



# Staying in Touch

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Dear GHI Family and Friends:

Greetings in the Name above every Name, Jesus!

Job asked in 22:11,

...why is it so dark that you cannot see, and why a **flood of water** covers you?



Well, along with hundreds of thousands of Texans who lost power, we had 4 pipes to break and had 1½" of water to flood the whole 1,200' downstairs of our house, it has caused us to say, like the Apostle Paul, for our **light and momentary troubles** are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. (2 Cor. 4:17)

We are now in our 12<sup>th</sup> day of living in a hotel and traveling back and forth to our house, two miles away to wash clothes and orchestrate the remediation and restoration of our house. (The people who are doing this work, also worked getting the Fort Worth Convention Center restored after it was flooded due to pipes breaking!) When that is finished, we can begin to order new paint, sheetrock, flooring, carpeting and kitchen cabinets and appliances and finally repairing furniture damaged from the standing water that covered the down stairs.



We conservatively estimate 6-8 more weeks of living like Bedouins, until our house becomes our home again! **And, yes, we would value your prayers for our sanity and strength to endure this madness!** Our lives were very full before this came our way!

**AND NOW, 12,000 miles away in India:**



**Harvesters Theological College & Seminary** – Sam and our five other Prof's are busy with current students returning to campus and getting back to normal. New students will be arriving for the June 1 term.

**Pray for God to be honored through our Professor's teaching into the lives of these remarkable young people!**

**The Father's Home Orphanage** – Our boys and girls were anxious to get back to school but faced a problem with being tired after sitting around zooming all day. Everyone has their challenges.

**Here's a word from Sam regarding a recent event** - Every Christmas, the children who have gone through The Father's Home would come back and celebrate Christmas with us. It was during this time that 6 boys shared their difficulties. V\_\_ shared their families would serve them food only for two days and then become indifferent. They would call only on their salary day and did not care how they were doing. In fact, they were not even bothered about their future. Some of them had fallen in bad company, learned bad habits and lived a life apart from the Lord.

They requested if they could come under our care once again for fatherly guidance. They asked that I rent a house for them (they could pay the rent though) and be there for them. I was so moved and said yes. This is our calling, young men asking to be loved and mentored. I encouraged our local GHI staff to help and they stepped up.

By the grace of God, we rented a house, provided groceries & vegetables for a month, donated household cooking vessels and beddings. It was God's family in action! By the grace of God, all the boys have got a job now, they are all working hard, cooking their own food, reading the bible & praying together, attending the church and growing in the Lord. Though these guys have grown big, they are still our little children.

**So, pray for them to stabilize with their schooling and with one another as we receive new ones to our campus!**

### Our Pastors and Evangelists (Missionaries)

When the government began to relax so we had the ability of a semi-normal life where we could do ministry, we found that many of our 184 villages had faced strong opposition from the ruling BJP party and we are now faced with the problem of taking back old ground from the enemy.

**Please pray for the safety of our men and women who are in the battle!**

Sam said, in spite of this, God has been graciously drawing people to himself. We were able to baptize two believers in the first few hours on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2021. V\_\_, the first man to be baptized, belongs to one of the unreached people groups. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of January, we were able to baptize two of our children in the Father's Home Orphanage. S\_\_ was a child bride whom we rescued a couple of years back. She trusted Christ and requested me to baptize her. It was a real joy. Likewise, S\_\_, having trusted Christ, requested me to baptize him. He also belongs to an unreached people group and was the first male in his village to be baptized. On 31st January, another older man, who also belongs to the unreached people group came forward to be baptized. He had



trusted Christ and has been attending church regularly for the past 18 months. All these men and women were very bold in their faith and commitment to our Lord God. God is still pursuing the lost and drawing people to himself.

**Please pray for these men and women to continue to stay strong in their faith and grow to be Christ like.**

**This week, we will be completing our drilling of a new well, installing a new pump and running lines to the water tower atop our 3-story college. So, many thanks to those of you who gave unselfishly to make this happen!**

I really thank you all for giving generously to the needs of the campus. This is your family and your campus. We have an urgent need. We really need to build a small brick wall on the side of the campus facing the mountain. In the past several months, many snakes are entering the campus. In the last two weeks alone we have killed four deadly snakes. Two cobras and two vipers. One of the cobras entered the dining hall and the other was about to enter the boy's dorm. I really fear for the safety of the children in the orphanage, college students, campus staff and the family. The wall would be 3' high and would run almost 200 yards and would cost around \$10,000.



**Please pray for God's Provision!**

### Greetings from the Family

We are all doing well by His grace. Fayma is doing much better. A great mom who also takes time to counsel the children and students, take devotions in the chapel, lead worship in the church, cook for the community and take care of me. Aradhana has become a very responsible girl, very organized and growing in the Lord. Amelia continues to give us a lot of joy and is doing well in school. She made coconut cookies for the campus today. Abraham Paul, who is now 4 months, continues to be an answer to prayer - bringing lots of joy into our lives in spite of giving us sleepless nights.

Once again, a big thanks to all who are praying, supporting and standing with us. I am sensing God's gracious hand in His work here and thank you for being a part of it.



Dottie and I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in our prayers!

Every blessing to each of you.

*Mack and Dottie*

### P.S. From Dottie...

I recently read a thought that has set me thinking....I am paraphrasing it below.

**God uses individuals as a pair of lungs to pump "life" into the work of ministry to give "life" to others...**

