



# Staying in Touch

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Dear GHI Friends:

Dear Friends,  
(From Sam) - Greetings in the Name of our Lord! Despite the Covid19 Pandemic that is very much alive here, we have endeavored to redeem the time on our India campus. We are maintaining contact with all our theological students through ZOOM but are limited from traveling around to our 182 worship centers by the government. Masks, social distancing and washing hands are the order of the day! One of our Prof's, Rev. John Santharaj, his sister, and children all contracted the virus but only John was in hospital in Chennai for 10 days; but whilst there, his father died! Please keep the family in your prayers.



In addition, we are into our 5th month with the various construction projects in the campus during the lock down period. In addition to the few contractors that will come, all our pastors and evangelists, myself included are assisting in the work.

## New Septic Tank & Plumbing Works

Early this year, we noticed a few cracks along the foundation of our major, 4-story campus building. The ground floor, Ebenezer Hall, houses the Orphan girls' dining, restrooms, and dorms. Floors 2-3 are many classrooms, staff offices, and the library. On the roof is an overhead water tank that feeds this building as well as our own 3-bedroom house. Our Mason pointed out that our septic tank (in proximity) was breaking up after 17 years and leaking into it. So, a new septic tank was required but away from the building. Our estimate for this project was \$1,850.



## Two Water Canals

Our campus is situated in the foot of a beautiful hill. During rainy season, water from the hill runs down through our campus. Nine years ago, we built the first 400' water canal from our old septic tank running across the property to the end of our compound wall along the state highway. One of the primary reasons for this



construction was to keep the water from flooring our campus and destroying the rice crops. In addition this became a parkway to send the sewage from the septic tank outside the campus.

Now that we have moved the septic tank a bit further up, we had to increase the length of the water canal. In addition to it, we decided to build a small check dam to control the flow of sand from the mountain. When it rains heavily, the water brings the sand into the water canal. The accumulation of the sand causes water logging, resulting in the growth of weeds, thus serving as a perfect breeding place for mosquitos and snakes. Every time we clean, we have found plenty of snakes both poisonous and non-poisonous. The length of the water canal is 125' on each side. The cost of this project is \$3650.



A few months back, the government officers informed us there was another natural water canal that was running from the mountain across our property in between the Father's Home Orphanage Boys dorm and the Harvesters Theological College boy's dorm. We really need to build this water canal in order to get building license for the newly constructed Elim Boys Dorm. Our estimate for this project is \$2297.

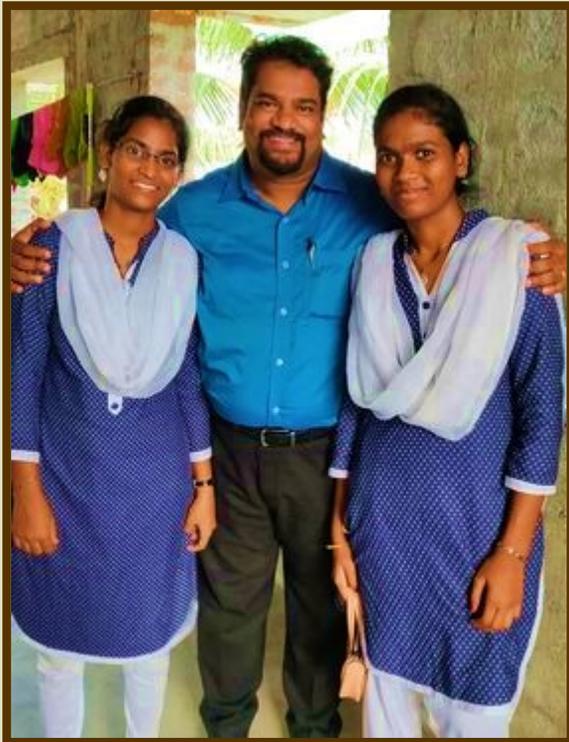
### Walls along the road to prevent soil erosion



We have been having heavy rains resulting in soil erosion on the dirt road (mud road). Through the generous contribution of one of my classmate from school, we were able to erect a stone wall on the left side of the road from the college to the boy's dorm. However, we need to erect a stone wall on the right side of the road. Our estimate for this project is \$1500.

