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Staying in Touch

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Dear Friends:

Greetings in the name of our Lord! Once again as we begin a New Year, Dottie and I and the team of 43 GHIndia staff of *pastors, evangelists and church planters*, the 34 children in *The Father's Home Orphanage* and the 51 students in *Harvesters Theological College and Seminary* wish to thank you for your generous help in 2019.



- PLEASE READ THIS PORTION CAREFULLY -

It's now February 1st and many of you will be receiving 2019 donor receipts. Collectively about 140 people across the world have taken ownership of GHI with Dottie and me, so thank you. Never have so few done so much to impact one of the darkest places in the world with the Gospel!

We are faced with requests from some of donors to email our prayer letter to them. We are tempted to do this as we can support another missionary in India for the amount we spend on our monthly mailing.

**So, would you email us at mkgghi78@gmail.com with your email address?
If you do not have an email address, we will send it to you by regular mail, but let us know!**

Since we have some recent donors to come on board, Dottie and I have just completed 42 years in the Gospel ministry! We went into the ministry in 1978 and moved to Texas in 1979, where we served on staff with Evangelist Manley Beasley until May 1984. This was a great opportunity and a very formative time for us both.

From 1984-87, we served together as missionary evangelists to England and Germany. *In addition, I have spent* another 6 years collectively doing revival and evangelism meetings in the USA; leading evangelism and training church planting teams to work with indigenous nationals throughout the world. I've been in India (59 times), Australia (3), Ghana (20), Kenya (3), Malawi, Mozambique, Haiti (2), El Salvador, Nicaragua, Brazil (2), Bolivia (3), Korea (3), Japan, Hungary (8), Romania (12), Moldova and Ukraine. Whilst doing this, I was training them to reach their own people. **To date, we have now planted over 450 new churches across the world.**

30 years ago, in 1990, we began working in India; **in 1994**, work began in Ghana. Over the next 30 years, we spoke in over 3,500 schools, colleges and universities, not to mention, showing *The Jesus Film* another 1,500+ times in India and many African nations.

In 2002, the work of the GHIndia National Team began as our “Mother Church” was planted. *In 2003*, we started what is now *HTCS* because we had so many churches that needed pastors; and *in 2005, TFH* orphanage came into existence because of the Christmas tsunami of 2004. ***Eighteen years later, we’ve now planted 172 worship centers*** in villages (in a 30-mile radius from our campus) amidst violence and persecution from the Indian government. India hasn’t allowed foreign missionaries in the country since 1978. Therefore, it’s imperative that we keep our 43 National Missionaries in the field reaching their own people with the Gospel. This number increases annually as they graduate from our College and Seminary. The average age of our missionaries is from 35-40.

Back in the USA, the generation that kept us “going into all the world”, in the main, were my and Dottie’s generation and far too many have passed on into eternity, leaving our donor base in a gradual decline. We’re praying that the next two generations can step into the gap and keep the work alive, as Aaron and Hur stepped in to hold Moses’ arms in the battle! **Now let’s hear from our Director in India, Aaron John Samuel (Sam).**

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord God! The world is so uncertain with the impeachment trial of President Donald J. Trump, death of Kobe Bryant and the scare of Coronavirus in China and elsewhere. This past few months, we also faced challenges and heartbreaks. We had to take disciplinary action against few Bible College students. We had to relieve few of our Pastors. We were disappointed with the academic progress of some children in the orphanage.

However, as Christians we should not be surprised as the Scripture has already warned us about the coming trials and suffering. Instead, we ought to press on as his grace is sufficient and strength is made perfect in our weaknesses.

Evangelism and Church Planting



Our evangelist missionaries are actively engaged in personal evangelistic outreach every day. I just had a meeting with the pastoral team this afternoon and was very encouraged to hear their reports. They are moving into new areas and are experiencing “open doors”.

It is not just the Pastors who go out for evangelism, but also their wives. Just like “Joshua and his family” and “Aquila and Priscilla”, they are serving the Lord together as a family.

One of our Pastor's named Tholkappiyam was serving as a Hindu priest in his village many years back. The Lord saved him through GHI ministry, called him and equipped him. He has been a part of our Pastoral team for several years. By the grace of God, couple of weeks back, he started a house church in his own village. This is indeed wonderful! We praise God for this transformation.

We would appreciate your prayers for Pastor John who met with an accident recently and dislocated his right knee. We just visited him at his house. He was listening to audio Bible and is in good spirits.

Harvesters Theological College & Seminary

Even though we had heartbreaks with few of our students, nevertheless, we had two repent. We forgave, accepted and admitted them back to the college just like our heavenly Father's loving, forgiving and restoring heart.

Yesterday, we celebrated the birthday of Ajit, one of our final year students. His Dad is a Hindu and Mom a Muslim. He shared his testimony as to how God had led him, how the college and this community had shaped him. He also thanked God for authentic love shown in the campus.

At the end of his testimony, he exhorted the children and the students to "Taste the Lord" and requested us to pray for his unsaved family members. He brought joy to the campus as he distributed cakes. God has gifted him with good leadership qualities, plenty of talents and preaching skills. Please pray that these gifts bear much fruit.

Father's Home Orphanage

The children are doing well by his grace. The children are enjoying their new Physical Education Teacher. Last week, we screened 'Lion King' movie.

We are thankful to God for the tutors who faithfully teach the children. Last week, "Santhakumar" participated in a public speech competition in school. Our tutors and caretakers trained him and by God's grace, he won the first prize.



Please pray for the boys and girls as they live with trauma of the past. Pray that God will encourage and strengthen them.

Please continue to pray for “Shalini” and “Sneha”. They were unable to go off to college this past year, but they are hoping to join this coming year. Please pray that God would provide for their education.

My Ph.D Studies

God gave me an opportunity to present a paper titled “Superiority and Exploitation” at a secular University in Tirupathi. I pointed to the Superiority complex of “Race, Caste, Gender, Religion and Class” that results in Exploitation.

I concluded my paper by giving the model of the Lord Jesus Christ, who according to “**Race**” was divine, but became a human; who according to “**Caste**” was a pure Jew, but associated with the Samaritan, who according to the “**Gender**”, a Male, but was not chauvinistic and gave importance to women, who according to “**Class**” a Master, but became a servant, who according to “**Religion**”, was God in flesh, but did not exploit it.

Last weekend, I had the opportunity to give a small presentation on the “Corruption of the meaning of title, ‘The Christ’ in the Quran”, and the importance of being equipped to reach the Muslims for Christ. The presentation was held at SAIACS (Southern Asian Institute of Advanced Christian Studies.)



Finally, please continue to pray for my wife Fayma as she is taking care of her aunt who met with a minor accident in the kitchen. Please continue to pray for our daughters Aradhana and Amelia overall development.

With lots of love,
Yours in Him,

Sam and Fay

As we close this month’s prayer letter, please know as always how much a part of GHI each of you are. It is God’s work through His people as you give, go and pray. We are eternally grateful for each of you. We ask God’s riches blessings on you and on His church as we begin this New Year knowing without a doubt that

“He is our refuge and strength.” We covet your prayers for the days ahead. Dottie joins me in sending her love.

Mack