GOSPEL HARVESTERS

I N T E R N A T I O N A L

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Dear GHI Partners and Friends:

Greetings in Jesus Name!

I’m writing to express our gratitude for your ongoing prayers and contributions that continue to help us shape and maintain all our various types of ministries.

**This prayer letter will be brief** as Dottie and I have only yesterday moved back into our house with several small construction projects yet to be completed. Our status could be described as ‘controlled chaos’!

**Last night was our first night in our own bed after 70 nights in a hotel after the flooding of our house around February 15.**

As I sit here with my laptop, I am surrounded with boxes begging to be put in their rightful places, but we cannot because our new baseboards have not been painted. And then there is the electrician who rescheduled us and on and on! Sorry for moaning away!

**Twelve thousand miles away,** Sam is finishing exam week with the students, so we will be brief and beg for your kind understanding.

Obviously, the years 2020-21 have and continue to be stressful and tense in India since they have been in a virtual “lockdown mode,” and it is reported that 300,000 are coming down with the virus daily; yet some remarkable things are still happening!

Our three ministries – the orphanage, the college and the outreach work are still in place but not at full capacity.

***The Father’s Home*** children are very stable and continue to surprise us with their never-ending achievements, in spite of zooming all their classes. They do, however, miss the interaction with their friends at school.

***The Harvesters Theological College and Seminary (HTCS)*** staff and the 11 students at the college are finishing their exams this week. Six will be graduating and returning to their own places equipped to stand on solid ground and reach their own people for Christ! Last week one of graduating girls broke down while conveying her agony over the death of many and for the eternal state of those who had died.

Sadly, our monthly extension students have fallen away due to the COVID19 restrictions, but we pray they will return when the virus abates.

BUT AS YOU KNOW, THAT DOESN’T LOOK GOOD AT THIS MOMENT! Hospitals are very weak and depleted of supplies and meds, totally full, and people are in their cars taking oxygen laying in their back seats. In the major cities, so many have died, that they are burning bodies in mass! Fortunately, our campus is in a rural setting, but we are still exposed.

***The GHIndia Outreach ministry*** continues to move at an awfully slow pace now with the lockdown. Our pastors and evangelists, try to maintain connection and encourage the 184 house churches, through mobile phones. So, we praise God for this medium.

However, their recent **Easter Celebration Service** went very well with over 270 in attendance (they only expected around 160) and at the end of the service, during the altar call, many trusted Christ. One man from an unreached people group said, *All the gods that we have worshipped so far are idols made of stone and wood and are false gods. Only your God, the one who rose from the dead is the one true God’*.

**As I have shared in the past, the foundation for all this was laid 43 years ago and because of YOUR faithfulness to pray and give sacrificially, we keep building upon it every year, little by little!**

As a result of a growing ministry, we experience continued challenges along with wonderful opportunities. Maintenance and expansion of our campus facilities to keep a high standard is always ongoing and evolving!

1. This year we have drilled another well to assure drinking and bathing water.
2. Last week, the foundation work began for the 150-yard wall and fencing on the mountain side of the campus to keep out wild animals (boar and dogs) and snakes (vipers and cobras).

So, we prayed, and God answered through your prayers and gifts! We are so blessed to have been given friends like you.

Therefore, because of your faithfulness, we can ‘press on running the race set before us’. And thank you for your personal example of faith and witness through the years. Pray for us, please!

Dottie joins me in sending our love - please remember it’s all about HIM!

Prayerfully….Mack

*We should be astonished at the goodness of God, stunned that He should bother to call us by name, our mouths wide open at His love, bewildered that at this very moment we are standing on holy ground.* *Brennan Manning*

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