### An Additional bore well

By the grace of God, we already have a bore well that we use for feeding the cattle, agriculture, and construction work. This bore well runs on free electricity given by the government for farmers only for agriculture. However, since we were also using this water for drinking, cooking, and washing, the government has ordered us to bore a separate well for our personal use. The cost of this project is about \$3,000 including the pump, plumbing, and wiring.



### Orphans now pursuing careers as Nurses and Computer Gurus

A great need has come up on campus. These young women who were orphaned, came to us at age four, and have now graduated High School and are trusting the Lord for support for their college studies.

**Sneha is on my left and Shalini is on my right. Shalini** came with her two sisters, Priya and Priyadarshini who now serve on our GHIndia staff. **Sneha** came with her sister Kokila and a brother Arjun. We helped Kokila get her Nursing Certificate and she now has a good job. Arjun is still in school.

**Sneha** is doing her BSc in Computer Science at a government college and her annual fees are covered but she is struggling to meet her monthly needs of her food, bus fares and books. She needs \$600 or \$50 per month for those things. In addition, she needs a laptop (\$500)

After being accepted in a good Nursing College in Chennai, **Shalini** has received a \$1,200 gift toward her annual expenses from some Australian friends, but she still needs an additional \$600 or \$50 per month for personal needs - food, bus fares and books.

Would you be the one who could make a difference in their lives? Either would be so worthy.

### A Final Note...

Many of you have contributed to make this campus a home for the orphans and Bible college students. This campus continues to serve as a refuge for many. Each project that you have invested in has been a blessing to so many.

The government continues to knock on our door to care for children who need love, care, and protection. Even this afternoon, I received a call from the District Social Welfare Board asking us to care for a 13-year-old girl and her younger siblings as she was sexually abused by her own father. They asked me if I was willing to take them. I replied "Ma'am, we are here for this very purpose, we will surely take them in." I was so troubled to hear about the pain that this child went through and when I shared this to Fayma, she began to cry.

Would you please come alongside us to make this campus a better home for these precious ones?  
With love, prayerfully – *Sam*

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### Please Pray for:

Our staff and families of 120+ to remain Covid19 free – For fear to be abated where people can return to church - Funding for the remaining construction projects – Fayma as she is in her last 6-7 weeks of pregnancy – God to bring some sense to the world wide, virus hysteria that is affecting the USA and other parts of the world – A time of personal renewal and strength as Dottie and I take some time away – Many of our family and friends who need to be saved – New Friends and Partners to stand with us to keep Missionary work alive in India!

As always, we thank the Lord for you, our partners in this work, for your faithfulness to give and to pray. We are forever in your debt. *Mack and Dottie*



**“Give us today our daily bread.”**

(Matthew 6:11)

Have you ever asked the Lord to give you daily bread, not literal food, but spiritual food? I have asked God many times to give me a word to stand on or a word maybe concerning my present condition or need. A word that is not only for me, but one I can go and share with others in need, a word of encouragement, hope and faith. I can't tell you how many times God has given me that word. I pass it on and that person says “Man, I needed to hear that today,” but I needed to hear it first. Below is a daily word that I have used many times about waiting on God.

### Waiting on ...God

“I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord: be strong, and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord.” (Psalms 27:13-14)

The word wait in verse 14 means “to expect”. We have the idea that waiting on God is passive, but it's not. It is eagerly expecting God to come through on our behalf. I can't think of a single thing more difficult to do that wait. The Lord has had me in this school for a while.

Waiting gracefully is the mark of a true saint. Most skills can be improved with constant practice, but waiting is one that doesn't seem to get any easier —no matter how much experience we gain. Some might argue that Joseph had little choice but to wait out his pit experience, his Potiphar experience, or his prison experience. David the Psalmist, in Psalms 37:34, wrote these words after Joseph's ordeal: “Wait for the Lord and keep His way, and He will exalt you to inherit the land;” and Psalms 105:19, “until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.”

The temptation to get ahead of God is irresistible at times, especially when we have to wait a while, and it seems as though He's not concerned with our present circumstances.

We have heard that God is never late, and He's not—even though I laugh at times, thinking that He has missed numerous opportunities to be early. The fact of the matter is “He's an on-time God—yes, He is!”

From “Time for Change” by Larry Baskin

**God does not build my faith in instant answers, but by  
divine delays. God's delays are not God's denials.**