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- **India Campus News**

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Staying in Touch

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Dear Friends and Partners:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Cor. 1:3-4. He really is the **God**

of all comfort and He sustains us even in times of illness and loss. In addition, He gives us peace amid this pandemic storm and never forget that He has promised never to leave or forsake us. We are never out of His sight and care!



Since my last email to you all, things sure have changed in the world! We celebrated Easter at home looking at our church's program with a skeleton crew. I now meet people at Target with masks! And both our vehicles get 4 months to a tank of gas.

Now if you can imagine how difficult your life has changed here in America, multiply that by 100 and imagine how this would be affecting the poor in India. That is the challenge that GHIIndia is facing daily as they are trying to minister to those around them. When they were forced to leave their jobs, their salaries stopped immediately. They have no government plans to fall back on to replace salaries or receive unemployment. Despite this, the salaries of approximately 130 GHIIndia workers and family members has not stopped because of you! So, along with them Dottie and I are extremely grateful you continue to care about missions! Now, read Sam's report....

Dear GHI Friends,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Triune God! I hope and trust that you are finding strength in the Lord amid uncertainty.

These are troubling times for sure. At home, we are troubled by the constant telecast of the effects of the Covid-19 all over the world through our television and social media. Our hearts break over the tragic loss of life, the loss of livelihood of many and our inability to do anything about it. Once we step out of the house, we are constantly on our guard against any potential means of contracting this virus. We begin to think that every person might be infected by Covid-19 and every object could have been touched by an infected person. We live in constant fear and uncertainty.

"The deepest level of worship is praising God in spite of pain, thanking God during a trial, trusting Him when tempted, surrendering while suffering, and loving Him when He seems distant."
~ Rick Warren

All these can easily unsettle and discourage us into thinking that something very strange is happening to us. However, the Scriptures reminds us that even God's covenant people had to endure many difficulties. The Israelites were "quarantined" in Egypt for 400 years and during their last years, they were under severe oppression by the Pharaoh. Then after their deliverance, they were in the wilderness for 40 years. Later, Judah and Israel were in exile for 70 years. In the New Testament, just like our Lord Jesus, the church and the believers were not immune to the trouble in the world. Christians were hunted down and persecuted in the Roman Empire for more than 250 years before Constantine became a Christian. Let us never forget that amid uncertainty, our Lord God is sovereign.

On the positive side, here is a brief update for this past month. God has used this lockdown in amazing ways.



Family time with the campus staff....

This lockdown has not locked us from ministering. As I mentioned in last month's prayer letter, most of our campus staff brought their families and stayed with us in the campus. This offered us a great opportunity to love on them and spend quality time with them. We had a lot of fun playing games, cooking together, praying, listening to God's word as well as working together.

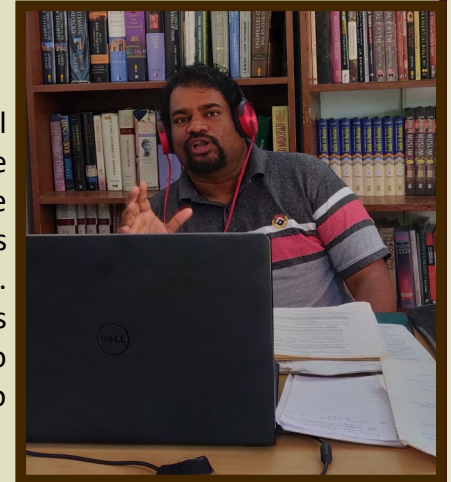
We were also able to minister to the families who stayed on the campus. One couple (driver and janitor) who were previously separated due to unfaithfulness were still having a lot of marital problems. Every few days something would flare up and I thought that their marriage had reached a point of no return. But God! As we intervened, asked the tough questions,



confronted, counselled, wiped their tears and then encouraged them to forgive each other and prayed over them, healing flowed. There were a lot of trust issues, sins of the past still lingering on, lack of mutual respect and pent up anger. God broke through and their marriage is stronger, and their children are much happier. This lockdown has really helped them as a family.

Online classes for HTC students...

As per the government order, we had to close Harvesters Theological College during this lockdown. We were wondering as how to complete the remaining portions as some of the students did not have smartphones or computers with internet access. After looking at various options, we are now able to teach our students through conference call. Unlike the boys, the girls were diligent to take their books and notes with them when they went home! We have been using WhatsApp to send out handouts, audio and video clips. This is a motivation for us to learn and use modern technology.



During our recent conference call with our faculty, we were all encouraged to hear about the enthusiasm of our students in interacting and submitting their assignments. I must say that God has indeed blessed HTC with a Godly faculty. I am so blessed to work with a great team of committed ministers who love God, His Word and the students.

Since we do not subscribe to the “health and wealth Gospel”, our students have not panicked because of Covid-19. Please pray that the students would enjoy God and find complete satisfaction in Him.

Church in Action...

By the grace of God, during this lockdown our churches are opened, even though the doors are shut. I have encouraged our Pastors to identify families with needs to help them in their time of crisis. Prior to my request, Pastor Rajini and his wife Sasi were already making plans to draw from their small savings to buy groceries and vegetables for deserving families. Such a generous sacrificial couple!

Our pastors have identified many families that are struggling for food. They are migrant workers who are not able to go to their native place to avail government benefits. Many daily laborers, especially the widows are the most affected ones. Many families have been displaced from their original home because the government has



bought their lands for constructing national roadways.

By the grace of God, we have been distributing groceries and vegetables to many families. We were moved to see the tears of their grateful eyes after receiving the help. Apart from helping locally, we have extended help to migrant workers in Delhi as well as Christian Mission Hospitals for protective gear for the Hospital Staff.

This morning a government official approached us to help some families who needed food. By the grace of God, we were able to send them some money. Please pray that we will be the hands and feet of the Lord in serving the poor and the needy.



Family

Fayma is doing well by the grace of God. She was busy teaching the college students and motivating our girls to complete their homework on time. They just completed their schoolwork couple of days back and now are enjoying their break. Aradhana will be going to her 9th grade and Amelia her 6th grade. We are surprised as how fast Aradhana and Amelia are growing up.

They are playing with the ducks, baby chicks and are playing a host of indoor and outdoor games. Yesterday, they saw "Frozen 2" for the first time on a giant screen in the campus. By the grace of God, I am spending a lot of time with them, even having my evening walks with them. They are an absolute delight! Once again, a big thanks to all those who are standing with us in this difficult time. Yours in Him,

Sam and Fayma

As we close out the prayer letter, Dottie and I want to say although our name is connected to this ministry called GHI, we hold the reins very loosely.

We stand confidently that for the last 42 years God has led us through 30+ countries spreading the good news and working with like-minded nationals that want Jesus known in their world. In addition to living abroad in England and Germany, I have now been on the ground for 3-1/2 years in South Asia (India, Korea, Japan and Australia); over two years in African countries (mainly Ghana) and a year in Eastern Europe (Hungary and Romania).

Along the way, we have managed to plant over 450 worship centers, an orphanage and a Bible College; and have seen thousands saved! God did it all and He also encouraged many of you, at various times to give into our vision. Our finances last month on paper were a shock, but I am trusting our Lord to provide as we move forward! Please pray!

Mack and Dottie

God is too wise a God to ever initiate anything that would be hindered by the lack of finances!

Hudson Taylor, Founder of China Inland Missions