



COME OVER AND HELP US ...

"Turn from dead idols to serve the living and true God. "
Acts 16:9 I Thessalonians 1:9

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Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Take a look at what is happening in India:

A SUFFERING PEOPLE SUFFER AGAIN!

Our first look actually begins in the seven nations of northern Africa. The sky is as dark as any dust storm from the Sahara Desert. However, it is not a dust storm, but a plague of locusts. After devouring Africa, the innumerable plague of locusts destroyed crops in Iran and Pakistan before entering India along its western border with Pakistan. They came to India about May 23rd according to the New York Times and many other news distributors. They are now moving across about 5-7 of India's north-western states eating anything green or grains ready for harvest such as wheat and rice. Fruit trees such as Mangoes (the Indians call this the food of the gods) have not been spared, nor have the nut bearing trees such as cashew escaped complete destruction! A hungry, starving people will only get hungrier ... starvation especially for the children is at hand.

A second view of what's going on in India shows us the beautiful north border running east and west for over 1,500 miles separating India from China. Though this border was agreed on during the negotiations of 1947-49 which gave India its independence from Great Britain, with China also accepting the border as the legal line of defense between the two countries, yet China insisted on changes and entered into a two year war with India during 1960 -1962 which ended with a truce that has left two armies watching each other's every move during all the intervening years until June 2020. Once again China has ignored diplomacy and entered into the beginnings of what may become a terrible war between two super powers, both of whom have nuclear weapons. Mr. Modi, the Indian Prime Minister is holding fast to the original United Nations agreed on border between the two countries. We have very few members of the church along this border area, but we are concerned for the possible consequences of an all-out war between the two most populous nations in the world.

We are more familiar with the next view of what is happening in India, namely, COVID-19, the virus plaguing the entire globe. India has experienced a huge surge of the virus during its hottest Summer time, April, May and June. The cases have increased in record numbers throughout the nation. The government

ordered a national lockdown and then opened the country in stages, as we have done in the U. S., but has found it necessary to impose a second lockdown in most areas. The people have appealed to their government to help them with food and economic relief, but Mr. Modi said, "We will not follow the USA's model. India will not go into debt for this matter." Further, the Prime Minister said, "You must seek help from your charitable organizations including the churches, but the government will give no more help. We have done all we are going to do."

Brother R. Sanga, from Imphal in the northeast state of Manipur, has given us a more positive look at India's struggle with the Virus. "80% of the positive cases in India are mild in nature. Experts attribute this to high immunity. This is positive news for India yet we remain cautious." The brethren continue to meet in their homes and in the church buildings they are limiting the numbers who can attend the services and are maintaining social distancing and washing their hands as frequently as possible with soap and water.

A view of the work of the Lord's church shows us a very encouraging image. Our brothers and sisters are ministering as best they can with limited supplies to share with their neighbors, and very limited opportunity to conduct Bible studies and preaching where more than a few people can gather without attracting police attention, who are to be found everywhere observing our meetings especially in these days government restricted movements and small sizes which must be strictly adhered to.

In short, the people are hungry. They are dependent on God and look to us their brothers and sisters in the Lord to help them in this crisis. Please help. As God has prospered you, please be as generous as you can be. We sent over \$11,000 dollars one month back, but that is just the beginning of what is needed. We have requests to help brethren which now total \$8,500 (in round numbers) dollars. The requests come to us daily. Thanks for all you do. Anything you send will be sent to our trusted brethren in Hyderabad who are very skilled in seeing that those in the most urgent needs get assistance as soon as the funds reach our bank account in Hyderabad.

According to our records, we received the following gift(s) from you on July 01, 2020 designates as follows:

P. Daniel
P. Joseph
P. Mark
P. John
P. Philips
Pamidipadu School of Preaching

Grace and Peace,

Sincerely in Christ,

Jerris N. Bullard, Missionary

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