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- **India Campus News**

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Dear Friends,

Our India report is filled with good news even in the midst of all that is going on in the world right now. Our God is faithful and we find His mercies are continual. Please read prayerfully and with thanksgiving the things God is doing on our mission campus.



From India - Greetings in the name of our Lord God! I hope and trust that you are all doing well. We are praying for all of you in this difficult time. Despite the lockdown, here is a brief update from our side of the world.



Place of refuge and restoration

A couple of months back, I wrote about a pregnant woman named Dharani, who sought refuge in our campus due to domestic violence. By the grace of God, we were able to take good care of her. Over time, she heard the Gospel and trusted Christ. One Sunday morning, her husband came in search of her to our campus. Initially, he was very rude with her and us. He raised many complaints about his wife. However,

we quietened him with love, counselled and encouraged them to forgive one another. Though, he was hesitant at first, the Lord broke him, and he began to speak to the girl lovingly. She asked me if it was okay to go. I told her that if she feels safe, she could go. I also told her that she could always pray to God for strength. Finally, when it was time to leave, I encouraged the husband to help her pack her bags. The husband came and complained that she was taking a big book from the dorm. It was the Bible! She has been reading the Bible for the past one month in the campus. We told him the Bible is God's word and it can mend their hearts. We praise God for the opportunity to not only offer shelter, but also to bring about peace and reconciliation in the family. On top of that we are thankful that Dharani has found the Lord and that she will carry the Gospel into her community. So, grace opened the door, faith walked in and love brought forth a new creation, (2 Cor. 5:17)!

Pastors and Servant attitude

Two weeks ago, we were made aware of heavy storms coming our way and by the grace of God, all the pastors came together exhibiting a servant leaders' heart and

they, along with our campus staff, helped in harvesting and collecting the hay for our milk producing cows.



Getting physically and spiritually fit

This Covid-19 virus has made a lot of people take their health seriously. A few months ago, I also felt the need to take care of my body. I began my work out, monitored my diet and by the grace of God, I began to lose weight. I was led to encourage the entire GHIndia pastoral team to eat healthy and lose weight. By the grace of God, this has worked wonders. Almost all of them are losing weight and are looking much healthier. In the picture on the right, you can see Pastor John cracking the whip over us.



In addition, we are also concerned about the spiritual wellbeing of our pastoral team. The Apostle Paul says physical exercise is of some value, but godliness has value for the present and future. The Pastoral team has already been meeting on Sunday for a time of prayer, worship and hearing the Word of God taught, but I thought of having a family summer camp for all the pastors and their families. By the grace of God, on May 28, all of them came to the campus for a long, 3-day weekend. The camp began with a live Facetime interaction of all our Pastoral staff with Rev. Mack Kearney and Mrs. Dottie Kearney. We are so grateful to God for their life of ministry and sacrifice.

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awaiting the Gospel. We still have another two days with them but due to the need of getting the prayer letter out to all of you on June 1, we must stop here.

Ministry, during lockdown

I was so encouraged to hear the team reaching out to others in this lockdown. Pastor Richard was urged to call a young Hindu boy who had attended the VBS a while ago. It was a perfect time as this young man was lonely and was about to kill himself. Richard was able to lead him to the Lord. I am encouraged by the online ministry of our faculty. Just a few days ago, our college lecturer, Rev. John Santharaj shared how he had counseled a drug addict, led him to Christ and how he is a changed person. Our faculty of seven have been meeting for a regular time of prayer, discussion, and online fellowship.



Project to prevent soil erosion and snake holes

Due to gradual soil erosion, we have begun to work on a project to build walls along the sides of the pathway to the Father's Home Orphanage boys dorm. It would not only prevent soil erosion but it would keep snakes from hiding in the holes. Please let us know if you would like to be a part of this project. Our budget for this project is \$2000.



Family

By the grace of God, we are all doing well. We celebrated the 39th birthday a few hours back of my wife, Fayma. She is truly a Proverbs 31 wife. All of us are thankful to God for her. We are thankful to God for Aradhana and Amelia. They are growing to be godly women of God. Please do continue to pray for them.

Once again a big thanks for your steadfast love, prayer and partnership in the ministry of the Lord here in India.

Yours in His bonds...*Sam*

PRAYER ALERT

Sam just messaged me that his mom, Ruth Sundar has suffered a stroke in Chennai about 100 miles away, please pray for a full recovery!

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for a missionary endeavor that started 30 years ago. Sadly, Covid-19 has affected our income stream. nevertheless, we are confident that God will provide. He has promised to never, no never, not ever leave or forsake us, or relax His hold on us, (Heb. 13:5 Amp.)!

With love and thanksgiving to you all!

Mack and Dottie

(there's more)

A thought from Dottie...

HOW BIG IS YOUR STRENGTH? Tucked away in the book of Proverbs among all the words of wisdom for life is a little verse in chapter 24:10 that reads, **“If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!”** When I am having my quiet time, I like to just dwell on a verse and think it through and the thought occurred to me that we falter because we do not know what we have from the source of our strength and therefore cannot appropriate it in the times of trouble.



Many of you have heard the story of the man who had a love for the sea and wanted so much to go on a cruise and see the exciting places and experience being on the water and riding the waves and finally, after many years of scrimping and saving, he was able to book passage on a ship. He scraped together the bits of bread that were there in his home, packed them to take with him and left for his long awaited life experience.

When the ship docked some weeks later back at his home port, they found him in his room barely able to move as he was close to starvation. You see, after a few days of having nothing to eat, he had gotten sick and had not even been able to enjoy his trip. When the doctor was called to help him, he asked why he had not eaten and he explained that he had spent all he had just to get passage on the ship and had nothing left to buy food. The doctor was amazed and asked to see his ticket. It was stamped “Paid in Full” and he explained to him that all his food was included in the cost of the trip.

You see, we sometimes forget that all the strength we need is included in the cost of the trip. And the trip has been “Paid in Full” for us by our Lord Jesus. We sing “Jesus Paid it All” and yet we find ourselves living as if we don’t have enough to pay for the extra benefits – one of those being strength in times of trouble. Scripture is full of what is available for each of us.

Psalms 121:1-2 – “I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”

Isaiah 40:31 – “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Paul prayed for us in **Ephesians 3:16** – “I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being.”

Philippians 4:13 – “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.”

Nehemiah 8:10b – “For the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Galatians 6:9 – “Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

In those times of trouble let’s make sure that we do not miss the extras in life that have been purchased for us. Let’s remember that our “life journey needs” have been “Paid in Full.” There is strength in times of trouble and it is not small, but big enough to keep us from faltering. *God bless!*