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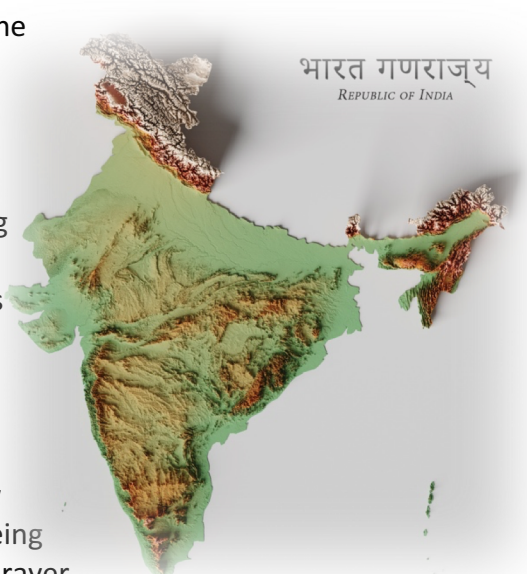
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Dear friends,

It has been quite a while since I have taken a moment to write an update on our ministry, especially with the added issues surrounding the recent pandemic. I want to share a bit of how the covid crisis has affected us and end with a personal update and request.

I just spoke with pastor J. B., one of our leaders in the state of Kerela in India, who shared with me some challenging news. I have decided not to mention his name for his safety, but some of you will know who I am speaking of. He told me that their area is now in the covid-19 red zone and is therefore facing serious lockdown measures. This means that from 9:00pm to 12:00 noon there is a curfew. This makes things even more difficult for our brethren there, who are facing even more restrictions from a government that is determined to advance Hinduism and is placing more restrictions on Christian churches and ministries. In fact, they now have 30 people who wish to be baptized, but are being restricted by government rules. He also asked for prayer as one of his pastors just died today from the corona virus and asked us to pray for their churches and leaders in the north of the country who are coming under even more persecution. Our dear brother, P. C., continues to witness through their orphanage and recently led their long time cook to Christ. Brother O. G. (in N. India) asks us to pray particularly for youngsters who accepted the Lord to grow, and for the tribal people, who speak Dimasa, who do not have the bible in their own language.



Here in London, we are doing well under the circumstances. Our online services are well attended and we are getting new people regularly. We anticipate our return to our building on 27th June (when the lockdown restrictions are supposed to be lifted) and will have a celebration service, a baptismal service the following week (we have several to be baptized already), and a commissioning of another deacon two weeks later. I am still meeting with 25+ leaders from the Afro/Caribbean community 5 days per week and with other church leaders weekly via zoom. We have several weekly "home groups" that have grown and have been an encourage to many, and we now have a wealth of

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This coming Thursday, 22nd April, I will be the guest of an online Mission Field update, hosted by our USA headquarters. As the Area Director for Europe and India, I will be sharing a 20-minute presentation that will highlights

some of the past and present ministries of our area. Afterwards, I will be answering any questions concerning the work in our area, followed by a time of prayer for the ministry. If you would like to join in, please go to the Christians in Action Missions International website at www.cinami.org and click on the sign-up tab. The event be from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Pacific Time (the time in California), which will be 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm British Summer Time (the time in London).



Finally, here is an update on the condition of my dear friend, Leslie Leeder, who has worked here with in London for over 40 years. I mentioned in my latest e-mail that Les has been suffering with acute pain in his hip joints, which has been very uncomfortable and troubling for him. He has been in hospital now for just over a week and is stable, reasonably comfortable, but still is not 100%. The doctors are not really telling us much, but it looks as if Les is suffering from arthritis. They are now looking for him to soon return home and are arranging for regular help, including food preparation and cleaning. Les asked me specifically to say thank you to all of you who have been praying for him and for the encouraging messages. As I stated before, Les has been a tremendous friend and help to me personally, along with all of the brethren here. We remain committed to helping him and looking after him during this time. One of our deacons (Kweku) sees him almost every day (even though we are really not supposed to do visits) and we are in regular contact with him. He seems to be forgetting things a bit more, but he has become much more positive lately.

Thanks for your prayers,

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