

Dear SGMI Friends,

Time and again reminds me to connect you in reporting the status of our ministry and activities. Please bear with me as I shall be sending out this email in one go, and do acknowledge me when you receive it. I am kind of restrained with my priorities at the moment, especially due to my wife's health. Hope you would understand me.

This email of mine may sound sad and very scary too. It seems God is permitting many trials and testing to His people lately. I think no nation or continent is lacking struggles and hardships. No individual is untouched by the events of the Covid-19. Nonetheless, our God reigns. He rules from heaven and His love and faithfulness never fails. His mercy endures forever, He has His own power to display and to save ...we cannot exhaust it! His grace is upon grace, mercy upon mercy that will flow our direction, to help in this time of endless distress.

Oh what a faithful God we have! I come to share with you about the saving work of God amidst on-going Covid-19 global pandemic. It's my fault to keep this update in suspense. May I take this time to tell you that I am personal touch beyond words for whatever you have done for our ministry. Thank you so much for being our great partner in the gospel ministry of Christ and your support. Please join with us in giving praises to the Lord.

Since lock down of March 2020, the Lord has been so faithful to our family, seminary and church. Ps 66:5 says, Come and see what God has done, how awesome His works in man's belief.

FIRST, in the month of March, we lost a family doctor due to covid-19 as was mentioned in my early update. As time passes by, many people from our church were stranded and went through financial shortage, food and drastically lost their jobs and careers. As of today, half of our people have left Delhi returning for their survival in the mountains. About 40-50% church members have left also for home due to this pandemic crisis. Besides, our seminary professor and his family was badly affected by the current virus. My wife Ayar got multiple cases recently. For hospitals and doctors, it's a business time to taking money from the patients. But we praise God for a mission He has left for us and to accomplish this mission, He has been protecting us from all harms and dangers, so that we can preach His Word faithfully in all times.

SECONDLY, I want to thank God for allowing me to minister to a brother who was a believer when he actually was not saved and live under unclean life. He was afraid of dying and the Lord brought Covid-19 just in time to save his life. Like wise, an atheist sister who is doing research in Delhi university is accepting Christ, and she is looking forward for water baptism.



During the on-going virus threats, God opened a door for me to marry a young couple. They originally planned to get married in Thailand. They postpone twice of their plans but finally they were caught at Jesus' feet after going through thorough marriage counselling class and I gladly married them in the presence of both families.

THIRDLY, a brother from Hindu background got married few days before lock down. The wife is pretty strong in faith. I baptised her husband being a convert of our church. He is an engineering business man. They now are serving the Lord and doing their church duty faithfully with us and will be the strong family for our church.

FOURTHLY, serving with risk is the only option we have had by the events of the past 4 months. Every day is a chance to begin a new beginning no matter what and how the past is. Three times, we did food distributions, groceries, medicine and financial assistance.

*Here is what we have helped others!!

We did food distributions for the non- believers first, and we did twice for the stranded people and for our church members.

We gave financial help toward our seminary students who have left for hometown. Coincidentally it's a summer break for our seminary. So, we don't regret in sending them away. Very sadly, they are still under quarantine centre at different districts. It's already more than a month. Virus is rapidly spreading among themselves as they share common toilets and rooms. No proper PPE and testing kits are available so far. We are afraid that fourth stage of community spread may soon happen.

We also give financial assistance to some pastors and ministry workers whom we closely associate with. They were all running short of family support desperately as the churches were unable to pay their honorariums. Yes, the church income was affected severely by the pandemic crisis. This includes some of our graduates brothers who are pastoring in their respective local churches that we share with.

Long story short, we are doing a new normal life reaching out and counseling through phone calls, worship, bible study and services through media such as zoom, WhatsApp, Instagram. Relief project for the poor and needy by distribution of necessities such as rice, potatoes, onions, salt, oil, sugar, hand sanitiser etc.

Helping the stranded students and families staying outside of our hometown spiritually and morally. Financially helping the local church and quarantine centres. How many people or families we have touched was beyond words according to the graceful hand of God and through the relief fund we receive!



All these unique stories/testimonies became an evident to us and our tools and experiences, and we shall continue to apply it in order to touch with more lives in a near future.

PRAISE POINT. While many labourers have returned to their respective native places due to covid-19, our mistry (labours) reminds to progress the building. With the help of my cousin (a business man) we

were able to get permission to transport the materials. Check out the pics below and be rejoicing in the Lord's Hand and provision Amen!



PRAYER POINTS: One brother of us is on dialysis routine. Unfortunately he is found covid positive and was transferred to his village. Its hard to have doctors' last word on his case. We have entrusted him unto the Lord's hand.

Also Ayar's multiple stones of 9 & 14 mm in size at the cold bladder might be the cause in giving her weakness, pain, muscle pull, and constant dizziness. We are not sure of the cause but she is feeling weak. The stone has to be removed through surgery otherwise. These days going to the hospital is at high risk. Pray that no virus shall affect her while going to surgery. Pray that we will find the right hospital and doctor and hospital will perform it with cash as she doesn't have medical claim. Pray that her body will accept medication and injection (she can't actually take any medicine due to allergy and kidney problem). In this situation, Christ is our only hope as He pleads our cause and breaks our chains and set us free. Ayar loves God and she is a strong woman in Christ. She can go through the operation and will survive Amen!

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