing the right thing.

And lastly; *“He who has begun a good work will surely continue it until the day of Jesus Christ”*

(Philippians 1:6)

## Worship Leader's Reflection

At the outset, I bring Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Taking this privilege, I want to express my deepest gratitude to NCF Mumbai for the rare opportunity given to me to be a part of the Annual Discipleship Camp 2023. I know it takes a lot of trust and faith to invite somebody for a spiritual awakening event as such and I feel myself so privileged and honored to have been part of the camp.

Over the years and in the course of my ministry, I have been to many camps and spiritual meetings where I have gone and ministered but this year's Annual Discipleship Camp organized by NCF Mumbai was quite unique and different as far as my personal experience is concerned. I was rather ministered and taught in so many ways. I must confidently admit this; I took so much more back home than me giving to NCF family.

The hunger and thirst for the word of God out there was so heartening and encouraging. The Child like attitude of all the campers (young and old) during worship was another great taking of the camp for me. Having attended the four days camp, these were the few reflections I could draw personally:

**H. Longba Phom**



- That people out there are serious about their walk with God and not merely a nominal Christian.
- That there is a cost of following Jesus and that people are willing to pay any price.
- That it is time we realize how blessed we Nagas are as a Christian community where we have easy access to worship and sermons almost every time and anytime we want which is not the case out there.

I was personally so blessed by the testimony that few campers shared where they said; **“These four days camp is worth more than gold or silver”**. It was an eye opener for me.

Lastly, may I encourage and request the Pastoral Team and Core Team to kindly organize camps like this every year as far as possible so as to rejuvenate and renew the faith of all believers there at NCF. The whole experience is definitely worth spending lakhs of rupees and absolutely life changing.

I look forward to work together again in the future. God bless NCF Mumbai.

# TESTIMONIES OF THE CAMPERS

My NCF camp 2023 experience under the theme “transformed” was mind-blowing. It changed my whole perspective of living, it made me realize that I was on the wrong track. Thinking materially and chasing materialistic things was a way of living my life, but I truly realise now that we should first surrender ourselves to GOD and seek Him and His kingdom first, and He will open the right doors for us at the right time. We may be praying in our bedroom but the answer to our prayers may be in stepping out there in faith. I encourage everyone to be a part of such spiritual events and be a true Christian and to believe in Christ alone.

Putto Yephthomi



Linilo Achumi



I am elated to write a short message on my camp (NCF Transformed Annual Discipleship Camp 2023) experience!

I never felt so happy and peaceful the way I felt during camp and I truly had a wonderful time worshipping God with all my heart and soul. Also, after I went through a lot in my life, I often felt lonely and I was never truly happy despite being around cheerful people. Then word of the Lord came to me telling me never to feel lonely because He is always with me and that was the best thing I ever heard. I experienced true peace and happiness. Without any doubt, I can say that it was a blessing being a part of the camp!

Nilda Ali



I recently had the opportunity to attend the NCF camp, where activities in the camp were aimed to promote a deeper connection with God and with each other. The meditation sessions were especially powerful, as they offered a moment of tranquillity and allowed us to fully immerse ourselves in the present moment with God.

One of the highlights of my visit was interacting with the speaker present at the camp. These speakers were highly knowledgeable and passionate, and they shared their wisdom with great enthusiasm. They patiently answered our questions and provided spiritual guidance. In addition to the activities, the camp also gave us ample of time for reflection and personal exploration. Overall, my visit to the camp was a transformative experience.

# TESTIMONIES OF THE CAMPERS

*Veshine Bliss*



This camp has brought me huge blessings. It changed my life far better than I actually expected. Many came to clear doubts, to heal sickness, to build faith, to find solutions, to find purpose, to find peace, all with different reasons and I'm one of them. I contemplated and discovered so much in the camp.

The camp helped me build my courage to talk about God to any person without feeling awkward. It made me realize that I'm special and my prayers has power. It helped me believe that through faith anything is possible. It makes me want to be a better person for God each day. The most interesting part was that we all got to meet a lot of good people who had the same interests as you, who loves God.

