



# Tom & Jerilyn Kane

## Missionaries to the People of India and Myanmar



Greetings, faithful friends and family,

21 July 2020

As I pen this prayer letter, we are well into summer heat and greeting others with a nod from our masked faces rather than a smile. Jerilyn and I already wore this fashion statement since I started chemotherapy in January. A quick update on my cancer – the latest CAT scan showed no improvement. (no improvement but no growth either) I am waiting for an appointment at Univ of Alabama for insertion of Y-90 radioactive beads into the tumors on my liver. Prayerfully this should extend my life My heart's desire is that God will be glorified if I go, or if I stay. I am a winner, either way. God also knows, I desire to serve HIM.

**INDIA** We were able to send funds to India and Myanmar to help with daily provisioning of dozens of church families suffering because of Covid-19. **Pastor Raju** shared that Priya had made great progress from her heart attack, but is currently hospitalized with very low blood pressure. **Nambike Baptist** opened up for services in late June observing social distancing, of course. At present he is not conducting Sunday School nor Children's Church. He described how he has separated the chairs apart. He has also placed a tent outside with chairs to be able to further separate the people. We have a public health nurse in our congregation there, and Emmanuel and his helper are checking temperatures upon coming on church property and requiring all to use sanitizer. No handshaking! Pastor Raju also shared that in the past month, five precious souls have been saved and two were baptized this past Sunday.

The translation team has started meeting again and are now working on First Timothy. Pastor Raju writes, "I know this is not a small work, but this is very big responsibility the Lord has given us...I am praying before I die, the Kannada KJV Bible may be complete and the Kannada people may have a pure and well translated Bible in their hands." We pray wholeheartedly that the Lord will enable and allow this to come to pass for these precious people.

**Pastor Arun** and **Niricksha Baptist** are once again meeting in the church. He suffered tremendously, as most of his folks are day labourers. We have sent additional monies for these, as well.

We recently received an email from John Paul, the Indian whom the Lord used in our call to India. He has a Christian school and we had provided him with supplemental Bible Curriculum several years ago. Jerilyn wrote the kindergarten level material. He shared his continued burden for the village children and their need for Christ. He also sent copies of some of the workbook pages the children had completed. What an encouragement!

**MYANMAR Pastor Jacob** shared some of the complicated consequences, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. **He writes**, "*The first patient found was a Myanmar born American citizen who tested Positive on the 22nd of March, who just visited his home village...This also began to raise questions to Christians. A worse case was followed with the another pastor, a citizen of Canada, who was born in Myanmar found with COVID19 positive with a large group of Christians gathering in the midst of restrictions on gathering not more than 10 people. That added up another 50 positive for COVID19. So right now, out of 201 positive cases the 25% are found in Christian community. Not only are the Christians accused of bringing the virus to Myanmar, but also the violation of the law against the government. This is quite a bit serious. The Canadian Pastor is now in jail beginning from May 20. He will face trial.*"

Jacob also shared the tremendous need for food within his church, **Bethel Baptist**, as well as, churches planted by graduates of Bethel Baptist Bible Institute. Initially, groups of ten could congregate, but number authorized have been changing. He was able to send recorded messages out to church members. Apart from Covid-19 issues, the conflict in Northern Rakhine grows bigger. Two of our pastors, Aye Maung and Shein Phyu, have had to flee from their village, time to time. He praises the Lord that folks are still worshipping in their homes. The need for financial assistance is great in both countries for daily provisions.

**Pastor PaLian of Mercy Baptist** shared that "*even we are living in a (seemingly) different country now, our hearts are binding each other in love through Christ.*" He also reports that the Lord answered prayer and one new family began attending. He, likewise, was able to distribute food to his members. During the social distancing and lockdown, he was able to reconfigure his house to make room for children's ministry.

After months of frustration, sweat, tears, and editing, the soul winning video is finally finished. Upon completion I wanted to get it out there, so I posted it on Jerilyn's Facebook page.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS** – Priyadarshini’s health, physical needs and health and safety of the national pastors, congregations, and communities we minister to, souls will see their need for a Saviour in this unusual time, for Jerilyn, as she cares for me, strengthen her and selfishly, my health.

I know we say it often, but thank you, again, for your faithfulness in giving and praying. I am claiming Psalm 109: 26, 27, **Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy: That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, LORD, hast done it.** I thank you for getting a hold of God on Jerilyn’s and my behalf and on behalf of those that God has called us to minister to.

Together, making a difference,  
*Tom and Jerilyn Kane*

1 Samuel 12:23a

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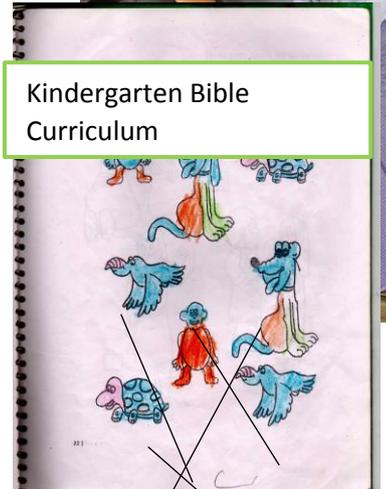


Portion of Kannada Bible Translation 1 John 1:1

Na Pastor PaLian distributing rice at his  
nea church during pandemic.



Kindergarten Bible  
Curriculum



1 That which was from the **beginning**, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

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