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## **NEWSLETTER**

Greetings to you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL 2025**

I pray that this letter finds you all well. I had a wonderful trip to the U.S.A. I was happy to meet Pastor Bruce, Harold and Nancy Beachy, Sue Kirchybaum and Terry and Phyllis Rittenhouse. I am very grateful to have met and had a great time spending some quality time with them. I thank you again for your support for the missionary work in India. Benson and his wife accompanied me, and we all stayed with my daughter, Sharon in Texas.

It is not like the old days anymore to preach the gospel, distribute tracts or do missionary work. We still only have 3% Christians in all of India. Since 75% are Hindus, the government is trying to prevent conversion as they want India to stay as a Hindu country. Christians are being persecuted more than ever before in India. But despite all these challenges, we are still preaching the gospel, distributing tracts, holding open air meetings, helping the poor, visiting the sick in the hospital, holding prayer meetings and doing door to door ministry.

Our Annas widows ministry is going well. Last week we had a widows meeting and sister Susamma gave an exhortation from Psalm 91. She talked about God's faithfulness and protection for those who trust and abide in Him. She also reminded us that when we make God our refuge, no danger, no pestilence and no enemy can overpower us. What we understood was that we need to dwell in the presence of God, not just visit. We had a great fellowship, sang together, prayed together and had tea and biscuits. Through your support I was able to help some of the widows financially.

A widow named Joyce from Ranni needed help with buying medicine. She was given \$500 to buy medicines.

A widow named Jainamma needed help with buying medicines as she was suffering from many ailments. She was given \$200 to help with the medications.

Psalm 37 says to trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. He will make your righteous reward shine like the daw, your vindication like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.

## The following people also received help financially due to your support.

- Pastor Sunny Varghese- \$300. This pastor ministers a small church and needed help in fixing a leaky roof.
- George Thomas- \$200 Needed help with hospital bill
- P.T.Mathew- \$250- Needed help in paying his medical bills
- Rachel Mathew- \$500 needed money for the treatment of cancer
- Salamma George- \$500- helped with treating Cancer
- Estheramma -\$500 helped towards heart surgery
- Mohanan Nayar-\$400 was injured badly in an accident
- Saramma Ezhamkulam-\$300 requested help for a heart surgery
- Sally-\$300 for the treatment of cancer

We were able to distribute some small kits to 10 children with some school supplies. The kits included the following:

- Notebooks
- pens
- Handkerchief
- socks
- small toys
- coloring book
- pencils
- erasers
- snacks
- tracts

The 10 kits cost \$100. We were happy to see the children smile with joy.

God has been merciful to me and the people who help me in making all this possible. I do suffer from diabetes and asthma, but God is still enabling me to continue the ministry P.K started. I am happy to that I made it to 2025. Many of our loved ones did not make it to 2025. I thank God for his protection, mercy and love towards me and all the Christian brothers and sisters in the ministry.

Wising all our supporters, brothers and sisters a Happy New Year and may God bless you all abundantly. Please keep my children, Samson and family, Benson and family, Sharon and family and Stephen and family in your prayers also. We are all grateful for your support, it really helps the people who needs medicine, food and basic supplies.

I thank you again for all the support in helping with the missionary work here in India. Please continue pray for our safety as it is very dangerous to minister in some areas.

In His Service,

Mariamma Sam