*Sorcimi Chiphang*

The recent youth camp was indeed a great blessing to me. It was such a privilege for me to spend three days with fellow believers. The messages that preached about the LORD's own rebuke reminded me to be very cautious against temptations of sins that comes through simple activities and mundane events of life. Everyone in the camp was friendly, and I felt comfortable talking to the youths from different churches. I thank God for enabling me to be part of this youth camp. I pray that I would be an overcomer and that my faith in Him will increase so that I will be a vessel fit for the Master's use.



I hope and pray that we can have this sort of camp again.

*Likhum E. Anar*

The camp was a wonderful experience. I came with my mom with a lot of expectations. All my expectations were fulfilled, I got closer to God, started to read his Word, and worshiped Him at home.

I also met a lot of wonderful brothers and sisters of Christ, and I went out of the camp with a transformed mind and heart. I thank the NCF family and church for organizing this camp and accepting my mother and I into the NCF family.



# Photo Gallery



**Camp Speaker**  
Pastor Jack Pucho  
Ware House Church, Dimapur



**Camp Worship Leader**  
H. Longba Phom  
Dimapur



**Camp Directors**  
Miss Akali Chopy & Redi Lemtur



**Campers of the 'TRANSFORMED' Camp 2023**



**Present Core Leaders of NCFM**



Pastoral Team Members



Camp Counselors



Team Paul



Team Mary Magdalene



Team Moses



Team Hannah



Team Jonah



Team Esther



Transformed Camp Worship Team



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

# Thankyou

In the aftermath of the resounding success of the NCF Mumbai's Annual Camp 2023, it is with a sense of profound appreciation that we extend our gratitude to those whose dedication and collaboration brought this transformative event to life. Each individual and groups involved in the camp played a vital role, by contributing their unique talents and unwavering commitment, thereby creating an unforgettable experience for our church community.

Sincere acknowledgment goes to the **Core Leaders, Pastoral Team, NCF Families, Working Youths, and Students** – the pillars of our church. Without their boundless love and support, the dream of hosting an Annual Camp would have remained an elusive aspiration.

The Camp Directors, **Miss Akali Chopy and Redinokdang Lemtur** merit special recognition for their exceptional leadership in shouldering various weighty responsibilities. They ensured that every aspect of the camp seamlessly fell into place.

A heartfelt appreciation extends to our Camp Speaker, **Pastor Jack Pucho** of Warehouse Church Dimapur, for imparting God's wisdom and sharing his valuable knowledge. Your contributions have undoubtedly brought us closer to God.

We also acknowledge **Mr. Longba Phom** and the **Worship Team members** for their dedication in leading Praise and Worship, adding a spiritual dimension that enriched the entire camp experiences.

Special mention goes to **Mr. Bapao** for wholeheartedly contributing to the design of camp-related printings and materials, enhancing the overall aesthetics of our gathering.

Our gratitude extends to all **Group Leaders and Campers** whose valuable suggestions, creative ideas, active participations and their leadership made the camp a beautiful and memorable experience.

Our heartfelt thanks to **Camp Counsellors** for taking up counselling sessions for the campers during the camp.

To the **families, individuals, and well-wishers** who generously supported the camp and covered us in fervent prayers, we express deep appreciation for your selflessness and commitment to our community.

NCF Mumbai is profoundly thankful to **Kohima Phom Baptist Church** for their overwhelming generosity, which played a significant role in the success of the camp.

We extend sincere thanks to Director **Fr. Lancelot Prabhu SJ, uncle Demian and the entire staff** of Bandra Retreat House, Mumbai, for graciously hosting our Annual Camp at your esteemed Centre.

While it may be challenging to individually mention everyone, we believe that God recognizes each contribution and the collective effort of all involved.

In the grand tapestry of this success, we attribute all praise to the One – God, the ultimate source of everything. May His choicest blessings continue to shower upon all those who played a part in the triumph of NCF Mumbai's Annual Camp.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February

11 (Sunday) — Ladies' Sunday  
24 (Saturday) — Church Games & Sports Day

### March

3 (Sunday) — Men's Sunday  
10 (Sunday) — NCF Mumbai Mission Sunday  
24 (Sunday) — Palm Sunday  
29 (Friday) — Good Friday  
31 (Sunday) — Easter Sunday

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