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Dear GHI Partners and Friends:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

In light of July 4 coming in a few days, I am reminded as I sit writing at my desk in our library, thinking back to my days as a Marine in the mid-60's. I can remember that like my father who was a First Lieutenant in the Army and served overseas in England, I was now committed to serve God and Country and if necessary, give my life for keeping us free.

It was during those days, while serving my God, who while I was yet a sinner, still loved me and in less than a year after hearing the Gospel several times, I repented of my sins and called on Jesus to save me and give me the greatest freedom ever; freedom from the penalty of my sins, hell; but also, the freedom from the chains that formerly kept me bound, my flesh!

It wasn't until years later that I fully understood this, and nevertheless, kept on serving God until in 1978 when I was called to the Gospel ministry. In that year, I was invited to go to India and Haiti to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Those two countries were two of the darkest places on the face of the earth. Seeing people saved and demons being cast out, opened my eyes to a world vision that would shape my life and ministry for the next 44 years!

From 1990, in India alone, I have preached in 2,500 Jr. and Sr. High Schools, Colleges and Universities, as well as showing the Jesus Film around 150 times. I've spent nearly three years on the ground there away from Dottie and our family.

Here's a picture of James, Ruth, Pauline, Sam and Joe taken in 1991, the second year of working with James! That's Sam below James' left hand at 11 years old.

Beginning in 1994, we developed three teams working in Ghana and we continued for 25 years with myself being there for two years on the ground. Our guys finally retired or died there, and that work ceased, but not before thousands were saved and



around 400+ churches were planted.

In the midst of this, the Lord has left us with the work in India, a country needing freedom in so many areas! In 2000, we bought two parcels of ground (7 acres) north of Vellore that over time became part and parcel of Gospel Harvesters of India.

The outreach and church planting began immediately; what is now Harvesters Theological College & Seminary began in 2001; and The Father's Home Orphanage began in 2005.

How many now have their own July 4th event when they became free in Christ? I don't know, but God does! We leave the numbers to Him. He only requires us to be faithful, period!

So, thanks to all of you who have stood with us and invested in missionary activity that still goes on. Your obedience and faithfulness to missions has born much fruit and one day you'll see the millions who have heard and will sing, *Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see!*

As for me and my house, *I love to tell the story of Jesus and His love; and Oh, victory in Jesus!*

We pray that you will continue the journey with us. We also pray that many of you will come back to us and we pray for many of you who read this from month to month who are yet to join us and be a part of Rev. 5:9: *And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation."*

Every blessing, *Mack*

FROM SAM

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord God! I hope and trust you are all being blessed by our faithful God. We are also thanking Him for His protection and provision, included in His grace and mercy. I pray you will enjoy a brief update of all our ministries for this month.

Children's Ministry

As a result of the outbreak of the Covid over the past few years, we were not able to conduct the regular Vacation Bible School. Though the schools reopened after the lockdown, the schools stretched the lost days and exams through the end of May. So, since the children had a very short vacation, an extended "VBS", as we had done in years gone by, was not feasible. Therefore, our children's ministry committee suggested we conduct a one-day retreat for the



children in our surrounding villages on the 11th of June 2022.

During the planning meeting, we felt the need to introduce the children to the Biblical worldview, since my Ph.D. research on Hinduism had informed me more to the erroneous worldviews held by many here. We also felt the need to not only share the Gospel, but also to present Jesus Christ as the “Real Hero” to follow and imitate. All our songs, teaching lessons and general sessions centered around this goal.

We thank God for giving us the wisdom to conduct this retreat in our college campus instead of our church campus. We expected 180 children, but 253 came. After the general session, we divided the children into ten classes. Since there was plenty of space, the teachers were able to get the attention of children. Our teachers were diligent to study the lesson plan, pray and be creative in the communication of the Gospel. Many trusted Christ to the Glory of God! My youngest daughter, Amelia, said three girls in her class were in tears as they trusted Christ, so we praise the Lord!



I must mention the selfless team work of the Pastors, their wives, our missionary evangelists and campus staff. We also distributed many New Testaments to those who wanted them.

Afterwards, one of our Pastor and Caretakers, Prakash, (who taught the Junior boys along with his

wife, Ancy), went to admit one of orphan boys in a school in Ponnai. While there, 20 boys surrounded him and recollected what they had learned at the one-day retreat. The headmaster became alarmed and told him not to discuss religion inside the school premises but when he was leaving, a boy ran to him and requested him to come to his house in order to talk about God to his alcoholic and abusive father.



So, we praise God for the impact of the Gospel on the lives of the children. Please continue to pray for our follow up.

Evangelism and Church Planting Ministry

Yesterday, we met as a Pastoral team to discuss the outreach and church planting ministry in general. I was overcome with tears of joy when I heard the gracious work of the Lord. Often times we are either discouraged when we don't see fruit or we take the credit when we do see fruit in the ministry. We forget that whether we are active or passive, God, in his grace and mercy, is always actively working in the lives of the people. Pictured to the right is Prakash, reasoning with the Gospel!



Here are a few testimonies from some of our Pastors and their ministry.

