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Dearest Friends of SGMI,

The so called Covid-19 though sweeping away many lives, we are anchored in Christ and we arise today to thank God for who is and what He is. Yesterday was totally under curfew. Thus far, there is no loss of life among our family, friends, ministry partners, and in our sphere of influence. This is absolutely amazing grace.

I am trying to understand for the meaning in this for the believers. It is noticed that our churches have closed, no Good Friday, Easter Sunday this year. In fact, church worship was closed since last week. For others, jobs are being eliminated, families are being stressed and we are basically being told to hunker down at home.

I ask this question, where is our great God in all of this? But God is asking all of us to draw deeper into the word and lean on the Holy Spirit to find His promises and find His precious assurances. Home quarantine is the time to have personal relationship with God and to pray for our nation. It has brought back humanity. Brought back people to their creator. For many families, it has brought family together and pushing us to prayer. I guess humans are worshiping God rather than technology. I thank God for waking us up to reality and giving us an opportunity to ask Him for His forgiveness and help. I just have to share this from the present spiritual context of today especially India.

My prayer for you and my prayer for our world and for each of our communities is that we can find comfort in the reality of those words, "surely goodness and mercy and love will follow us all the days of our life and we shall dwell in the house of the LORD FOREVER" Ps 23:6.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. In this difficult times, your support is coming to us with unspeakable joy and great relief from such human dilemma and tense situation. Continue to uphold us in Prayer-

@We have closed down our bible seminary for early summer break as per order by the Govt to have all the institutions shut down.

@ Some students have gone out of the hostel to take shelter in their relative while some are quarantine at hostel in fear and trembling because even hostel has been asked to shut down.

@ Extended 21 days of total lockdown all over the whole country has been pronounced by the Prime minister last night. In short, there is no possibility of going out and coming in. Our students are in tense situation where to go or to dine since total shut down is almost a Janta Curfew.

@ Thank God for He is never changed, He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. When things went wrong, He'll make them right. All we can say is that the God of the good times is still the God of the bad times. One died out of 10 died in Delhi till now and 540 were affected in India.

I just want to know you that we are all doing well and safe in the arms of God. My wife and children and Ami are all doing good. We are also praying for you regularly. Let us all stay safe and healthy. Let our God be glorified all the more!

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