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Missionaries to the People of India and Myanmar



Fall Greetings, Friends and Family,

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We so appreciate your faithful giving and prayers offered for us and the ministries in India and Myanmar.

MYANMAR— **Pastor Jacob** opened up one of his recent correspondences with, Psalm 23:4, ***Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*** One of the women at **Bethel Baptist** had passed away from Covid; Ma Phaw a former Buddhist had labored much for family and her church. Pastor Jacob had to do much searching for a burial plot and a van to transport her body. Inpatients at a local hospital were left without oxygen, as the military took all the cylinders. Jacob also thanked our supporting churches and individuals for providing funds for food, oxygen concentrators, and assorted sizes of cylinders. Apart from church members, they have gone out to targeted communities for the purpose of pre-evangelism as a means of reaching out to them with the love of God. He believed hundreds of lives have been touched with rice, cooking oil, beans, soap, vitamins, and medicines that they were able to collect. As mentioned the provision of funds for a well in our last prayer letter, the well at the Bethel compound has been dug and they are able to get 2,000 gallons of water per hour and were able to purchase a 3,000 gallon water tank. Nearly one hundred folks -orphans, resident Bible Institute students, and staff benefit from “Dr. Well’s” special gift. Additional wells will be dug, prayerfully, by the end of the year in church plants in other areas of Myanmar.

Bethel Baptist continues to have three services on Sunday virtually in three languages. One service is “in person” for those living on the compound. However, numerous families do not have smart phones and phone contacts are made to stay in touch with members. The Bible Institute was able to complete the first semester with thirty students. Second semester begins this week. This year a new course was introduced – “Applied Ministry.” This new subject allows the students to minister among each other or the children’s home. Many chose to do discipleship to individuals. Some of them teach how to do evangelism by hair cutting – using this as a tool to share the Gospel. Other options are available as well. It is an opportunity for them to use their imagination in ways to introduce the Gospel. Literature distribution continues to the receptive areas.

Jerilyn and I could write volumes on the situation in Myanmar – please pray for not only the Christians, but the lost souls that still need to hear the Truth and get saved. Villages are being burned and residents left homeless. Pastors have been killed. One youth pastor was shot dead as he tried to help people escape and his finger was cut off to get his wedding ring.

INDIA **Pastor Raju** reports that eleven folks have been saved at **Nambike Baptist** and four have been baptized. Translation work continues in concert with translators from Mangalore and Bengaluru. The translators meet via Zoom with me for weekly updates. The miracle of technology has allowed me to be there two-dimensionally via Zoom!

Pastor Arun and **Niricksha Baptist** reported that four folks came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. **Arun’s** wife Yasoda continues to take teacher’s training and hopes to complete her studies next year. Additional funds became available and we were able to purchase a small refrigerator and washing machine for Yasoda. Please note, prior to this she has been washing her family of four’s clothing in buckets, soaking and then slapping the clothes on a large stone. It is a semi-automatic washer and requires taking clothes from washer to spinner and return to washer for rinse. This is how Jerilyn washed our clothes for nearly fifteen years in India before we got a washer like Yasoda’s.

Both **Pastor Raju** and **Pastor Arun** are able to have in person services. **Nambike Baptist Church** celebrates its twenty-third Anniversary tomorrow. I will be getting up and preaching on Zoom at 12:30am and then also preaching at the 11:00 am services at our local home church.

Stateside I finished teaching on the Tabernacle and how the furnishings all pointed to Jesus. Jerilyn and I are planning on manning the soul winning booth at the Crestview Fall Festival the end of October. Our church has game booths and treats to attract folks to the most important thing – Jesus. God has been good in allowing me good days where I am able to be about my Father’s business. I praise Him for that.

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Again, Jerilyn and I appreciate your prayers, encouragement and financial support. Our hearts are in India and Myanmar, and we pray that the Lord will heal and allow us to return physically. May our Lord Jesus get honor and glory through our lives and the detours in life that come our way.

Together, making a difference,

Tom and Jerilyn Kane

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.*



Pastor Jacob sent us these photos to share.



Pastor Raju and his wife with four recently baptized believers.



Recent Zoom meeting with translation team in India.



Postscript: I spoke with Pastor Raju following the Anniversary Sunday Service on October 10th. There were 350 in attendance and nine souls were saved!