Rev. Barnabas and wife Sugi

"Hema", from a Hindu background is a schoolteacher in Sholinghur. One of our church believers shared the Gospel with her. The Lord opened her heart to trust Christ. When this believer introduced Hema to us, my wife and I discipled her. We are happy not only because she trusted Christ but was also bold enough to marry a Christian. We trust they will build a godly Christian home. "Laxman" is a young boy who was addicted to gaming on his mobile. He would do anything this game instructed him to do. His parents were very worried as they could not control his addiction. We prayed to the Lord, counseled him, and ministered to him. By the grace of God, he trusted Christ and is now free from his addiction. We trust that his parents would also trust Christ. "Vasantham" in Nagapondi was very troubled as her son went missing. We prayed and the son came back home in five days' time. Since then, she began attending our prayer cell, trusted Christ and has requested to be baptized.

Rev. David and Missionary Prasanth

"Valliyamma" belongs to the Irular tribe (Unreached People Group). Once, I gave her a ride to her village. This gave me an opportunity to share the Gospel. Since then, she has been coming to the church regularly. This past Sunday, she indicated her desire to get baptized. "Suresh", a young man was indifferent to us. He refused to come to the house church that met near his house. But to our surprise, he came to the house church last week. When I shared the Gospel, he trusted Christ with tears in his eyes. We praise God!



Rev. Rajini and wife Sasi



Rajani preaching

“Naresh” belongs to a high caste Hindu community (Unreached People Group). We were praying in his sister’s house when he dropped in. He shared about his marital problems. His wife had left him. We prayed and after three days his wife returned home. He slowly began to trust Christ and over time has fully trusted Christ. He was formerly an ardent follower of the Anicheeyar, a monkey god, and would go on a pilgrimage every year to its temple. But now after having trusted Christ, he says that he has even forgotten the location of its pilgrimage site. PTL!



Sasi speaking to the people

The Father’s Home Orphanage

By the grace of God, all our children appeared for the government board exams and successfully passed their examination. We are thankful to the caretakers, our counselor and the tutors for this success. I always encourage the children to concentrate in their studies.

Unlike other kids whose families have properties and bank balances, our children’s wealth is God, prayer and their diligence in their good education. In fact, our tutors were not happy with one of the middle schools where some of our kids were attending so they worked successfully to have them admitted to a better school.



Our children off to school!

Thank you for playing a huge part in their education by your sacrificial generosity in helping us get a new, 26-seater van. A couple of days ago, I went along with the children and the ride was very smooth! We also trust that this van would be of immense help in the Gospel ministry.

We request you to pray for one of our girls who was rescued by the government and placed in our home in 2019. I still remember her fearful traumatic face

when she was referred by the government. God in his grace sought her and she trusted Christ. She requested us to baptize her and God willing, she would be baptized this coming Sunday, July 3.

Harvesters Theological College

By the grace of God, we began our academic year for the 2nd year students on the 22nd of June. Perhaps

you might remember as a result of the lockdown, we did not admit any students in the 2020 academic year. We are thankful to God for our current students, and we are encouraged by their seriousness, their commitment to the Lord and their desire to lead a holy life.

We have begun admission for the 2022 academic year. So far, four more students have indicated their desire to enroll themselves in the regular stream, while 15 are interested in the extension stream.

There are several problems we are facing. We are now battling many so called, non-accredited colleges issuing Bachelors, Masters and even Ph.D.'s for those who will attend a few hours a week and for a few months in their own churches. This is very attractive for those who only want degree certificates but sadly do not realize how worthless they are!

During our advertisement for the college, we noticed that not many young people are having a desire for **full time vocational ministry**. At our faculty meeting, we realized the need to conduct meetings to challenge the youth for ministry and to be adequately trained for ministry. We are meeting with like-minded pastors in the surrounding towns regarding this. We appreciate your prayers for the same.

The Dorcas Ministry

You can see Emimama, the wife of Pastor David, training six of our girls from The Father's Home in their sewing class. This happens on the weekends, and hopefully one day they will take this skill into their own homes where they can sew for their families or for a living. Mt. Isa Baptist Church in Australia purchased these sewing machines, and they are being used for the glory of God!



GHI Family News

- By the grace of God, our missionary, Amulu, gave birth to a handsome boy on the 5th of June, 2022. It was a high-risk pregnancy considering her heart condition and her age. However, God was gracious. Fayma was with her during the entire period of delivering the baby in the hospital.
- By the grace of God, our missionary, Getzy, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on the 22nd of June, 2022.
- Fayma's Aunt underwent brain surgery on the 22nd of June and is recovering well
- We praise God for enabling our oldest daughter, Aradhana, to successfully pass her 10th grade in 1st class. We thank all those who prayed for her.
- Please continue to pray for Aunty Dottie as she is recovering from Covid.
- Please pray for former lecturer, Rev. Steve Griffith and his wife Ros as both have Covid.

In closing, I want to thank every one of you for standing with us, praying for us and supporting us financially. Your sacrificial giving is a blessing to so many here. Fayma and I send our love.

Your brother, *Sam*