



Hope Ministries

Update

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

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Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus' Wonderful Name! By the grace of God and your prayers, we are all safe here in India and hope it is the same with all of you.

CRUSADE IN MORI

Jaya and I arrived in India in January and six American friends arrived two days after us - two women and four men. We were blessed by their visit. I am sure they were blessed to visit some of Hope Children's Homes and evangelists supported by Hope Ministries. We conducted our annual crusade at our headquarters for four days in January. God blessed and touched many people physically and spiritually. Quite a number of people stood up to give their lives to Jesus. And God healed many people from their sicknesses. Praise the Lord!



CHILDREN'S HOME AND CHURCH VISITS

After the Americans left India, in February and part of March, we traveled to several children's homes. We also visited different Hope Churches and shared the word of God. It is wonderful to see that the believers are growing in the Spirit and also in numbers. We had wonderful fellowship with them. I am happy to let you know that they are all praying for you.





COVID-19 IN INDIA

We were under lockdown for three months straight earlier this year. No church services, Gospel meetings or gatherings of any kind were allowed. No work, no money, and no food. Many people suffered immensely. We were not allowed to go out of our houses. People suffered a lot for food. Christian and non-Christian organizations distributed groceries and other essentials. It was a drop in a bucket, but a great help to those who were in desperate need of food.



By the grace of God, Hope Ministries distributed food and other essentials in five different villages for at least five hundred families. We were able to help our evangelists twice with groceries and gave them extra financial support. Also, we helped some other evangelists financially who came for help. They were all very grateful for you and Hope Ministries. Jaya and I thank you all for your prayers and financial support. It is greatly appreciated by us and those who received help in a time of great need in their lives.



For a limited time, we were able to resume church services under strict government rules, such as wearing face masks, sitting three feet apart, and providing hand sanitizer to church members.





CLEAN WATER

We have now begun another lockdown and are not sure how long it will last. The virus is spreading even faster in our areas than in the beginning. We are still not allowed to travel far from our homes. Stores are open only from 7 am to 1 pm – less in some areas. Police used Lathi charges everywhere (beating people with sticks) for crowd control. Many have been seriously injured by the police. When we go to buy groceries, we have to stand on a drawn circle in a line about three feet from each other for a long time. If the curfew time is up, we have to go home without groceries. Everything shuts down.

If someone has a cold or cough they can't buy medicine from the medical stores because we are restricted. If anyone goes to buy medicine, immediately they are reported to the authorities. In a few minutes the police are at your door with an ambulance and take you away to test you. We are not allowed to go to a private hospital for treatment, only to government hospitals. It is scary to go out without a mask because you are punished for not wearing one.

Please continue to pray for us and the people of the world. We have been praying for all of you to keep you safe from the virus and also praying for those who have been affected by the virus.

We were able to drill six bore-wells in remote jungle villages. These villagers were in desperate need of clean drinking water. Some of them were walking a mile or two to carry back a pot of water on their heads. We got the wells drilled, but we weren't allowed to travel to those areas to dedicate them because of the virus. We waited for a long time for the curfew to be lifted off to travel, to no avail. So we asked our pastors to dedicate them without us, so the villagers could use the wells. We heard from our pastors how grateful and happy the villagers were and they expressed their thanks to those who provided funds for drilling wells. Once we drill a well in a village, they are open to hear the good news through our evangelists. Their lives will never be the same again.



BEERA FAMILY UPDATE

Jaya and I and our children, Jesse and Stacy, are doing well and keeping safe. The schools have been closed without annual examinations. We still don't know when they will reopen. Everything is disorganized because of the virus. International flights out of India were cancelled. We were scheduled to return to the US on June 24th but we had to cancel our tickets. We have no return flights scheduled yet.

What a disaster the virus has made in the world. Everything is upside-down and we have no power over it so far. In India as in the US, the current unrest extends beyond the challenges of the virus. These are also troubled and challenging times for Christian churches and organizations.

- Efforts to close churches operating without a government license
- Limiting new construction of churches
- Preventing Christian converts from Hinduism from attending church
- Plans to build Hindu temples 1,000 feet from every Christian church

The Covid-19 crisis and Christian persecution makes us realize how small and helpless we are in this world. Our life is like a bubble, and we don't know when it will burst. What a comfort it is to know that God is still in control and he is not surprised by this whole situation!



Thank you all very much for your prayers and faithful support for the ministry. Because of the virus, many people in India are even more desperate financially than ever before. If you are able to help, you can send a gift to Hope Ministries and we will see that it is used to help those who are in need.

You are in our prayers. Please continue to lift us up in your prayers. May God bless you and keep you!

Yours for India
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Prayer and Support Opportunities in this Newsletter

Summarized, here are some of the opportunities for you to partner with the ministry. The first section lists prayer and support opportunities that are mentioned in this newsletter. The second section lists ongoing opportunities including core monthly child and evangelist support. Any amount of support will help and be appreciated. Thank you for continuing to partner with Hope Ministries to reach the unreached and minister the love and compassion of Christ in India.

Prayer and Support Opportunities in This Newsletter

Bore-wells	[]	\$2000 each
Covid-19 Relief	[]	\$ _____
Gospel Meetings	[]	\$ _____

Ongoing Prayer and Support Opportunities

Sponsor a Child	[]	\$20 per month
Sponsor an Evangelist	[]	\$30 per month
Evangelist Bicycle	[]	\$100
Evangelist Lantern	[]	\$25
Evangelist Drum	[]	\$25
Where needed	[]	\$ _____

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